

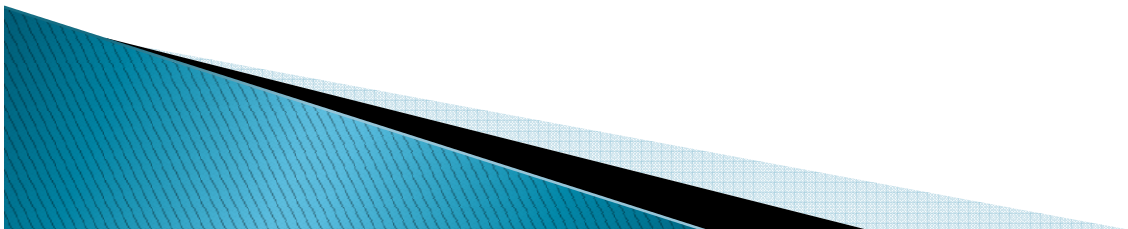
Ill in the 'Ville

The Events and Culture during the 1918
Influenza Pandemic in Kirksville, Missouri
as viewed through Kirksville's Newspapers

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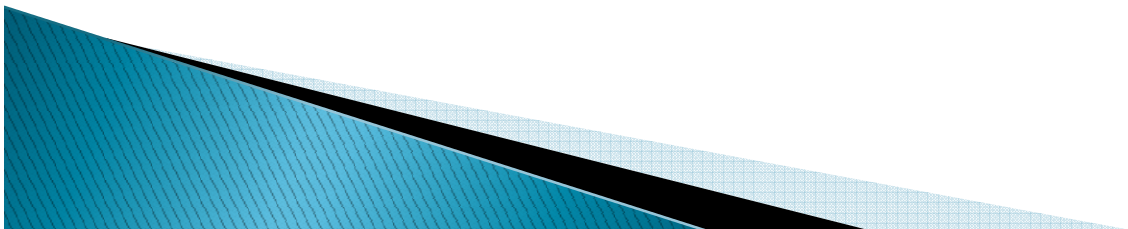
Thesis and Significance

- ▶ Kirksville's newspapers during the pandemic in 1918 — including the *Kirksville Daily Express*, *Kirksville Normal School Index*, and *Kirksville Journal* — served as public fora that reflected the pandemic's impact on Kirksville's culture. They were the primary disseminators of public information about the pandemic in Kirksville, and reflected the diverse interests of Kirksville's public and various institutions in the disease, including commercializing, trivializing, magnifying, and proselytizing about the disease's causes, effects, and impacts — sometimes all on a single page.



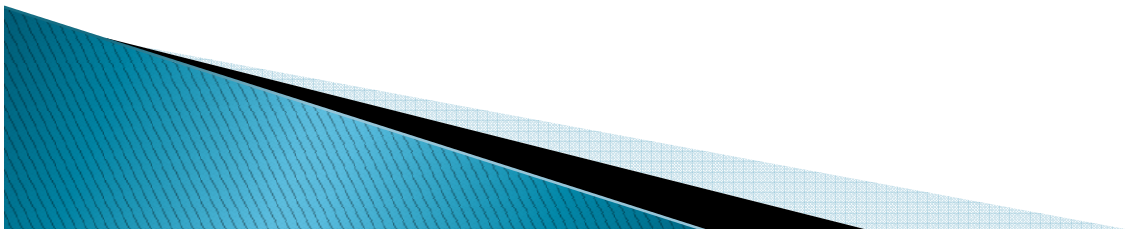
Quick Facts

- ▶ **Dates of outbreaks:**
 - First Outbreak: October 2 – 27, 1918
 - Brief Lull: October 28 – November 4, 1918
 - Second Outbreak: November 5 – December 6, 1918
 - Resolution: December 7, 1918 – January 7, 1919
- ▶ **First mention in Kirksville periodicals:**
 - October 1 by Missouri State Board of Health
- ▶ **First closing order issued:**
 - October 9, physicians were asked to report all cases



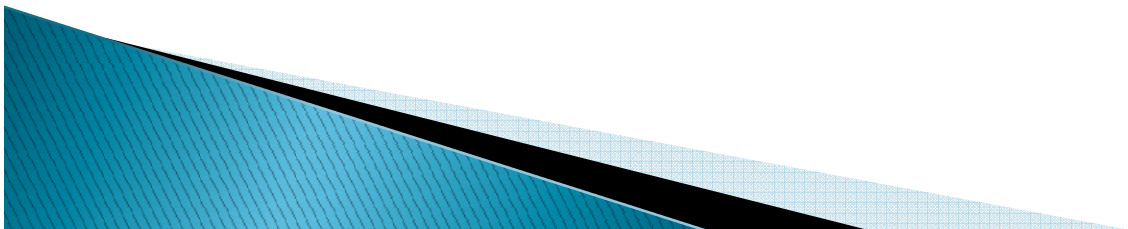
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- ▶ **Institutions that were ordered closed:**
 - Kirksville's Board of Health ordered the Kirksville State Normal School, all public schools, the Big Creek Coal Mine, the International Shoe Factory, churches, theatres, and places of business were affected by closing orders.
 - First and second outbreaks.
- ▶ **First illness mentioned:**
 - Harry E. Allen, October 10 in *Daily Express*
- ▶ **First death mentioned:**
 - Allen; who died October 11
 - Only death reported by all three newspapers



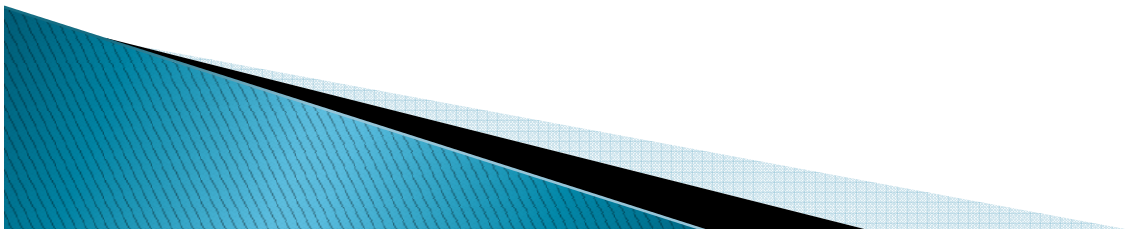
Quick Facts

- ▶ MVPs: Emergency Hospital staff/donors
 - Sacrifices by American School of Osteopathy, Theta Psi, Dr. Tom Ashlock, Red Cross chapter
- ▶ Worst Team Player: Dr. John R. Kirk, President of Kirksville State Normal School
- ▶ Least Affected Institution: KSNS



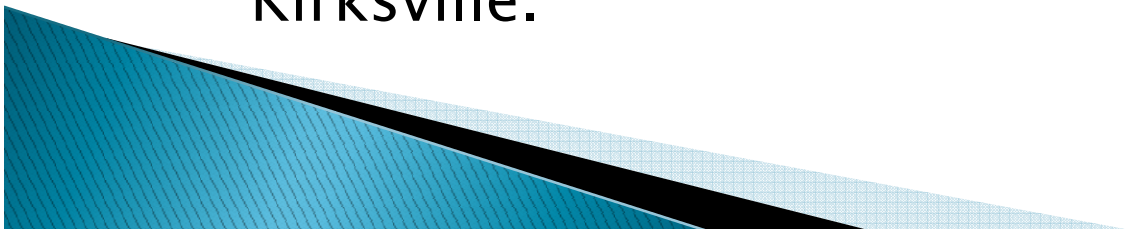
Quick Facts

- ▶ **Point of greatest virulence:** About November 19: 3,000 to 4,000 sickened at once.
- ▶ **Total deaths:**
 - 84 to 157 died in Adair County.
 - 0.39 – 0.73 percent of Adair County's residents approximately 21,404 residents (1920 Census).
- ▶ **Last mention:**
 - A.S.O. janitor Shade Epperson's death
 - January 7, 1919.



Quick Facts

- ▶ **Age Group Most Affected: 0–9**
 - 47 deaths, or 35.3% of liberal estimate deaths.
- ▶ **In Relation to Total Adair Deaths in 1918–1919:**
 - 85–157 of 688 deaths.
 - 12.2% to 22.8% of deaths.
- ▶ **Demographics of Average Victim:**
 - White male child, living in Adair County outside of Kirksville.



WHERE IS GERMAN CROWN PRINCE?

Reported Dead, in Holland, and with His Troops at the Front

GERMAN COMMAND WARNS ALLIES OF OSTEND MINES

Infernal Machines Were Timed To Explode Today, Foch Is Informed—German Garrison at Brussels Has Mutinied.

(By United Press.)
LONDON, Nov. 13 (1:15 p. m.)—The German high command, who warned the Allies that mines placed in Ostend are timed to explode today.

(By Robert J. Bender, United Press Correspondent.)
Washington, Nov. 13.—President Wilson is ready to consider "any offer" the supplying of foodstuffs to Germany if he can be assured earlier to be maintained there.

This reply has been sent to Germany in answer to her appeal for food. The only other question placed upon the matter was that there is a guarantee of equitable distribution.

MISS MCKASSON, TEACHER, DIES OF INFLUENZA

Two Other Deaths Reported Today—Two Boys in One Family Dead.

MRS. AND MR. MELVIN FISH SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fish, formerly of Kirkville, are having an unusual hard time of it with influenza and pneumonia in Kansas City, according to word received by relatives.

Mr. Fish is reported to be ill with pneumonia, and Mrs. Fish is reported to be ill with pneumonia. It is believed that the wife is in a critical condition.

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DR. W. A. CLARK, NORMAL SCHOOL, TEACHER, DIES

Dr. W. A. Clark, head of the Department of Education at the Kirkville Normal School, and one of the best known men in this section of the country, died this afternoon at his home on East Jefferson street.

Dr. Clark had been in failing health for several weeks, but it was not generally known that his condition was so serious.

His funeral services will be conducted in the open at the Oak Grove cemetery tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock at which time the casket will be opened.

He was a splendid young man who was giving his life to service and his death adds to the sorrowful list of those who have died of influenza.

Another death occurred in the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris last night when their three-year-old son, Glen, died of influenza at his home, 141 South First street.

John, the 13-year-old son, died Monday night.

The funeral of the two children was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. Mr. Yoder. Burial in the Llewellyn cemetery.

Deaths, Church Notice
This will be the place for notice tonight on account of the influenza situation. J. C. CUNNINGHAM, Pastor.

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PEACE CONFERENCE WILL DEAL WITH EX-KAISER

Dutch Government Has Him on Honor not To Create Disturbance—London Papers Want Him Seized and Held.

BERLIN, Nov. 13.—The body of Frederick Wilhelm, former German Crown Prince, has been found, covered with blood and broken weapons, in a military train bound for the Dutch frontier, it was reported here today.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 13.—Reports announced today that the former crown prince of Germany was shot dead in Belgium when he tried to cross the frontier. His brother, Prince Adolphus, who was with him, is said to have escaped.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 13.—The Wolff Bureau, the official German news agency, announced today that the former crown prince is with Adolphus at the front.

PARIS, Nov. 13 (1:30 p. m.)—The former crown prince arrived at Maastricht at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, according to dispatches from Rotterdam today.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The whole question of the former Kaiser's possible extradition will be discussed at the peace conference which is likely to be held in Versailles before the end of the year.

A United Press dispatch from Amsterdam today said that Wilhelm arrived Monday afternoon in Maastricht in a special train and he will reside at Count von Bismarck's estate.

The conditions on which the Dutch Government will permit him to stay in Holland cannot be published, out of courtesy, the dispatch said, but they are said to be simple military measures. The British today is not on parole, but is under moral obligation to remain in Holland, and not to do anything contrary to public order or which will be likely to embarrass Holland with her neighbors or other powers.

(By United Press.)
Paris, Nov. 13.—The newspapers in Paris are discussing the arrival of the German plenipotentiaries, established that on the night they were presented to the French plenipotentiaries (Thiers) at the Hotel de Ville, in the presence of General Waterfield, in behalf of Gen. Deloy.

The plenipotentiaries were immediately placed up. The Army general staff, however, according to the dispatches, were not present at the arrival of the plenipotentiaries.

It was on Thursday afternoon (French time) that Admiral Wilson made the announcement of the signing of the armistice, upon which the United Press premature report was based.

Zurich, Nov. 13.—A republic was proclaimed in Berlin Saturday, according to a dispatch received from Berlin.

Amsterdam, Nov. 13.—The provisional government, composed of all parties, formed at Rotterdam has issued a proclamation announcing that it will remain part of the German empire, according to action from Berlin.

Paris, Nov. 13.—A dispatch to the Frankfurt Gazette from Budapest says the new Hungarian Government has declared war on Germany.

The Hungarian railway men decided to maintain railway traffic in the face of the German ultimatum.

The fortress of Poznan is in the hands of the workers and soldiers, and the military authorities have placed themselves at the disposal of the council.

Now, therefore, I, W. E. Hall, mayor, hereby prohibit the foregoing, and respectfully call on all citizens to observe the same. And I hereby further prohibit the meeting and all persons to use that crowd to not assemble in any place in the city, and to disperse all assemblies of persons on the streets or elsewhere.

Done at the office of the Mayor, this 13th day of November, 1918.
W. E. HALL, Mayor.

Extended ATTENTION
We have on Wabash track Car of New York Baldwin apples. Come and get your winter supply.

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ENTIRE DIVISION PRAISED RIEGER

Letter From Adjutant General
With Excerpts From Orders

Kirkville, Mo.,
My dear sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of telegram from the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces praising Major James E. Rieger of Kirkville, who for many months has served as a Major in the 4th Missouri Infantry and commanded one of the battalions on the Meuse River, and who went with it to France, to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel in recognition of his gallantry in action during the 4 days fighting in the Argonne Forest, September 26-30, 1918.

I am likewise enclosing an excerpt from General Orders No. 83, citing Colonel Rieger for gallantry during this battle.

I have a letter from the officer who commanded the 129th Infantry, which you know is the old 4th Missouri Infantry, during this battle, in which he says that the conduct of Major Rieger was so conspicuous and gallant that it was remarked and commented upon through the entire division.

Very truly yours,
H. C. Clarke,
Adjutant General

The Commanding General, 35th Division.
The Commander-in-Chief takes pleasure in promoting Major James E. Rieger to a Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, United States Army, in partial recognition of his gallantry in action at Vauquois and Bois de Montfort, twenty-sixth to twenty-ninth of September.

Davis,
Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, 17th October, 1918.

General Orders

No. 83.

The Division Commander takes great pleasure in citing the following names officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action during the six days battle from September 26th to October 1st, 1918.

Major James E. Rieger, commanding the Second Battalion, 129th Infantry. Ascertaining that the attacking battalion of the 129th Infantry was temporarily short of men, he advanced, immediately collected about 50 men and pushed forward two or three hundred meters in advance of his battalion, thereby driving a wedge in the defensive fortifications of the enemy (September 26th). Personally led the two leading companies of the battalion in an attack on Chaperney, which attack resulted in the capture of that town and the taking of many prisoners, machine guns and material of different kinds (September 27th). Personally led a detachment of mixed elements in an attack on Exermont, assisted in the capture of that town and pushed forward beyond said town several hundred meters, until he led to return (September 28th). Took charge of reorganization of the right half of his defensive line after the withdrawal, and prevented the withdrawal of the defensive line as chosen (September 29th).

By Command of Major General Travis:

H. S. Hawkins, Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff.

Official:

William Ellis, Lt. Col. Inf., U. S. Army, Division Adjutant.

Lieutenant Carter Promoted to a Captaincy

Word has been received here that

Lieut. Raymond W. Carter, who is with Company C, 129th Infantry, has been promoted to a captaincy, and is now in command of the old home company.

When the 129th went in to command, he was in command only a short time. When a captain was sent to relieve him. After ten days of service this captain was sent to another company and Captain Carter led the old company during all of its fighting and service at the front. His promotion was in recognition of service on the field.

Dr. C. E. Still, who has been

quite ill with influenza, left Saturday for Alton, Ill., where he will join his family and spend the winter.

PERSHING NOW IN TREVES, GERMANY

German Treat American Soldiers Continuously in Occupied City

TREVES, GERMANY, December 2.

Treves went to sleep last night with American forces in possession of the city. To all outward appearances the inhabitants were pleased, in a way, at the coming of the Americans. All the cafes and restaurants and those stores which were opened did an excellent business Sunday.

At first, early in the day, the populace regarded the Americans with great curiosity, the adults staring without being able and the children flocking around the American automobiles wherever they stopped in the streets. As the day passed the curiosity wore off and at night American officers dining in restaurants attracted only slight attention.

Soldiers of duty went about the streets of the city to the shops and soldiers' restaurants just as if they had been in Treves for weeks instead of hours. Late at night the dough boys who speak German insisted they believed they would like Treves better than they did their own town.

In the best restaurants there was no noticeable shortage of food, except for the lack of bread, butter and sweets.

Soup costs 25 cents a plate.

Meat, with potatoes and chipped cabbage, 42-cent; apple sauce, containing apples, turkeys and sugar, 60 cents; and Mosaic wine, 85.00 a quart.

In spite of the war-time prices the soldiers who went to this cheaper restaurant obtained a meal of soup, meat and potatoes for from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Coffee was served but it cost 75 cents a cup.

NAPOLEON WILSON IS DEAD

Belonged to One of the Pioneer Families of Adair County

Was 82 Years Old

E. L. Morris of this city received

telegram last night announcing the

morning death of his uncle, Na-

poleon Wilson, of Adair county, Mo.

Napoleon Wilson died at his home

in Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 20,

1918, of senility. He leaves three

children, two grand children and

two great-grand children. The

children are Don E. Wilson of

Colorado Springs, A. Edgar Wilson

of Ventura, Calif.; and Mrs. Winnie

Wilson of Fort Worth, Texas.

The grandchildren are Mrs. Dor-

othy Eva Crump of Ventura, Calif.,

and Mrs. Helen Carson Johnson of

Colorado Springs. The grand-

children are Lydia Hiden, and

Margaret Estelle Johnson. His wife

Lydia Ann Wilson, died Feb. 5,

1909, and a son, Thilman Cullen

Wilson, died May 24, 1912.

Napoleon Wilson was born in

MacKinnon, Tazewell county, Illinois,

July 16, 1835, where he lived with

his parents until 1857 when he

family moved to Kirkville. He was

a member of the Christian Church,

also a Mason and Knight of Pythias,

being a charter member of both

lodges. When his father moved

he little family to Missouri, they

bought a large farm adjoining the

old farm, which he then began

running the farm until the begin-

KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1918

PRESIDENT TO BE HONORED GUEST

France and Italy Are Making
Great Plans to Entertain Win-

son

ROME, December 2.—Great preparations are under way for the visit of President Wilson. The president and Mrs. Wilson will be the guests of the king and queen at the Quirinal and they will occupy the same apartments as the former German emperor and empress during their visit to Rome, with the addition of the state suite, which is being restored and renovated.

Guest of French Nation

Paris, December 2.—President Wilson will be the guest of the French nation from the moment he steps on French soil, and his wishes will take precedence over the details of his entertainment. Other kinds of notices have come as military chiefs, but the president's visit will be distinctly an event of state.

Lieutenant Ewing to Muster out

S. A. T. C. Boys

Lieut. Leo Ewing returned Tues-

day from Athens City where he at-

tended the personnel school, receiv-

ing instruction concerning the mar-

ting out of the S. A. T. C. at the

Normal School. He stated that the

term would be discharged about

the middle of this month.

Lieut. Ewing stated that the

work of demobilizing the men would

begin as soon as the proper papers

were received. This will consist of

considerable detail work, a part of

which will be the examining of the

men and figuring up their pay and

the mileage to their homes. The

mileage and pay will be sent into the

auditor's office and returned here.

In this way it is possible that the

men will receive their pay in full as

well as their mileage. If, however,

the checks are not received in time,

they will be mailed to them.

The first instructions received in

regard to the demobilization led to

the release of the men would be

gradually released until all were out.

But Lieut. Ewing stated that if conditions got

worse that the High School may

open next Monday.

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FLU SITUATION HAS IMPROVED

But There are Occasional New

Cases. Ban May Be

Relaxed

The flu situation has improved,

but the occasional new cases which

come up keeps the Health Board in

more or less of a quandary as to the

advisability of raising the ban. It

is thought that if conditions get

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Mr. Copbill alleged that a passenger

was knocked down while a passenger on

copied the defendant's train from

Norwich to Kirkville, by means of

the carelessness and negligence of

the Company in violently running a

detached engine against the passen-

ger coach in which he was riding.

He was a brother of the late Prof.

No. 114 of Columbia.

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GREAT OVATION GIVEN WILSON

President Departs for Peace Par-

ley Determined to Crush

Millition Foe

NEW YORK, December 2.—Bound

on a mission the principal object of

which was the abolition of militarism

and the attainment of a just peace,

Woodrow Wilson, first president of

the United States to visit Europe

while in office, was tonight spending

time in the city of Paris, where he

will be met by the French people

across the Atlantic toward France

to attend the greatest international

conference in history.

On the transport George Wash-

ington, one-time German passenger

liner, manned by a naval crew and

with deck gun ready for action, and

accompanied by a naval crew, the

president left New York harbor

today amid a demonstration with

out parallel in the history of the port.

The president took his place on

the flying bridge as the great ship

moved down the bay. River craft

and ships of many nations dipped

flags and tooted whistles and thou-

sands of persons bade him God speed

in cheers and flag waving from city

scrapers and piers.

Restrictions on Sugar Purchases

to Be Removed

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Re-

strictions on the purchase of sugar

for consumption in homes and pub-

lic eating places were removed to-

night. Increase in the tripple

and Louisiana cane will begin to ar-

rive, and expectation that the

new Cuban cane will begin to ar-

rive, permit abandonment of the

super ration system.

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Volume X

KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI, OCTOBER, 9 1918.

NUMBER 23

160 Students Take the Oath of Allegiance

Students Army Training Corps Officially Inaugurated Here Today

The official formation of the Students Training Army Corps was celebrated at the Normal School at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning by appropriate exercises under the direction of Lieutenant Johnson, the commandant. The bleachers were well filled by spectators who witnessed the taking of the oath of allegiance by the 160 boys enrolled for the training.

The company was formed in front of the bleachers and at the hour of 11 the band played "Star Spangled Banner" and the colors on the Normal School tower were raised. It had been intended to hoist the colors on the pole on the field but it would not work.

Lieutenant Johnson read the pledge of allegiance which was taken by the boys. He also read the orders for the day, together with messages from Hon. Benedict Crowell, acting secretary of war; General Peyton C. March, chief of staff, and President Wilson.

The band played another selection and the company marched around the field and formed in front of the speakers' stand where a picture was taken.

Similar exercises were conducted at the same hour at more than 500 colleges and universities in the United States. The class here registers about 160 men, all that the school has accommodations for at present, but other barracks are to be provided for soon.

About 25 men who had enrolled for the training will not be allowed to take it because they had registered for service before September 1.—Daily Express.

Division of Sousa's Band Plays at Kirksville

Friday night, the 8th Detachment band, Div. A, a part of Sousa's 1,600 piece Naval Band played at Kirksville in the interest of the Liberty Loan. Their concert, which consisted of several selections played before and after talks made by liberty loan boosters and some war songs, was much enjoyed. There were twenty-nine instruments, consisting of five clarinets, piccolo, 6 cornets, three saxophones, three horns, four trombones, three baritone, two bass, one snare drum, bass drum and cymbals. The boys who played were: J. C. Murdock, R. W. Perry, P. M. Johnson, Jas. Petrik, A. J. Croft, H. E. Shateuck, I. D. Deud, D. L. Meyers, C. E. Groth, L. N. Sturm, J. G. Bone, T. A. Courtney, L. Devaney, O. R. Capelle, H. S. Aurand, F. J. Eikenbush, C. A. Popejoy, John Sentz, T. F. Roper, O. K. Allisbaugh, F. Sawmiller, M. Pekarick, E. M. Cook, H. M. Main, L. H. Harris, C. C. Benn, F. J. Waltz, C. W. Dodge, L. A. Meref, E. Kinne, Bandmaster.

Orchestra in Chapel

The orchestra played for us in Assembly Friday morning of last week. They gave two beautiful selections with the skill and perfect assurance that each member of the orchestra possesses. The first number, "Sounds from the Alps," was very unusual because of the horn and flute which sounded out from somewhere in the hall to help carry out the imitation of an echo. It was a success, because it seemed to us to be very realistic. The second selection was an "Italian Waltz Song." We were not surprised at the beauty of the music, because Mr. Goetze's orchestra never plays for us any sort of music except the most beautiful and the best.

Good Prospects for Football at K. S. N. S.

Regardless of misfortunes, the K. S. N. S. intends to make a showing in football this year that will rival the 1916 record. The boys are greatly handicapped by lack of material to work with. Most of it was destroyed in the recent fire, only two balls and a few pair of trousers being saved. They are not discouraged, however, and there is a regular practice each day, although few of the boys have regular football clothes. It is not rare to see someone tackling or making a forward pass in a baseball suit, or other inappropriate garments. Most of the boys are new, so far as Kirksville is concerned, there being only Jones and Hunt from last year's team, besides Painter, Dodson and perhaps a few others from the K. H. S. But judging from the number of football sweaters seen about the school, there is no doubt a number of old players from other places, besides a number of fellows who, although inexperienced, can become splendid players. On the whole, the prospects are rather good.

Debating Work

Mr. M. B. Vaughn, who is director of inter High School debating in Northeast Missouri, and Superintendent of Schools in Montgomery City, asks us to urge that all schools keep up their debating work. There are many other things to take up the time but debating is still important. It develops the power of address and self control in the presence of large numbers. We are glad to aid Professor Vaughn in promoting this movement.

Miss Emery started an extension course at Brashear Saturday. The subject taught is Tennyson and Browning.

Origin of the Service Flag

When I returned from the mountains last fall and saw so many of these service flags displayed throughout the city, my curiosity was greatly aroused. It was several days before I found any one who could even tell me the significance of the flag. None was able to enlighten me as to its origin. Did it originate with the government? No. Had Congress legislated it into being? No. Yet there it was, this flag of mystery floating from residence, business house, and church.

Then came the surprising revelation that the emblem was born in a father's heart. In a moment of inspired patriotism, Capt. R. L. Queisser, of the Fifth Ohio Machine Gun Company, conceived the idea. Says he: "The thought came to me that both my boys, who were officers in the guard, would be called out, and I wondered if I could not evolve some design or symbol by which it might be known that they were away in their country's service and which would be to their mother a visible sign of the sacrifice her sons were making."—Rev. Edwin Keigwin, in Christian Herald.

Laclede sent a cablegram to General Pershing congratulating him upon his 58th birthday on the 13th of Sept. and he acknowledged it as follows: "Express my warmest regards and sincere thanks to all my old Laclede friends for their message."—PERSHING.

To the Soldiers and Sailors

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Adair County Death Certificates

Certificate of Death
for Kirksville
resident Loren Lee
Turnage.

Missouri State Board
of Health Bureau of
Vital Statistics.
October 21, 1918.

Missouri Secretary of
State's Office
Archives. Online.

1 PLACE OF DEATH		MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
County <u>Adair</u>	Registration District No. <u>4</u>	File No. <u>31430</u>	
Township <u>Barton</u>	Primary Registration District No. <u>3001</u>	Registered No. <u>163</u>	
Village <u>Kirksville</u>	(NO. <u> </u> St. <u> </u> Ward <u> </u>)	(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number.)	
2 FULL NAME <u>Loren Lee Turnage</u>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		2 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Male</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Oct 21</u> , 191 <u>8</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	
5 MARRIAGE STATUS <u>Divorced</u>		17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from <u>Oct 16</u> , 191 <u>8</u> , to <u>Oct 21</u> , 191 <u>8</u> , that I last saw him alive on <u>Oct 21</u> , 191 <u>8</u> , and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <u>4:30 P.M.</u>	
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>May 19</u> , 189 <u>1</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)		The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Spanish Influenza</u> <u>and Pneumonia</u> <u>119</u>	
7 AGE <u>27</u> yrs <u>5</u> mos <u>2</u> ds. If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.?		<u>119</u> (Duration) <u>10</u> yrs. <u>8</u> mos. <u>8</u> ds.	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work. <u>Selling oil stock</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u> </u>		CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) <u> </u>	
9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Andrian Mo.</u>		(Signed) <u>J. V. Dodson</u> M. D. <u>Oct 21</u> , 191 <u>8</u> (Address) <u>Kirksville Mo.</u>	
PARENTS	10 NAME OF FATHER <u>J. M. Turnage</u>	*State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.	
	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Ray Co.</u>	18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents)	
	12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>Amie Edger</u>	At place of death. yrs. mos. ds. In the State. yrs. mos. ds.	
	13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Adair Co. Mo.</u>	Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? Former or usual residence.	
14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>J. M. Turnage</u> (Address) <u>Wellsville Mo.</u>		19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Armstrong Mo.</u> DATE OF BURIAL <u>10.23</u> , 191 <u>8</u>	
15 Filed <u>10.22.8</u> 191 <u>8</u> <u>U. W. Purvis</u> Registrar		20 UNDERTAKER <u>Swigert Summers</u> Address <u>Wellsville Mo.</u>	

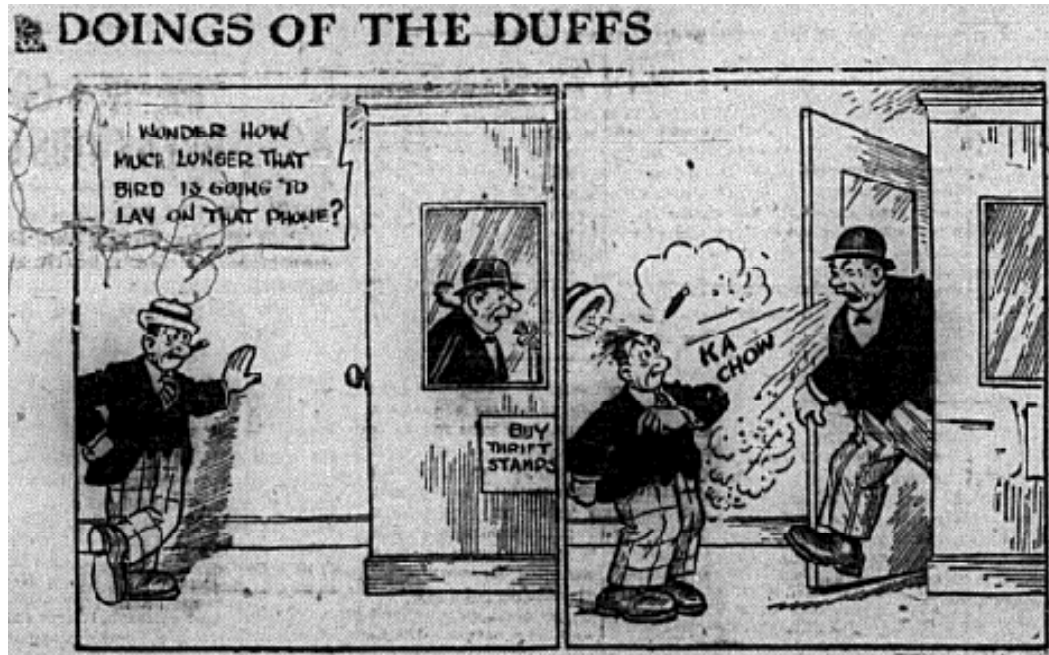


Editorial Cartoons

"Hello, True, I'm going to sit down and eat my lunch at this table with you." / "Why, Hello, Smith. How are you?" / "Oh, I've been miserable all forenoon (snuffle)." "I caught a beastly cold (snuffle)." / "Don't hang around me with that cold unless you want it broken up!!!"

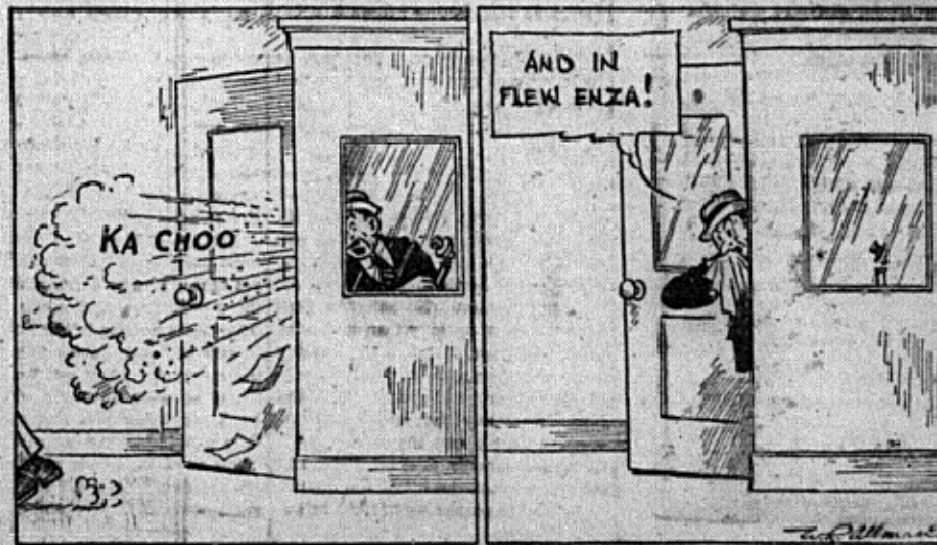
"Outbursts of Everett True — By Condo," *Kirksville Daily Express*, October 12, 1918, 2. Pickler Memorial Library Archives. Microfilm.

Editorial Cartoons



"I wonder how much longer that bird is going to lay on that phone?" / "Ka Chow" / "KaChoo" / "And In Flew Enza!"

Drawn for The Daily Express by W. R. Allman



Allman, W. R., "Doings of the Duffs," *Kirksville Daily Express*, October 28, 1918, 3. Pickler Memorial Library Archives. Microfilm.

Advertisements



Advertisement, *Kirksville Daily Express*, October 22, 1918, 4.
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"To HELP CHECK SPANISH INFLUENZA

We have discarded during this epidemic all glasses at our fountain, and here after will serve only Individual Sanitary dishes and glasses. Our straws are sealed in tubes and our spoons are sterilized.

Our fountain at present is the only one in Kirksville that has been [unreadable] the Sanitation Test.

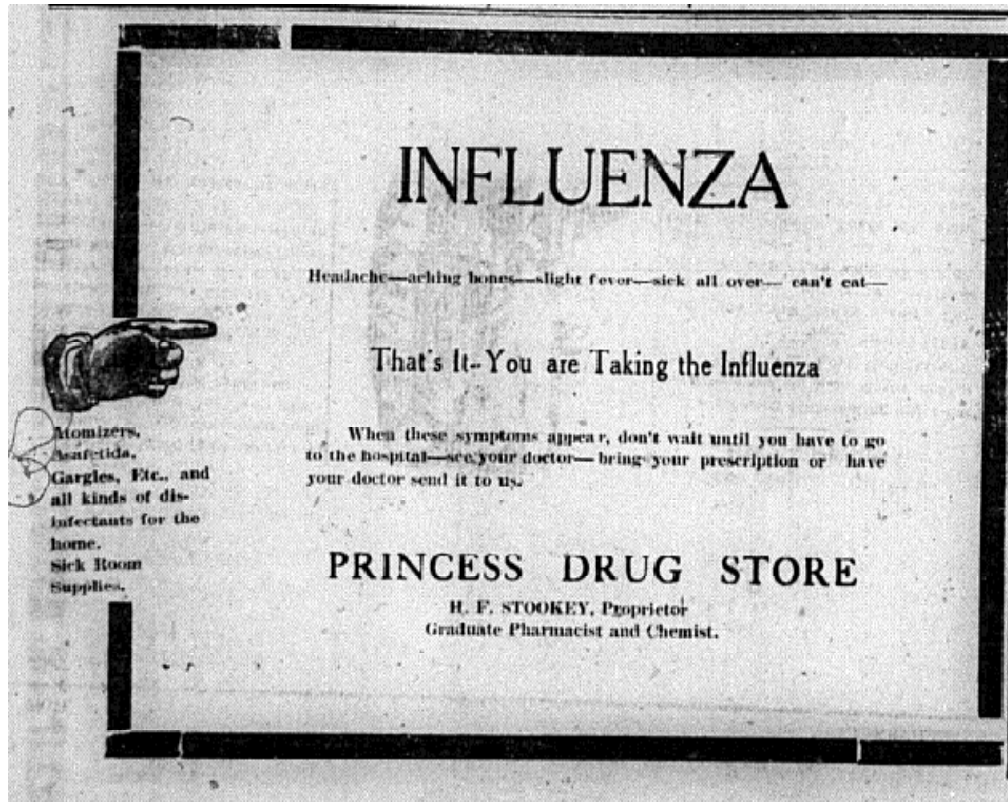
Patrons of our fountain are safe and have been safe in the past. Get your drinks where sanitation is recognized as a basic requirement of good service to the public.

Insist on Individual Sanitary Service.

PRINCESS DRUG STORE. Frank Stookey, Prop.

WE SERVE SANDWICHES, PIE, DOUGHNUTS, HOT DRINKS"

Advertisements



Advertisement, *Kirksville Daily Express*, October 10, 1918, 6. Pickler Memorial Library Archives. Microfilm.

"INFLUENZA

Headache – aching bones –
slight fever – sick all over –
can't eat –

That's it—You are Taking
the Influenza

When these symptoms
appear, don't wait until you
have to go to the hospital –
see your doctor – bring your
prescription or have your
doctor send it to us.

PRINCESS DRUG STORE. H.
F. Stookey, Proprietor
Graduate Pharmacist and
Chemist"

Advertisements

WAR AGAINST INFLUENZA!

DON'T wear too heavy a hat; don't wear one that is too light -- We have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy underclothing; don't wear too light -- We have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy hose; don't wear too light -- We have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy overcoats; don't wear too light -- We have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy a sweater; don't wear too light -- We have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy a suit; don't wear too light -- We have all kinds.

DON'T try and buy inferior goods because the price is lower; but pay a little more for your clothes and less for the doctor.

Facts Values Service

HARRY THE B & F STORE BAMBURG

We Treat You Right and all Alike

Advertisement, *Kirksville Daily Express*,
October 11, 1918, 6. Pickler Memorial
Library Archives. Microfilm.

"WAR AGAINST INFLUENZA!

DON'T wear too heavy a hat; don't wear one that is too light -- we have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy clothing; don't wear too light -- we have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy hose; don't wear too light -- We have all kinds.

DON'T wear too heavy overcoats; don't wear too light -- We have all kinds.

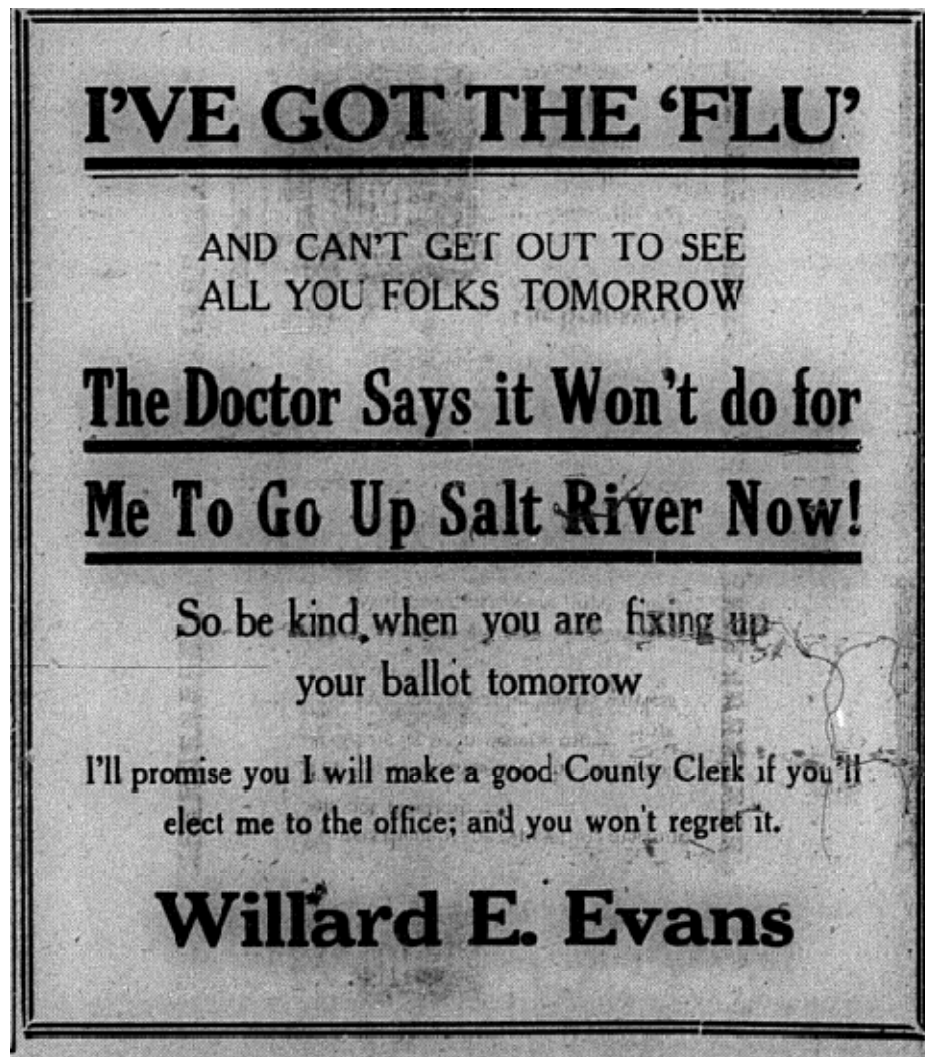
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Harry Bamburg / The B & F Store / We Treat You Right and all Alike"



Advertisement, *Kirksville Daily Express*, November 4, 1918, 4. Pickler Memorial Library Archives. Microfilm.

Advertisements

"I'VE GOT THE 'FLU'

AND CAN'T GET OUT TO SEE
ALL YOU FOLKS TOMORROW

The Doctor Says It Won't do
for Me To Go Up Salt River
Now!

So be kind when you are
fixing up your ballot
tomorrow.

I'll promise you I will make a
good County Clerk if you'll
elect me to the office; and you
won't regret it.

Willard E. Evans"

Conclusion

- ▶ Newspapers / Kirksville institutions as unreliable narrators
- ▶ Self Interest: What's in it for me to close down when my business / institution is relatively unaffected?
- ▶ Newspapers: Public fora that reflected diverse interests.
 - Wealthiest / most influential voices overrepresented

