



# NEWS 'N' NOTES

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## HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - OLIN, IOWA

The United Brethren in Christ Church was established in Olin, May 20, 1884. Prior to this the pastor had served the "Big Woods Circuit" - St. John Union, Forest, Antioch, Center and White Oak. Sixteen charter members from this circuit were chosen. First trustees were Jonathan Easterly, Andrew Minor and J. M. Rummel. On Jan. 11, 1885 the building was dedicated to the service of God at a cost of \$1750.00 with Bishop J. Weaver presiding. Sunday School was organized Feb. 20, 1885.

In 1890 the present parsonage site was purchased. Following a decision made by the members on June 4, 1901, a new parsonage was built.

In 1898 a choir gallery and lecture room were added to the church at the cost of \$1000.00.

From 1883 to 1909 eleven pastors served the church: L. B. Hix, W. Cunningham, E. Fothergill, E. Harper, A. B. Statton, A. H. Hooker, W. E. Bovey, E. F. Clark, Crall, E. Ackley, and D. C. Violet.

Pastors and major building improvements are as follows:

S. Hobson 1910 - 1912

M. L. Durto 1947 - 1972

C. C. Hobson 1912 - 1917

In 1949 an educational unit was added to church. This along with routine redecorating and other remodeling cost about \$15,000.00.

Basement underneath structure

C. C. Dillavou 1917 - 1923

H. T. Miller 1923 - 1926

Wm. Bainbridge 1926 - 1928

Oct. 12, 1952 a new Hammond Electric Organ was dedicated with Dr. R. H. Aurand, Conference Supt., officiating.

Stained glass windows installed

J. F. Hedges 1928 - 1920

G. H. Varce 1929 - 1930

D. W. Thompson 1930 - 1932

W. T. Boston 1939 - 1947

In Nov., 1952 a \$1000.00 gift in the form of two bonds, was given by Mr. Harry Miller of Iowa City, which was held in trust, since the church was debt free.

Property east of parsonage purchased as Sunday School annex and later sold. Forced air heating system installed in church.

C. I. Carter (Supply) 1972

Gary Dobbins 1972 -

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*Frog Serenade*

Mr. SAMUEL ALSPAUGH, of this township, informs us that during last week he was treated to a serenade by the green-jacket warblers of a neighboring pond. Probably such an unseasonable event was never before observed in this latitude of Iowa since its settlement.

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*Another*

N. STRODE and N. LEINEN, while out in the woods the other day, dispatched a garter snake 2 feet in length. The "varmint" was lively as a cricket and evidently supposed spring had come.

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*Personals*

Mr. S. D. TITUS, of Johnson, having sold off the greater share of his valuable property, will start next week with his wife to Wisconsin, then visit Minnesota and return here in February. In the spring he will go to Kansas to look after some business, and possibly locate in that state. Mr. TITUS has resided in Jones co. for 27 years, and we regard him as one of the most kind-hearted and upright men living.

Mr. E. STRAWMAN is about going on a 4 weeks' visit to old friends in Ohio.

We regret to learn that Mrs. COUGHLAN is very ill. Mrs. B. F. SHAW, also, is completely prostrated, and fears were entertained a few days ago that the result might be fatal. Her symptoms are now more hopeful.

Mrs. R. M. BUSH returned to her disconsolate lord last Thursday, having been visiting in New York several months

W. W. HOLLENBECK, of Center Point, was in town a few days ago. Glad to see his face again.

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R. M. DOTT, formerly deputy county auditor, is spending the holidays at home and will remain during a vacation of 2 weeks. He is attending Michigan University at Ann Arbor.

Wm B. FISH has just returned from Chicago where he has been engaged some months in the commission business.

Chas. N. DIETZ is home on a holiday visit and will return to Chicago next week.

Mr. S. B. TUCKER has been seriously ill with dropsy for a week or more. His condition is very critical, but he may possibly recover.

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*Married*

In Cedar Rapids, on Christmas day, MILLARD C. RIGBY and AMANDA M. GERBER.

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*German Paper*

Messrs. HUNT and BRINTNALL, of Monticello, have started the *Free Press*, a German paper. It is issued from the office of the *Liberal* and looks well, so far as we can determine. Three pages are imported and the first page is devoted to home and county news and advertisements.

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*Christmas Steamboat Excursion*

J. G. PARSONS returned from Minnesota a few days ago. He was in St. Paul on Christmas day, when the people of that city went on a steamboat excursion over to Fort Snelling.

To many young men of our county was given the inestimable privilege of going through the fiercest battles and coming home unscathed. To others it was not vouchsafed beyond a brief service, owing to the scourge of Influenza which struck down equally soldier and civilian. Joseph Davis of Washington Township went to Camp, wishing as does every soldier that his life and health might be spared to do his bit for his country. He was called to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for training on Oct. 4, 1918, and within a week was stricken with the fatal disease and passed away. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Washington township. Joseph was thirty one years of age at the time of his death. The remains were brought to Cascade and laid to rest in the little cemetery in that city. His memory will long be cherished. He was a gentle, lovable young man whom fate had not predestined to war but to the eternal peace beyond.



JOSEPH DAVIS

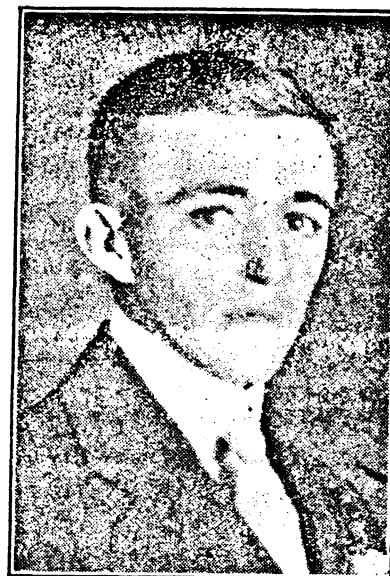


DILLON TOWNSEND

Joseph Dillon Townsend of Center Junction was one of the first of the Jones County boys to give his life by disease in Camp. He offered his services to his country early in the preparations for the coming struggle. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Townsend, his father having preceded him in death. He is survived by his devoted mother who while feeling keenly the loss of the manly boy, taken before he had a chance to strike a blow for freedom, yet she feels that he did his all willingly. He gave his life and it has been said that no higher sacrifice can be made by any man than to give his life for others. Mr. Townsend was highly respected in the community where his whole life was spent and the news of his untimely death was a shock to the people of this county.

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Private August Gerdes of Monticello, a soldier in the service of his country died at Camp Forest, Ga., Monday, Oct. 21 of pneumonia. He was taken sick on Oct. 15 and removed to the hospital on the 17th which time his wife was notified of his illness. Four days later he passed away. The body was brought to Monticello and funeral services were conducted at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna Gerdes. Private Gerdes' parents were John and Anna. His father died when August was 10 years old. He remained on the farm with his mother several years and then removed with her to Monticello. On Dec. 6, 1917, he was married to Alvina Schlemmer, with whom he made his home on the farm until he was called to Camp Forest on July 29, 1918. He is survived by his wife, mother, four brothers and three sisters.



AUGUST GERDES

## WILLIAM E. COOK

Private Wm. E. Cook, a native son of Anamosa was one of the few who lost their lives at sea while on the way to the battlefields. He was on the wrecked steamer Otranto which was in collision with the Kashimere on the Scotch-Irish coast. The sufferings and heroism of the brave soldiers who battled with the waves in that terrible storm has been the theme of many writers. The death of one is the history of the death of all. William was a favorite with all his acquaintances in Anamosa. He enlisted in the Army in February, 1918, and was assigned to the position of cook. He seemed to have a premonition that he might not safely cross the sea. In a letter to his aunt, Mrs. R. P. Lacy of this city, just before he sailed, he said he would write if it should happen that he safely landed overseas. We have not learned the place of burial, but the body will be returned here.



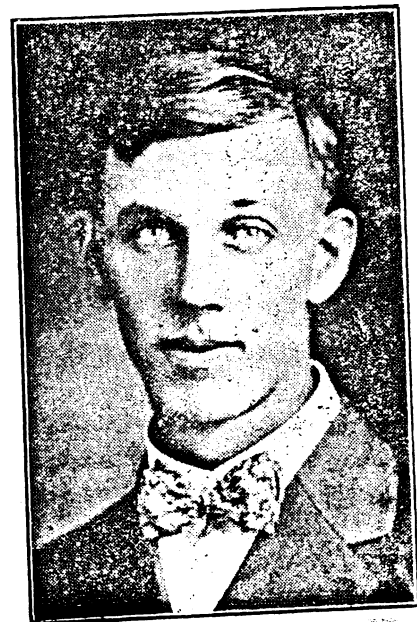
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FRANK DOSTAL

Frank Dostal of Oxford Junction was killed in action on October 23, 1918. He was the second of Oxford's young heroes to die in battle. Frank Dostal was born December 1, 1891, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Dostal of Oxford Junction. He went to Camp Dodge on April 25, 1918, thence to Camp Travis, then to Camp Mills and from that point sailed for overseas. In September he was in the trenches and with the exception of a short rest in October his division was in continual action. Private Dostal was one of the most popular young business men of Oxford Junction and his death was deeply mourned by the whole community who while glorifying in his achievement will miss the familiar face and see the sadness mingled with pride in the features of the dear old mother who made the supreme sacrifice of her boy.

Private George F. Freese of Co. 21 S. R. D. was born near Amber, Iowa, on April 22, 1894. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Freese. He went to Camp Gordon with the large contingent of 189 Jones County men in July, 1918. He sailed from an American port for overseas in September and landed in England. The influenza epidemic was then raging throughout the war ridden countries and he was a victim. Private Freese died of pneumonia at the military hospital at Hursley Park about four miles from Winchester, England, and was buried there. He is survived by his parents and a large family of brothers and sisters and was a popular young man in this community.



GEORGE FREESE



**MISS PAULINE A. QUIGLEY, RED CROSS**

Our first Red Cross Volunteer to give her life for the cause of liberty and humanity was Miss Pauline Quigley of Anamosa who died at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan, October 18, 1918. Miss Quigley was born in Anamosa and was the youngest child of the late William F. Quigley and Statia Power Quigley. She enlisted in the Red Cross field work in July, 1918. When the epidemic of influenza prostrated thousands of our soldiers in the camps and when many strong men and women feared ravages of the disease, Miss Quigley went willingly to the aid of our stricken soldiers. While in the Camp Hospital she was stricken by the fatal disease. The Chicago Tribune stated that the untimely death of Miss Quigley and one other nurse the same day, caused profound sorrow among the soldiers, more than the death of hundreds of their own ranks. She was regarded as a martyr by the Camp Custer soldiers. Miss Quigley now rests in quiet Holy Cross Cemetery at Anamosa and her memory will long be cherished by a grateful people.



**RAY SEELY**

Ray S. Seely, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Seely of Anamosa is among the number who suffered wounds in battle in France. He enlisted early in the war and became a member of Co. H. of the 59th Infantry which saw much active service as a part of the Second division. He was in the same Company in which Private Ed. Bakula was serving when the latter was killed. Mr. Seely attained the rank of Sergeant by work in the ranks. He was twice wounded and was invalided before the close of the war, being unable to take part in the final campaign. He has recovered from his wounds and is now happily married. Sergt. proved to be a capable and courageous soldier and well sustains the reputation of Iowa boys gained throughout the war.

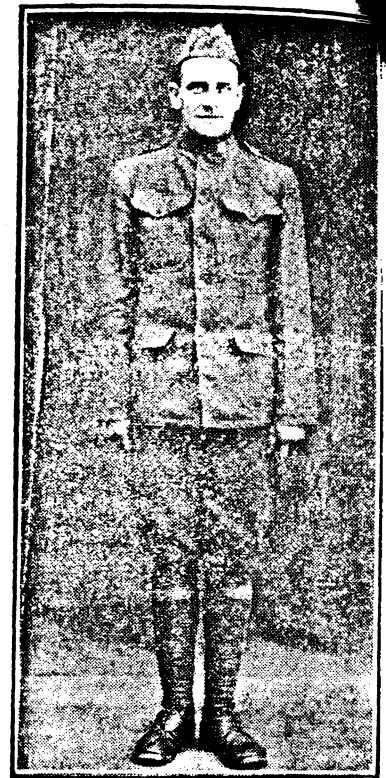
Edward C. Bakula was one of the first contingent of the Selective Army to go from Jones County, having been called to Camp Dodge in September, 1917. He proved to be an apt pupil in military training and with other Jones County boys was sent overseas early in 1918 and assigned to Co. H. 59th Infantry of the Second Division Regulars. His division was in fierce battles and in an attack in the St. Mihiel battle in September, 1918, Private Bakula bravely met death advancing on the enemy. His Lieutenant, Richard J. Harrigan, sent a fine tribute to Private Bakula which was published in a local paper, stating that the dead soldier boy was one of the best all around men in the company always ready at every call to work or fight when volunteers were called for on any exceptional assignment. The home of Private Bakula was formerly at Buena Vista, Clayton County, but at the time he was called he was working on the farm with his sister, Mrs. Wencil Marek, north of Anamosa.



**EDWARD C. BAKULA**

### CHARLES C. MILLER

Charles C. Miller, son of Mrs. O. E. Hall of Monticello, died in France while he was a member of the regular army. His affliction was bronchial pneumonia. A letter from his Captain, 34th Service Company, Signal Corps gives Private Miller a clear record both for personal character and for efficient service, respected by all his comrades. Private Miller was born in Arkansas but for a number of years resided with his mother in Monticello. Charles was too young for the first registration. He leaves besides his mother, three brothers, Victor Miller of Onslow, Edward and Bert of Divide, Wyoming.



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ALBERT A. HOWE

Private Albert A. Howe of Viola, though from Linn County was during all his life well known and esteemed in Anamosa and Stone City. He was the youngest son of William Howe and Bridget Howe and was born Dec. 28, 1893. He grew to manhood on the farm near Stone City. Private Howe left with the contingent for Camp Gordon in July, 1918, and sailed overseas in September. He contracted influenza on the voyage and was taken to the Hospital in England where he died in October. He is survived by his parents, also five brothers and five sisters. A letter from the Chaplain who attended him during his last sickness was received by his mother and states that every comfort of religion and all human agencies were at hand to aid the departing life. Private Howe was a strong, robust young man and only the virulence of a fatal malady could have so quickly overcome the strong physique.

Gilbert Pavelka, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pavelka of Oxford Junction, was killed in action on September 29, 1918. Gilbert was born Feb. 6, 1894, on the farm near Oxford Junction. He was called to Camp Dodge on Feb. 23, 1918, and later transferred to Camp Selvers, S. C., thence to Camp Merritt and later to Halifax, N. S., from where he sailed overseas in the first part of May, going directly to France. After a period of training in France he was sent into action. He was with the American Divisions in the St. Mihiel, where a terrific drive took place forcing the enemy to hasty retreat, and it was here that he fell in action. The entire community mourned the death of this fine young man. He was buried with military honors in the battle sector where he will rest until means are available to bring home all the bodies of our fallen dead.



GILBERT PAVELKA

## DAVID PROBASCO

Among those who went down at sea in the wrecked steamer Otranto in British waters was David Probasco who formerly lived in Cass and Fairview in this county. Though unknown to most of the people of this county he numbered among his friends several in this county who knew him as a boy on the farm where his father's family lived. The family moved later to San Jose, Ill. where David grew to manhood. He was there married but his family was so well provided for that he was allowed to go to serve his country and met death when his steamer collided with another vessel in the North Channel. Several hundred men, mostly from Illinois were lost. Among the number was William Cook of Anamosa elsewhere mentioned in this book and two or three others from Iowa. Private Probasco was highly respected by all who knew him and his fruitless death is yet as honorable as though he had attained his purpose to strike a blow for liberty and humanity.



*Jones B Heroes WWI*



**VICTOR SHIMANEK**

Victor Shimanek was one of the boys who fell in action in the last battles which drove the enemy from France. He went with a contingent from Jones County to Camp Dodge on April 26th, 1918, and from there to Camp Travis, Texas. After training there he was sent to Camp Merritt and on June 17th sailed overseas, landing at Liverpool at which place a great 4th of July Celebration was held by thousands of Americans. Victor was sent to France and was first in action on Sept. 12 at St. Mihiel sector. In October he was sent back for a short rest and again returned to action with his company, D. 358th Infantry, and in the final drive for Sedan he was killed in action Nov. 2, 1918. Victor was born Aug. 3rd, 1891, at Oxford Junction, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shimanek. He had the high privilege of seeing victory for the Stars and Stripes and the glory of having aided in the final efforts of our noble soldiers.

Sergt. Christophe Thalman of the French Army, though not an American has lived many years here and his ardent admiration for the American soldier has frequently been expressed by him in public addresses. Sergt. Thalman was residing in America when the war broke out in Europe and returned to his native country, France, to take his part in the service of his country. He was an officer of the famous French Chasseurs, the "Blue Devils" who did such heroic work in stemming the tide of militarism rushing down from the habitat of the fierce and cruel Allenmania. His work and those of his fellows sustained the reputation of that heroic race who have for centuries beaten back hordes from all sides. He is a lone survivor of the original Ninth Chasseurs. He was incapacitated by many injuries and was given a furlough after three years service and has since made his home in Anamosa where he has engaged in patriotic work by public appeals.



**SERG. C. THALMAN**

QUERIES

Need info on my Alfred BALDWIN line - d Council Bluffs Jan/Mar 1900. M Elizabeth MURRAY. She d. at home of her son, John, Marion IA Jan 1916. Family came to Anamsoa from Canada(?) in the 1860's. Does anyone have info. if these BALDWIN'S or ancestors of were Native American? Some BALDWIN'S were in Brothertown, Wisc. and buried in Indian Cemetery there. Have info. that BALDWIN'S came from N.Y. to Brothertown, Wisc. and were desc. of the Mohegans. Please help.  
Joan Norridin P O Box 36 McCall ID 83638

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Joseph BUMGARNER ( son of John BUMGARNER & Mary SMITH) b. 1810, Berkely Co VA (now W. VA), md. Eliza GREEN in 1835, she was b. 1816 N.Y. Came to Hale Twp., Jones Co IA in 1843, via IN. They had thirteen children: Rebecca md J. COLE, Mary md. Wm. L. CHURCHILL #2 R. PORTER, Rhoda, Elizabeth, Sarah md. GLICK, Jane md. PORTER, Belinda md. PORTER, Annie md. FULK, Hannah md. CATLIN, Martha, Jackson, Edward, George. Would like to correspond with anyone researching any of these names. Barbara Reeves WHITTAKER, 543 W Pampa Ave., Mesa AZ 85210-8313.

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I am searching the following names in/near Jones County:

Huggins ; Hudson; Buck  
White; Matthew; Johnson; Waite  
Boyer; Irvin; Keath; Dicky  
Preston; Smith; Kirschner; Anderson

Thank you for your help.

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