

CLARENCE IS ON THE BOOM

Many Improvements Are Made

Much work has been done recently and is under construction now by way of improvements in the business section of Clarence. Nearing completion is the building that will house a new cafe for Clarence that will be operated by Mr. and Mrs. E. Best. The building was purchased recently by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harvey, who have completely remodeled it. New windows have been installed and a stucco front has been made. Floors and walls have been re-done and the entire interior has been re-decorated.

New equipment has been purchased by the Bests, who will serve dinners, plate lunches and short orders.

Block's Service station has also been re-painted inside and out in white. Shelving on the inside has been re-done in red with gray trim. Four new gasoline tanks have also been installed with a capacity of 58,000 gallons, three holding 12,000 gallons each and one compartment tank with a 1,000 gallon capacity on each end. The work was done by a construction crew of Kansas City, under the order of the Socony Vacuum people. All orders will be filled from here now instead of being hauled from adjoining towns. A new ware house and pump house have been built also.

Other improvements on the north side include a new porch or sunshade and weather protection built along the front of the Henderson Produce Co., and a new stairway leading to the second floor has been built and painted at the J. E. Daniel building. At the Clarence Theatre improved projection equipment has been installed and soon Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins plan to redecorate the interior. New air conditioning facilities have been added recently also.

On the south side of the tracks Victor Hodgin has his remodeling well under way in making for Clarence a new Maytag and electrical appliance store. The entire front has been re-built with a new side entrance. Below the new plate glasses has been inlaid with solid black glass and the wall above has been done in stucco. The inside includes new flooring, walls re-done and new display counters are being built. Leading to Dr. Harlan's office and the new apartments over Hodgin's Cash Hardware, steps have been re-built and painted and the stairway and hall walls have been re-decorated.

Sgt. and Mrs. W. E. Bilbro moved this week to the apartment on the north and as soon as the varnishing and waxing of the floors is completed in the south apartment, Miss Irene Orr and brother, Carl, plan to move there.

At the Ridgway Style Shop the entire inside and outside has been re-painted. The front has been done in ivory with black trim. The adjoining building which houses Stamper's Barber Shop and is owned by Mrs. Ridgway has also been repainted in ivory.

A new paint job of white with black trim has also been done on the front of the Kesner Amusement Parlor.

At the Cox Variety Store which will be known in the future as the Cox Department Store a modern display window has been built

CPL. JOE ADAMS VISITS PARENTS

SERVED IN EUROPE 20 MONTHS



Cpl. Joe E. Adams

Cpl. and Mrs. Joe E. Adams left Saturday enroute to their home in Omaha, Neb., after spending about two weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ches Adams.

Cpl. Adams, a dispatcher in the Quartermaster Car Co., of General Bradley's 12th Army group served in the European Theatre 20 months. After leaving Le Havre, France July 27 on the boat Old Wakely, he was seven days reaching port which was Boston, Mass. On September 2, he reports at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., where he will receive reassignment orders.

Upon being inducted into the service December 27, 1942, he was first sent to Camp Swift, Texas, receiving his basic there after which he was transferred to Camp Polk, La., for further training, later being sent back to Camp Swift.

It was on December 3, 1943 that he sailed from the states first landing in Scotland on December 8. Enroute to Scotland he traveled aboard the vessel Queen Mary, which was carrying 15,000 troops, the ship being without convoy. February 1 he moved up to Kidderminster near Coventry and later went on to London, England, being located near the famous Hyde Park. During his stay there he remarked that it was pleasant other than the air raids and buzz bombs which came too close for comfort several times. His group moved over the channel to France July 16 and landed on the beach with not much territory therefore they were close to the front lines.

His next transfer was to Perleis, Laval and Versailles, then on to Verdun in September 1944 where he spent the winter months. From May 1, 1945 Cpl. Adams served at Weisbaden, Germany, across the Rhine from Mainz until leaving for France and home.

He is the holder of the E.T.O. ribbon, good conduct medal and five battle stars.

Prior to entering the service he was employed in Omaha by the Lowe Brothers Paint Co. His wife serves there as supervisor for the Radio Plant Signal Corps.

Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thompson and small daughter, Mary Clare arrived yesterday and are spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Thompson and son Allen. The Thompsons have moved to St. Charles where Mr. Thompson has been elected to teach mathematics in the junior high. They were located in Pevely two years where he served as principal.

VETERAN OF 28 MONTHS IN PACIFIC VISITS McCARTYS

Arthur Hansen S 3/c of the Seabees and a veteran of 28 months service in the Pacific and wife of San Diego, Calif., arrived here Friday and are spending several days with his sister Mrs. Sheldon McCarty and family southeast of Clarence.

After being in the service more than three years he reports at San Diego (September 6 for further orders. He has a sister and two brothers in service, First Lieut. Wilda Lee Hansen, an army nurse located somewhere in the Philippines, S 2/c Clifford Hansen with the coast guard at San Pedro, Calif., and T/Sgt. Mac Hansen, located in San Diego. The Hansens lived here formerly.

Merrett Reid, Jr.



Merrett Reid, Jr., Petty Officer 1/c son of Mr. and Mrs. Merrett Reid, Sr., east of Clarence, a specialist in the naval air transport service, enlisted in the navy in July, 1942. Following his enlistment he was stationed at Kansas City, Kans., a year during which time he attended a specialist school and began flying as flight orderly on the transport planes from New York to California and from Canada to Miami, Fla.

The squadron headquarters moved from Kansas City, Kans., to Olathe, Kans., where he was stationed approximately 18 months and during this time his duties were that of flight orderly instructor and Petty Officer in charge of 90 flight orderlies.

In February 1945 he was transferred to Oakland, Calif., where he received further training for four months. With the completion of his four months training in California he was sent on to Pearl Harbor where he is now stationed serving as orderly instructor. He is in charge of all flight orderlies with naval air transport service in the Pacific area. He is also on the staff of the NATS in the Pacific.

Petty Officer Reid attended the Clarence schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1937.

He is a grandson of Mrs. Ida Reid.

Before entering the service he was employed at the North Missouri Lumber Co. here.

SGT. J. D. WEEMS IS IN STATES

IS EXPECTED HOME NEXT WEEK

Sgt. J. D. Weems arrived in the states this morning and talked to his father, J. A. Weems over long distance. He landed in Delaware and told his father he would be there several days before coming on to New Jersey where he will receive orders to report at Jefferson

DEATHS DURING THE PAST WEEK

SAMUEL H. RICKEY

S. H. Rickey, 80, a resident of Clarence and vicinity for about 57 years passed away at his home here at 9:30 o'clock Thursday evening. Mr. Rickey had been in failing health for several years.

He was born in Athens county, Ohio, January 25, 1865 a son of H. B. and Susan Ford Rickey. He was reared there and in 1886 he was united in marriage to Mayme Laughlin who preceded him in death in 1906. The one daughter born to this union died in infancy.

Mr. Rickey moved to Clarence in 1888 where the remainder of his life was spent. In 1908 he was married to Miss Emma Chelina who survives him.

After coming to Missouri he operated a farm west of Clarence and was later a buyer for several wholesale fur houses.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

In addition to Mrs. Rickey he is survived by their two daughters and three sons, Mrs. James Worland of Belen, N. Mex., and Mrs. Mrs. Sim Cox of Goshen, Ind., Samuel H. Rickey, Jr., of Kansas City, Jack C. Rickey of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Technical Sergeant Charles E. Rickey located with the United States air force somewhere in the Philippines.

Also surviving is a brother Charles H. Rickey of Clarence, a sister, Mrs. Edna Larkin Cote of Milwaukee, Wis., and four grandchildren, Martha Ann and J. C. Rickey of Colorado Springs, Colo., Betty Sue Rickey of Clarence and Gregory Simpson Cox of Goshen, Ind.

Funeral rites were conducted at the grave in Maplewood cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2:30 with Rev. F. W. Rigg, Methodist minister here opening the services after which the Clarence Masonic lodge performed ritual ceremonies.

MRS. S. G. ELEGOOD

Mrs. S. G. Elegood passed away Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Winans in Duncan, Okla. Mrs. Elegood suffered a stroke of paralysis and had been in failing health for sometime.

The body was brought to Shelbina yesterday and funeral rites were conducted from the Hayes funeral home in Shelbina today. Burial was in the Shelbina cemetery.

Mrs. Elegood resided in the Lowman Chapel vicinity near Shelbina for 45 years. For the past several years she had lived in Oklahoma.

Surviving besides the daughter at whose home she passed away are two sons Clifford Elegood of Duncan, Okla., and Harry Elegood of California.

REPORTS TOTALS OF 7TH WAR LOAN

COUNTY RANKS HIGH AS TO PERCENTAGE

According to J. M. Buckman chairman of Shelby county war loan committee, results from the 7th bond drive in this county were most gratifying.

Below are figures proving the above statement.

Of the series E bonds, a total of \$279,141 were sold with a quota of \$270,900, showing a percentage of 103.

Bonds sold to individuals totaled \$665,411 with a quota of \$375,300