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### EARLY SPRING PROMISED

Prognosticators - to use one of Mel Fein's favorite words, by permission of the copyright owner - have promised us an early Spring this year. All signs point that way, so get out your snowshoes now for the next blizzard.

Spring is not always ushered in on the same day, according to the calendar and the weather man. Sometimes it is Spring by the calendar, but winter by the thermometer, and vice versa.

The first robin is on his way north now. This information was obtained from a reliable source. Soon the birds will be warbling in the treetops, the buds will be sprouting and the Andrews sisters will be singing, "I'll Be with You in Apple Blossom Time." They've been singing it all year, so why should this season be an exception?

Also, the advance of the clocks last month makes the days seem longer, and the lengthening days are

always a harbinger of balmy breezes and warm sunshine.

### Eclipses of the Moon and Sun

A total eclipse of the moon was scheduled for Monday, March 2. The moon rose partially eclipsed in North America on that date, except in the extreme northeast section of the continent where the beginning of the eclipse was visible. This was in the early evening.

There will be a partial eclipse of the sun on March 16, but this will be visible only in the Antarctic.

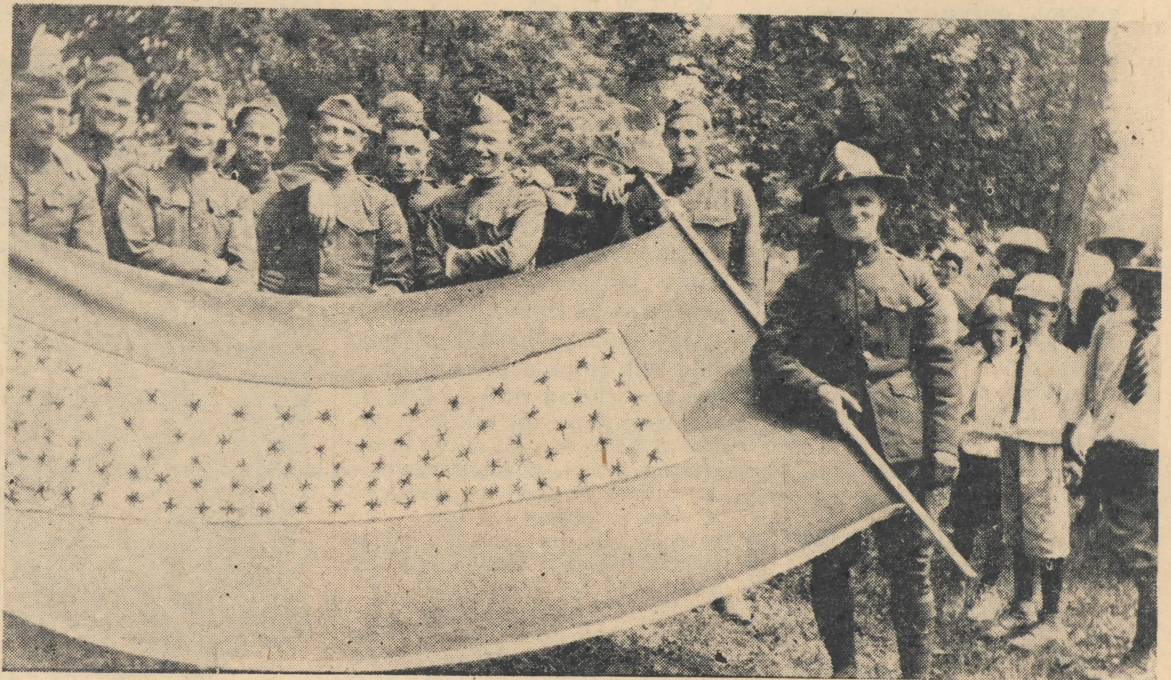
Remember the wonderful spectacle of the eclipse about seventeen years ago? That was a daytime blackout.

### Spring Begins

The exact time of the Vernal Equinox (the exact moment at which Spring will be ushered in) will be on March 21, at 2:11 a. m., War Time.

R. C. O'Brien

## Pages Out of the Past



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### Joseph Fleming

This week's picture shows a few of our local boys just after their arrival from France in the spring of nineteen-nineteen when most of us thought that the war was over. It should be of particular interest now in a period when sacrifices are again necessary to the interests of our country and many of our present

day youth and manpower are rapidly joining the embattled hosts destined to determine the course of history for the next thousand years.

In the forerunner of the current conflict, about 100 local boys participated. The deaths numbered about ten and included a brother of this writer. Those in the picture are from left to right as follows: Joe Yunker, Dewey Lawrence, Leo Trandle, Ace Krum, Pat Gallagher, Bill O'Neil, Paul Fleming, Bill Cannon, Bob McLaughlin, Kenneth Kelder. This appears to be only a partial view of a posed group in which there were probably others beyond the angle of the camera. The portion of the service flag visible shows about ninety stars, at least two of which indicated a life lost. Possibly some of our readers may be able to identify the bystanders at the right.

On a population basis, Rosendale always contributed in as great a proportion as any other locality to the prosecution of every war since the dim beginnings of white settlement here. Legends abound throughout the locality that hint of daring

courage, trials, hardships and death in forgotten wars. History records various incidents that imply local effects which of necessity involved participation by our early settlers and certain of the old timers here were definitely identified with the Revolution. The last of these to die was Jacob Tilson, who in extreme age enjoyed a Revolutionary pension. Recorded as veterans of "eighteen twelve" are the names of John Blanshan, Abe Clearwater, William Dietz, Alex Hermance, Adam Le Fever, John Roosa, Jonathan and Samual Schoonmaker, David Slater, Lewis Snyder and Henry Weaver.

As a boy we had the satisfaction of enjoying many personal conversations with Morgan Sparling, and aged veteran of the Mexican War. Concurrently it was our pleasure to know at least a hundred Civil War Vets, most of whom we questioned closely. Rosendale was also well represented in the Spanish American War, while in the prelude to the present war the local representation was much heavier with corresponding disasterous effects.

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