

moving on to establish new homes, many of the active members, who so faithfully had supported the church, sold their farms and moved farther west. The newcomers, the people who later were to rebuild our country, already had a church of their own.

So it was that our congregation began to dwindle, becoming less and less, and finally closing its friendly doors forever. The little country church that in the past had served our community as a religious and social center was turned over to the mercy of the timber squirrels and woodpeckers.

Later, some enterprising men and women, acting under their personal promotional interest of getting something for almost nothing, moved the church to a new location about eight miles north. Soon, after being anchored in its new location, a heavy gale totally destroyed it, scattering parts to the four winds — a tragic ending of a once beloved house of worship.

20 Mile Walk Every Night

TROOPERS TAKE IT TO EVADE GUARDS AND CHECK IN AT NIGHT

No need for the walking test among enlisted at Fort Des Moines. They take it voluntarily, twenty miles a day.

This rapid transition from cavalry to infantry has taken place since Colonel West, commanding officer, issued orders that each trooper must show a pass to the guard on the town-bound car before he can get on.

The order for a time worked a hardship on many of the soldiers, but a way to get around the colonel's order has been found.

When the men learn that they are denied a pass they run the outpost guards and walk the five miles into town, back before 11 to check in, and back to town again to end the evenings enjoyment, and finally end up at the fort for reveille at 6 in the morning.

The men are required to check in at their barracks at 11 at night, hence their appearance at the fort at the hour. If they want to go back to town again they run the guard and walk the West Ninth street road.

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