

Monday, April 24, 1919
Windsor, Missouri

The Army tank sent to Windsor to launch the campaign for the Victory Liberty Loan in Windsor and surrounding townships arrived in Windsor on the early Katy train Monday morning. Shortly after the train arrived, the sidewalks leading to the Katy station were lined with people going to see the tank. At 9 am the word that the tank was here was put out on all the telephone lines and within a remarkably short time the people from 8 and 10 miles around began to arrive. The tank was brought up town at 10 am and cut a few capers around the big flag pole. Attorney Ross E. Feaster, manager of publicity in the bond drive, climbed up on the tank and made a short talk on the Victory Loan Drive and then introduced Lieutenant Robert L. Hedges of St. Louis, who had participated in all the battles in France except the Argonne. He spent 17 months in France and was shot 4 times and received 1 bayonet wound. He told of the war, things which came under his personal observation, and his talk made a deep impression. He urged everyone to do their duty and stand firmly behind the boys over there, as they had done in the past, and buy bonds until it hurt. The sale of bonds was then opened, available in lots of \$5,000 down to \$50. In just 1 hour and 30 minutes, \$79,500 had been sold. The tank was then taken down Main Street and put through some stunts it would seem almost impossible for it to perform. Finally, it was taken into the vacant lot in front of Carter & Marti's store and driven down into the open cellar on the lot and it came out without even hesitating. From the maneuvers it executed, our people were convinced of the effectiveness of such a machine. The tank is known as the Runnel type with a 35-horsepower Buda engine and weighs 8 tons. It is controlled by 2 men, 1 of whom drives and the other is stationed at the gun in the turret. A 37-millimeter gun is mounted in the turret. Its speed is 8 to 12 miles per hour. The one used here was in the Argonne Forest for 24 days, and saw 7 hours of real action. There were dents from bullets in its sides as well as holes made by the anti-tank guns.