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LIEUTENANT FLOYD IN FLYING GAME

Third Aviation Instruction Center, May 26, 1918.—Dear Homer—Since my last letter I have made much progress in the air. A few more days and the 3rd. A. I. C. will be thru with me. At present I am at Field 8 flying about six hours a day. Quite a relief from the ten hours per that we used to fly at Field 7.

Now for a brief account of the work at the various fields. I think I told you of the work at Field 6 which was the acrobacy field, so I will start with 7. Lieutenant Quinton Roosevelt was our instructor and everybody liked him fine. He is quite a regular fellow and a good flier. Most of the work consisted of formation flying from three to twenty machines; then came the trick formations with which we hope to fool the Huns. Then came the altitude test of twenty thousand feet in a formation. The formation I was in went a few thousand over twenty but we all liked to have frozen. The temperature was over thirty degrees below zero. One poor fellow, who had lost his formation early in the climb, joined us not knowing we were going up for altitude. When he did realize his mistake it was too late to turn back as he had not paid much attention to the direction we had taken. Therefore to avoid being lost he had to stick and with pure Yankee grit he stayed tho he froze two fingers and the tip of his nose. When the descent was made the formation broke up and each man who knew the way home went down at his own speed. One of the boys came down too fast and when he landed he fainted, due to the great increase in air pressure. Lucky for him he was on the ground. This same fellow also had a very narrow escape here at Field 8. Another machine run into him but with good fortune still on his side, he managed to land without a scratch tho the other man did not fare so well. His machine went into a spinning nose dive which resulted in the complete wrecking of the machine, and the pilot escaped with a few bruises about the head. They both figure they are now living on borrowed time.

Now for the work at Field 8. It consists mostly of aerial combat, camera gun practice and line of flight. In combat two or more planes are sent out to fight over a pre-arranged sector. Each plane is equipped with a camera gun. The pilots start to fight like real enemies only instead of the real gun, the camera gun is used. It is built and operated like the real article. So when one pilot thinks he has the other he just takes his picture and later when the films are developed we can tell who wins the fight. This is great sport and one soon becomes to be a real fighter; also he perfects his acrobatics which in he gets only a vague start at Field 6. The line of flight consists of two planes (Continued on Page 3.)

TOWN WILL AID FARMERS

As yet there has been no great demand for farm labor in this particular locality, but it may come a few weeks hence. Mayor Moore declares that if our farmers get up against it for help that Independence will do its best to help them out. "We will close every business house in town for three days a week if necessary," he added.

DALLAS BOY UNDER FIRE 4 HOURS IN NO MAN'S LAND

Dallas—A few weeks ago newspapers carried a story of how two American engineers, sent out on an especially hazardous duty, lay nearly all night in No Man's Land, while Boche guns of all descriptions, from hand rifles to heavy cannon, dropped their missiles of death all around.

Now it develops that one of those heroes was a Dallas boy, Harold Poling, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Poling. Harold, who is a member of an engineer regiment, has never mentioned the incident to his people in any of his letters, but the word of the exploit came to them thru a letter from another boy in the same unit to a friend of the Poling family.

It seems that one night young Poling and another man were sent out into No Man's Land to cut some barbed wire entanglements surrounding a listening post. They had hardly commenced work when their presence was discovered by the enemy who opened fire on the spot where the two Americans were supposed to be. For four hours that rain of lead and steel was kept up from every kind of a gun at the Huns' command. Back in the American trenches hope was given up for the safety of the two engineers, as it was inconceivable that anyone could live in such a veritable rain of death.

After four hours of ceaseless firing, the Boches let up and a short time afterward, just before dawn, Poling and his companion came crawling back to their own lines. They were literally plastered from head to toe with mud and filth, which had been splashed over them by the bursting shells as they lay flattened out behind the barbed wire fence. While terribly exhausted and nerve-racked from their experience, neither had received a scratch. When asked how they managed to escape neither could tell but Poling managed to gasp to the officer who greeted him, "Well, we got what we went after, anyway."

Later in describing their experiences, the soldiers said every time one of the larger shells burst near them the concussion lifted them nearly a foot off the ground.

FILLED MILK CAN FALLS ON LEAVING MAN'S TOE

A "full" cream can fell off a truck at the S. P. depot Wednesday striking Roy DeArmond on the toe. It broke the toe, but didn't keep Roy here.

A Message From President Wilson

White House, Washington, D. C., May 29, 1918.

"This war is one of nations, not of armies, and all of our one hundred million people must be economically and industrially adjusted to war conditions if this Nation is to play its full part in the conflict. The problem before us is not primarily a financial problem, but rather a problem of increased production of war essentials and the saving of the materials and the labor necessary for the support and equipment of our Army and Navy. Thoughtless expenditure of money for non-essentials uses up the labor of men, the products of the farm, mines and factories and overburdens transportation, all of which must be used to the utmost and at their best for war purposes.

"The great results which we seek can be obtained by the participation of every member of the Nation, young and old, in a national concerted thrift movement. Therefore, it is urgent that our people everywhere pledge themselves, as suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury, to the practice of thrift, to serve the Government to their utmost in increasing production in all fields necessary to the winning of the war, to conserve food and fuel and useful materials of every kind, to devote their labor only to the most necessary tasks and to buy only those things which are essential to individual health and efficiency, and that the people, as evidence of their loyalty, invest all that they can save in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps. So many of the securities issued by the Treasury Department are within the reach of everyone that the door of opportunity in this matter is wide open to all of us. To practice thrift in peace times is a virtue and brings great benefit to the individual at all times. With the desperate need of the civilized world today for materials and labor with which to end the war, the practice of individual thrift is a patriotic duty and a necessity.

"I appeal to all who now own Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps to continue to practice economy and thrift, and appeal to all who do not own Government securities to do likewise and purchase them to the extent of their means. The man who buys Government securities transfers the purchasing power of his money to the United States Government until after this war, and to that same degree does not buy in competition with the Government.

"I earnestly appeal to every man, woman and child to pledge themselves on or before the 28th of June to save constantly and to buy as regularly as possible the securities of the Government. The 28th of June ends this special period of enlistment in the great volunteer army of production and saving here at home. May there be none unenlisted on that day.

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

INDEPENDENCE WOMEN ATTEND W. C. D. MEETING

A group of Independence women consisting of Mesdames J. S. Cooper, Crosby Davis, G. W. Conkey, George Carbray, Clyde Ecker, B. F. Swope, H. Mattison, W. J. Clark, E. N. Johnson and Miss Genevieve Cooper went to Dallas last Tuesday afternoon to represent the local unit of the Woman's Council of National Defense at a county session which was held at the court house in that city.

County Chairman Mrs. Winnie Braden called the meeting which was largely attended by chairmen and members from all parts of the county. Among the speakers for the afternoon were Mrs. Braden, presiding officer, Miss Birdseye, an Eastern representative attending the conference at the O. A. C., Miss Turley, Miss Edna Mills, county food administrator, Dr. Staats and Mrs. Charles Castner, state chairman of the Woman's National Defense Council who has just returned from the national council held in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Castner told with great inspiration of her attendance at the big national gathering, she told of the addresses of President Wilson and the secretaries of the various departments; she also spoke of the fine leadership of Dr. Anna Howard Shaw. In our state, Mrs. Castner says the work is well organized and is doing a far reaching and constructive work. Every branch of patriotic endeavor is represented by the Woman's Defense Council and its aim is to correlate all war work. Mrs. Castner announced that child welfare work in its many branches will be an aim of the woman's committee. She also emphasized the fact that clubs and club life should keep well organized as in these times of stress we especially need diversion to avert a tension that is

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KINGS VALLEY VISITED; FOURTH PROGRAM FIXED

A committee representing the Independence business men went to Kings Valley Wednesday and made final arrangements for the Fourth of July picnic. A program was made up and will be published as soon as completed. E. N. Johnson, chairman of the delegation, says that Independence people will have a glorious Fourth for Kings Valley hospitality will be right on the job. "They will make extra efforts to show us a good time," he declared.

Those going to Kings Valley were Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sloper, Mr. and Mrs. George Carbray, B. E. Smith, Frank Dickson and G. A. Hurley.

SUGAR FOR CANNING CUT

All retail grocers in the state have been notified by the state food administrator that beginning immediately the allotment of sugar for canning purposes had been cut from 100 to 25 pounds to each person or family.

CORVALLIS BUSINESS MEN OUT AFTER FARM HELP

Corvallis—The Commercial Club had a committee out this week canvassing the city for farm help. Farmers are unable to take care of their hay crop without more help. Those who have planted corn cannot get cultivators with experience. There is talk of closing stores for different days in case sufficient help is not otherwise forthcoming.

A number of Salem business houses are closing part of a day to help out the farmers. Hundreds of women are picking berries.

HERE AND THERE

The soldier over there offers his life that Democracy may be established among nations for all time. The citizen over here owes that soldier the obligation of seeing that his every need is supplied thru their common government. That obligation can be met by the purchase of War Saving Stamps.

FOUR THRILLING THEMES VIVID IN THEIR REALITY

Ancient Babylon as it was in the days of its splendor—its mighty walls, its massive towers shattered by the vengeful battle hordes of the victorious Cyrus—the feast of Belshazzar alive in its prodigious luxury, the most famous revel of all history—the Perfumed Passion of Prince Belshazzar and his Princess Beloved.

The world's First Great example of Intolerance—His trials in Golden Judea.

A Romeo and Juliet love in Paris, the Beautiful, under the Scourge of Catherine de Medici.

And finally a modern romance of a sweet young girl who battles successfully against the odds of adversity, temptation and harrowing underworld opposition in a tense drama full of thrilling episodes—The Great Labor Strike—The Framing of the Girl's Husband—The Reprieve from Execution.

So goes "Intolerance" which appears in extra attraction at the Isis on Tuesday night, June 25 at regular prices.

THREE BLUSHING GROOMS LED TO HYMEN'S ALTAR

Harry Hefley of Independence and Verneta Rickett of Salem were (Continued on Page 3.)

WAR SAVING STAMP WEEK DRAWS NEAR

Next week is War Saving Stamp Week thruout the nation and on Monday a canvas will be begun for purchasers. On Friday night, June 28, at 8 o'clock, a meeting will be held in every school house in the land at which time speeches will be made, committees report and stamps sold to all who wish to buy.

The Polk county apportionment is \$260,222 and the amount is pro-rated by school districts. The sums asked for South Polk are as follows:

Airlie, \$5000; Buena Vista, \$3800; Eola, \$2500; Elkins, \$3150; Greenwood, \$3400; Hopville, \$4250; Highland, \$2900; Independence, \$21,500; Lewisville, \$1950; Mounmouth, \$12,500; Oak Point, \$3600; Pedee, \$2100; Parker, \$2100; Suver, \$3300, Sunny Slope, \$1130.

REUNION OF COOPER CLAN EVENT OF PRESENT WEEK

The Cooper Clan will hold their annual reunion in McMinnville this week. The event will also celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Cooper where the first act of the reunion will be staged. The finale will take place at the J. S. Cooper home in Independence. Unfortunately J. S. Cooper has been physically disabled for several days, but he is much improved today.

Among those gathered here for the reunion are: Mrs. Pearl Moreland and children of Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ireland of Gold Hill, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of Centralia, Mr. and Mrs. John Krause of Aurora and Dr. Belle Ferguson of Portland. Mrs. George Parker, wife of Major Parker, is expected to arrive Sunday from Fort Sill, Ok.

Let'er Buck!

America's Greatest Exponent of the Smile

Douglas Fairbanks

He Hits the Bull's Eye of America's Popularity

IN HIS LATEST SURE-FIRE HIT

"wild and woolly"

Branded as the Greatest Mirth Provoker

A WESTERN COMEDY BUBBLING
OVER WITH HEARTY LAUGHS
PUNCTUATED BY TYPICAL
FAIRBANKS THRILLS

A Rouldup of Laughter

ISIS THEATRE

Sunday,
June 23

Canning Season

is approaching and the far-sighted housewife will this year above all others buy her requirements early.

We advise that you do not delay in buying all of the jars that you need as a traveling salesman told us that only about ten per cent of the glass factories in the United States are running. We have quite a generous supply on hand and are selling Mason's for—

Pint	85c dozen
Quarts	\$1.0 dozen
½ Gallons	\$1.25 dozen
Zinc Caps	30c dozen

Yours Truly,

JOHNSON & COLLINS