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## CHET. VANDENBERG WAS IN CARVING DEPARTMENT

Says Huns Could Not Stand Up Before Gleaming, Menacing Bayonets of Yankee Doughboys.

Chester Vandenberg, who saw service with the 361st infantry, 91st division, arrived home Sunday night. "Although we saw but 11 days of actual fighting when we were stopped by the signing of the armistice, yet it would take me six months to tell all about it. Some of the fellows say they liked it," said Chet. "But I rather imagine most of them see it the way I do. They wouldn't sell their experience for anything, yet they wouldn't unnecessarily go through it again for more than that. I'm glad I went, I'm glad I'm back, I'm glad to offer my life, if necessary, at any time for my country, but no more fighting for someone else again, and that's the way most of us feel. It certainly is hell for those fellows who have not been sent home. During the excitement of real war you keep on going without really knowing why. The thrill carries you forward and instead of running when a fellow starts shooting at you your first impulse is to get him and to get him first, but under peace conditions the typical American is not fit for a soldier's life. After awhile that military regimen gets on you until you get so used you hate to put on your shoes—and that's what a lot of 'em are getting over there now. None of the boys who went with me are willing to stand the same kind of treatment again. It was a shame the way the French stuck up the prices on the doughboys. Why, they've got so much American money over there they don't know what to do with it. They knocked out sides of their houses in order to put in stocks of goods at prices four or five times as high as those charged the French and a schedule of prices to be paid had to be issued by the American army to keep the boys from throwing their money away. Just stop to think of it! If each one of the two million soldier boys spent \$10 a month, that would mean 20 million dollars a month which, the way the French live, is equivalent to 100 millions of dollars, which would mean a billion dollars for a year."

Chet carries a wound in his left foot, which might have been much worse. His position was that of a runner, responsible only to the captain. At the time he got nipped he was out in no man's land seeing what he could see. His position was covered by machine gun fire and to move a twig so that the motion was visible to the enemy meant to be the storm center for a rain of bullets. Every inch of the ground was covered by machine guns. Chet was sitting down with his hands clasped under his legs and his gun across his lap, and bullets had been imitating a rainstorm on his helmet, when something struck his left foot with such force as to turn him completely over. He could see that the shoe had been torn open, but as no blood showed he thought the wound must be a minor one. After the swelling became somewhat painful he started back for first aid but was held up because an open spot was so completely covered by machine gun fire that to attempt to hobble across would have been too foolhardy even for a Yankee doughboy. He went back to his company, whom he found digging in preparatory for an attack and decided to go along with them. By the time the drive started, however, he found that he could make but such slow progress that he would only retard the movement and under cover of darkness he got back to the first aid station, which he found so crowded that he had to walk two miles further back to the regimental hospital and from that time on he was transferred from one hospital and rest camp to another until he became so persistent to get back into the game and see some of the Belgian country that he had just been placed in the replacement line when the armistice was signed. While he was at the dressing station, the major of his battalion was brought in dead. He had succeeded another major who had also been killed. Chet describes the slaughter of those few days of fight as awful, but says the huns could not understand fighters who kept on coming despite the number that fell about them. "When they saw the Yanks coming forward with fixed bayonets they either ran away" from them, throwing off clothing and other impediments as they ran, or they held up their hands and ran for the Yanks. Fifteen days more and we would have been giving them hell in their own country. That's what we all wanted to do but when we think of all the lives this would have taken we can't regret that the armistice was signed. I often think of those who were killed a few minutes before hostilities ceased. The gunners held their watches and kept putting shot over until the exact moment of 11 o'clock. It was hell for those who had served so long only to be killed within those last few moments when no good could be accomplished by their death.

"There was always something funny popping up even at the most serious moments. I stopped firing sometimes because I couldn't help but laugh at the way our gunners bowled over the huns and the funny way they had of rolling down hill when we got them." Chet was right in where it was a case of "get or be got." He did all the get-

## WATKINS AND PARKER BOTH BEAT CAPTAIN FROST TO FRANCE

It develops that Captain C. E. Frost was not the first Cottage Grove man to arrive overseas. Harry Watkins, infantryman, generally considered a Cottage Grove boy, who was wounded and gassed and once reported killed in action, arrived on French soil August 20, 1917. The boat upon which he sailed was obliged to turn back or he would have arrived sooner.

Dan Parker, of the 18th engineers, was but a few days behind Watkins. He arrived August 25. Captain Frost reached French soil October 30, 1917.

## HOSTILITIES CEASE BUT THE SALE OF WAR STAMPS IS ON INCREASE

Sales of war savings stamps do not seem to be greatly affected by the ending of hostilities. During the month of April the sales through the Cottage Grove postoffice were \$3,017.44. For the four months of the year the sales have been \$6,170.66, nearly half of which were made during April, thus showing that the demand for the stamps is increasing instead of diminishing.

## CENTENARY DRIVE STARTS COMING SUNDAY

Part of Annual Quota of \$1430 Has Already Been Raised by Local Methodist Church.

The national centenary drive of the Methodist church starts this coming Sunday and ends on the following Sunday. The local quota is \$1430 a year for five years, of which \$322 a year has already been pledged. This coming week has been designated as Centenary week and the program for the week is as follows:

**SUNDAY**—Morning sermon, "Mothers' Day"; evening sermon, "The Joy of Victory," male quartet and talks by laymen and pastor.

**TUESDAY**—Banquet at 6:30, served by Epworth League, 35c a plate. Dr. Charles A. Bowen, of Portland, head of the centenary movement for the northwest, will be present and will be among those making addresses. Grand rally in the church at 8:30.

**WEDNESDAY**—Intensive drive for funds, led by Lester Phelps, chairman, and his team captains.

**SUNDAY**—Morning sermon, "Triumphal Progress"; evening, "Achievement," by E. W. Miller.

## Making Whole Men of Wounded.

Wm. Skilling has just received a letter from his brother, Dave, who was with the Canadian infantry, in which he describes something of the way the Canadians fix up their wounded. He says "The colonel took a piece of rib and some cartilage from my side and put it over a hole in my forehead. Time will tell whether it will graft properly or not. If not, more cutting. I am booked for six months treatment in Canada and will be glad when I am through for good."

"No Hunting" and "No Trespassing" notices for sale at The Sentinel office. Printed on cloth, 5c each, or six for two bits.

ting he could but facilities for keeping score were not of the best. However, he knows of one good hun and one more that he brought into camp alive.

Although it was hard to get close enough to the huns to use the bayonets on them, yet Chet saw some of that work. Mercy was shown those who threw up their hands long before the Americans reached them but the fellow who kept dealing out death until the Americans got within a few yards of him got what he had coming. There wasn't much time to discuss things and the enemy who made any trouble after getting inside the American lines only did it once and the lesson proved valuable to his comrades.

Chet was over the top in several drives before being wounded and was on scout duty a good deal of the time. He tried some of the sniping work but when he went after one he found that half a dozen or more were watching their chance to pot him. Besides the time he was wounded he had several narrow escapes. Once his gas mask was cut off of his chest and once his knapsack was torn away by a piece of shell. Of the company of 250 24 were killed and a total of about 50 per cent were put out of commission in one way or another. About 50 per cent came through without being wounded. In one drive Chet's platoon was reduced over half in numbers. One of the interesting engagements in which Chet took part was with six hun cooties who tried the "kamerad" racket on him to no avail. The cooties didn't seem to take to him, although he slept in close quarters with others who were lousy.

A large number of those who went over in the 361st had an opportunity to go to officers training camp but preferred to go right across and get into the game. Chet was over there within three months from the time he went into the service. A number in the company gave up non-commissioned offices and went as buck privates so as to be certain not to miss the fun.

## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS TO BE BY DR. STRAUB

Complete Program for Busy Week Has Been Completed by High School Students.

The commencement address this year will be delivered by Dr. John Straub, dean of the University of Oregon. The class sermon will be given by Dr. D. H. Leech, of the Methodist church, of Eugene.

The complete program for commencement week is as follows:

Friday and Saturday, May 30 and 31.—Senior play, "Untangling Tony."

Sunday, June 1.—4 p. m., vespers; sermonette by Dr. Leech; 8 p. m., class sermon by Dr. Leech.

Wednesday, June 4.—8 p. m., class night.

Thursday, June 5.—8 p. m., farewell and reception; banquet by alumni and students of high school with senior class as guests.

Friday, June 6.—8 p. m., commencement address by Dr. Straub, of the University of Oregon.

All exercises and programs will be given in the high school auditorium.

The graduates of the year are: Ada Adams, Pearl Ashby, Ruby Ashby, Irma Randall, Mary Wiseman, Rose Halde-man; Helen Ritchey, Stella Coffman, Grace Oliver, Muriel Shay, Virgil Gowdy, Dave McInturff, Max Wilson, Ruth Stewart, Julia Turner, Hazel Loucks, Bethel Gowdy, Sylvia Veatch, Ethel Rogers, Ella Counts, Ron L. Voorhees and Ruth Jorgensen.

## Brick Plant Is Sold.

E. A. Glenson has sold his brick making plant to the Macleay interests at Wedderburn and it has already been shipped to Gold Beach. As soon as it arrives there, Mr. Glenson and George Atkinson will go there to operate it for the summer. Mr. Glenson was there some time ago and found a first class quality of clay for brick making. Transportation of building materials into that section of the state is so difficult that it is thought there will be found a splendid business for a brick making plant.

## W. C. and E. C. Are Brothers.

In an item last week W. C. Conner and E. C. Conner were spoken of as half brothers. It is worse than that, however, for they are full brothers, despite very strong leanings towards prohibition. Both agree that the Conners are hard enough to sort out so that a little mistake like this could easily be made.

## PLATE OF COTTAGE GROVE GOLD ON JOURNEY OVER COUNTRY

A plate of Cottage Grove gold will be displayed over the United States and Canada without expense to anyone. F. J. Hard, monarch of Caliph Grotto, of Eugene, has presented to Archibald H. Huston, grand monarch of the United States and Canada, who recently visited Oregon, a life membership card in Caliph Grotto engraved upon a plate of gold, the metal for which came out of Mr. Hard's Vesuvius property in the Bohemia district. There is about \$30 worth of gold in the plate.

## HALF MILL TAX FOR CITY PARK ENDORSED

The Cottage Grove commercial club has endorsed a half mill tax for the improvement of the city park and the promotion committee will circulate a petition among the heaviest taxpayers of the city asking their endorsement. It is proposed to have the council levy such a tax at the time of making the annual levy this fall. The money would be used for the improvement and beautifying of the park.

## Homenway Is Athletic Star.

Rosecoe Homenway, of this city, who is attending the U. of O., is doing a little stalling in athletics. In the meet at Portland Saturday between the University of Oregon and the Multnomah club, he won both the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash.

## ROAD TO DISSTON IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

The road between here and Disston is now in excellent shape, work on this road having been completed by the county. An item appeared in a recent issue of a Eugene paper which stated that the road between Dorena and Disston was closed on account of repairs but this is an error.

## Celebrates 82d Anniversary.

Dr. W. W. Oglesby observed his eighty-second birthday anniversary Saturday by going down to his office and receiving patients. He has been confined to the house quite a little of late but is usually at the office several days of a week.

## First Ball Game of Season.

The first base ball game of the season will be played here next Tuesday afternoon, when Springfield high will meet Cottage Grove high. The local team is in fine feather and promises to put up a fast article of the great national game.

Do you want to buy or sell a second-hand car? Use a Sentinel wanted.

## REV. KNOTTS IS MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

Parade to March to Cemetery Will Form at Armory Corner at 10 a. m. Sharp.

The Memorial day address this year will be given by Rev. Joseph Knotts, in the Methodist church at 2 p. m. Memorial day.

The usual forenoon services will be held. The parade will form at the armory at 10 a. m. sharp. All world war veterans are cordially invited to join in the parade and automobile owners are requested to furnish cars to carry members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. to and from the cemetery. The decoration of graves will be under the auspices of the G. A. R. and the usual program will be held.

## SEVERAL ARRIVE HOME NUMBER YET OVERSEAS

In naming those yet left in overseas service, several were overlooked. Inster Brumfield, Lester Sanford and Wm. Skidmore, all of the 20th engineers, are thought to be still in France. Captain Beebe, Captain LaSells Stewart, Lieutenant Noble White and Corporal George Foster were mentioned last week as still overseas.

Wade LeRoy arrived in the United States some time ago and is expected to arrive at Camp Lewis May 16 and to be home by May 20.

Chester Vandenberg arrived here Sunday night. He was wounded while a member of the 91st.

W. G. VanRiper arrived at New York last week and was sent to Camp Upton, where he met Ernest Wyatt, George Matthews, Warren Edwards, Joe Smith and Otto Burcham, of the 361st ambulance corps, who are now at Camp Lewis.

Pete Markette and Joe Bremazzi, of Comstock, have arrived home during the past week.

Captain C. E. Frost is expected to arrive home any day, having telegraphed Mrs. Frost that he left Camp Dix for home Tuesday. He should arrive not later than Sunday.

Elwyn McCargar, of the 12th aero squadron, is thought to be on his way home and Dan Parker, of the 18th engineers, landed some time ago.

Eugene Lammers, who has been in the navy, has telegraphed that he landed in New York several days ago.

A. W. Jones, Leon Arne, Herman Edwards and Harold Dugan are still in the naval service.

## HENS VIE WITH EACH OTHER PRODUCE MOST EGGS IN A MONTH

If there are any slackers in the chicken population of the Cottage Grove country they must be among the males of the species for those of the feminine persuasion are making records for themselves.

Following the record made by Mrs. F. C. Ralston's hens, Mrs. David Sterling reports a record of 196 eggs from 7 Barred Rocks during the month of April. The total days would be 210, which is a record of .93 1-3 of an egg for each hen each day. Hen No. 2 had at that time a record of 38 eggs without missing a day and hen No. 12 had a record of 34 eggs without missing. Two of these eggs were double-yolked for good measure.

Mrs. Ralston reports that her hens broke their own record during April when the 14 hens laid 306 eggs. The total number of days was 420, making a record of .92 of an egg for each hen each day.

The best record yet reported for a large number of hens is that by Bert Hands, who got 9,000 eggs from 430 hens, a record of .7 of an egg for each hen for each day. They are White Leghorns.

## 124 POUND CALF WAS ONLY 7 WEEKS OLD

F. J. Helliwell makes no pretensions of being a post graduate in stock raising but even he knew that a grave error had been made when a newspaper told of his bragging about a seven-month-old calf that weighed 124 pounds when dressed, but probably everyone did not know that a newspaper error had been made and that the calf really was but seven weeks of age, instead of seven months, which makes quite a different story.

## Brings Car of Motors.

Woodson Brothers unloaded a carload of motor cars Saturday for W. F. Johnson, who recently arrived from Indianapolis to take charge of the Brown Lumber company's plant and business, which has been renamed The Western Lumber & Export company. The motors consisted of a 1919 National Six, a 1917 National Chummy roadster and a Baker electric, the latter being the first electric to be received here.

## Prunes 50 Per Cent Short.

The prune crop in the Willamette valley this year will be perhaps 50 per cent of the crop of last year, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, who has just returned from a trip through the principal fruit growing districts of the valley.

## TWO FROM HERE RETURN TO BABES BORN WHILE THEY'RE AWAY

The story recently published to the effect that William Edwards was the only soldier to return to a member of his family born during his absence, was in error to the extent that Lieutenant Ben King also had the same distinction. A child was born to Mrs. King while the father was aboard transport from Panama to New York and was off Hampton Roads. Both Lieutenant King and Mr. Edwards were members of the old Sixth company of this city.

## CHICK DEMAND SO GREAT IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FILL ORDERS

Cottage Grove chicken fanciers find it almost impossible to supply the demand for young chicks this year. Bert Hands has been setting 2400 eggs every three weeks and says that he is then supplying but a quarter of the orders he could get. He is setting every egg produced by his hens and 430 of them laid 9000 eggs during April. Mr. Hands reports that he already has sold every chick he can hatch up to the last of June and that other chicken raisers are in the same condition.

## C. G. IS OVER THE TOP IN VICTORY DRIVE

This City Shows That It Is Leader of County When Real Test of Patriotism Is Made.

With several days yet remaining of the Victory Liberty loan drive Cottage Grove was over the top Wednesday morning and was the first city of the county to make that record. Eugene and Springfield, the other two cities of the county, are yet reported behind in their quotas. Springfield, which is about the same size as Cottage Grove, was given a quota of only \$37,575, as compared with Cottage Grove's quota of \$61,200, the largest quota ever given this city. Junction City was given a quota slightly larger than that of Springfield and is reported over the top. The basis of the quota was the bank deposits.

By this last record Cottage Grove maintains its splendid war record and great credit is due those who directed the campaign to such a successful conclusion and fulfilled the prediction of E. E. Rorapugh, of Eugene, who said early in the campaign that this committee was the liveliest in the county.

It is estimated that by tomorrow night the Cottage Grove district will have purchased \$15,000 or more above its quota.

The Sentinel will endeavor to publish the complete list of bond purchasers in its next issue.

## AMBULANCE BOYS TO BE SHOWERED WITH FLOWERS

Members of This Organization Now at Camp Lewis Awaiting Demobilization.

Members of the 361st ambulance company, known as the University of Oregon ambulance company, which was recruited for the most part among men living in Eugene and Portland, will be greeted upon their arrival in Eugene with great showers of spring flowers. The boys arrived in Portland Thursday and left late that night for Camp Lewis. The exact date of their arrival in Eugene is not yet ascertained. George Matthews, Joe Smith, Warren Edwards, Ernest Wyatt and Otto Burcham are members of this organization.

## RISE IN PHONE RATES DENIED BY SHERIFF

Salem, Ore., May 3.—After far-reaching investigation by the Oregon public service commission and a large force of experts extending over a period of five months, and marked by stormy hearings in the city of Portland, the commission today issued an order refusing to allow the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for a general increase of 27 per cent in the telephone exchange rates on the company's lines in Oregon. The commission takes the position that to grant the general revision sought in the company's application would place an unwarranted burden upon the telephone users.

Except at four points, no increase is allowed in residence telephone rates. To help the telephone company meet wage increases and other abnormal expenses, a temporary modification is made in the rates for business service. Important among the rulings of the order is the clause permitting persons who desire to change from desk to wall phones, to do so at any time within 90 days of the effective date of the order, without extra charge. After 90 days a charge of \$1 will be made. The order is effective May 1.

## Work on Fourth of July Plans.

A commercial club committee has in hand plans for a Fourth of July celebration which may be extended into two days and at least one of which will be a home coming day for returned soldiers and sailors. There will be a complete program of sports.

A fine spring tonic—Sentinel wanted.

## COPY OF PIONEER PAPER COMES TO LIGHT

Mrs. Anna J. Gowdy Has "The Messenger" of Issue of Aug. 12, 1898.

The Sentinel is indebted to Mrs. Anna J. Gowdy for a copy of The Messenger, one of the pioneer papers of Cottage Grove and the only copy now known to be extant. It is dated Aug. 12, 1898, and is No. 24 of Vol. II. Horace Mann is editor. The Messenger later became the Bohemia Nugget and was later consolidated with The Cottage Grove Leader.

Some of the news items of that week were as follows: Chrisman & Son, the liverymen, are about as busy as anybody.... A new sidewalk is being built across the swamp just west of the depot.... Dr. Wall was called to Bohemia the first of the week.... The young folks were enjoying themselves Monday evening in the Gowdy Grove.... Our soldier boys who are at Manila don't seem to be greatly "stuck" on the country.... Ben Lurch is getting the lumber on the ground to raise the building occupied by Ostrander & Culp and Fong Sing another story.... The erection of new buildings on all sides strikes one that we are having a regular building boom.... Mrs. C. H. Vandenberg and little daughter Eunice returned Sunday from visiting relatives in Eugene.... Hundreds of people are still going into Bohemia and new strikes are being made every day.... Spain accepts peace terms.... Hamilton Veatch and Frank Beall left Monday on an outing to Kitson springs.... J. W. Miller, marshal, notifies citizens that stock must not be left running at large at night.

Among ads. appearing in that issue were Eakin & Bristow, general merchandise and bankers; Griffin & Veatch, hardware, C. H. Vandenberg, manager; J. P. Currin, druggist; Mrs. Pet Sanford, dressmaking; Dr. G. U. Snaap, physician; Cy. Miller, general blacksmithing; J. E. Young, attorney at law; W. W. Treat, hardware; Lurch's, general merchandise; E. Whipple & Son, racket store; W. S. Chrisman & Son, Fashionables.

Mr. Gowdy was at one time indirectly interested in the publication of The Echo-Leader, as administrator of the estate of Mr. Thorpe, who died while owner of the paper. Mrs. Gowdy remembers that Mrs. Sherman Shortridge, still a resident here, was an employee in the office at that time.

I. H. Veatch is another who has a copy of the first paper ever printed here and has been a subscriber ever since that time.

## Will Pay Damages.

Saturday Eugene Register: James Lemon, head sawyer in the mill of the Western Lumber company at Cottage Grove, yesterday promised Sheriff Fred Stickle that he would pay for the damage done to a car driven by Jesse Michaels, which he ran into Sunday night with a larger car, failing to stop to inquire as to the damage, or whether or not anyone in the other car was injured. Lemon was driving very fast in West Springfield on his way home to Cottage Grove from Eugene when he ran into Michael's car badly damaging it. Michael could not see the license number on the big car, but information from Cottage Grove that such a car had been placed in a garage there for repairs led to the apprehension of Lemon. He will pay the cost of the repairs to Michael's car, amounting to about \$50, according to his promise to Sheriff Stickle. The manager of the mill guaranteed that payment would be made.

Sheriff Stickle, while at Cottage Grove yesterday, recovered a gold watch from another mill worker, which is alleged to have been stolen from a Hood River man. The warden bear the same number as that given by the Hood River man, but the case was traded off in Portland, according to the mill worker. The Hood River man valued the case higher than he did the works, as the watch was a present to him and the case contained an inscription. The sheriff will endeavor to locate the dealer in Portland where the trade was made.

## Shoe Manufacturer Visits Here.

W. J. Hubbard, of Eugene, was in the city Sunday visiting V. S. Goff, and he incidentally arranged with Mr. Goff to become his agent here for the "tailor-made" shoes which Mr. Hubbard manufactures. Mr. Hubbard is recently from Seattle, where he made 500 pairs for members of the police force. He has made thousands of pairs for use in the logging camps of the coast. Cottage Grove and Eugene are the only two places in the county where these shoes may be obtained.

## Airplane Landing Selected.

The Woodard tract south of the city has been tentatively selected by the commercial club as a landing place for airplanes. The selection will be submitted to the proper authorities for approval.

## Has Early Lettuce.

George Salton added still further to his reputation as a gardener by depositing some fine samples of head lettuce at The Sentinel office Friday of last week.