

LENTS MAN WRITES OF WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE

The following letter from J. Emil Swanson of Lents, who is engaged in reconstruction work in France for the Friends church, will be of interest not only to his many friends but to all readers of The Herald. The letter was written to the Christian Endeavor Society of the Lents Friends church, and among other things, says:

Now you will want to know something about the unit, I'm sure. Materially this unit is a complete success. Everything is so splendidly organized, and work carried on on a large scale. The amount of good and the suffering relieved among the refugees cannot be estimated.

Ninety-five per cent of the population of France are Catholic, this being the only church recognized by the French government. No Protestant clergy are given any recognition whatsoever.

It is my lot to work through a part of the country just vacated by the armies and torn with trenches, shell holes, and added to this is an endless mass of wire and iron entanglements. The past few days I have been working through what was "no man's land" during the siege of Vauquois. Some time ago I had a little trip through a large part of the territory in which the Argonne-Meuse fighting was done. We went almost to Verdun when we left the road at the spot where the thriving little city of Chattancourt stood before 1914 but where there is now only piles of stones and mortar; occasionally enough to see that one can tell it as once being the corner of a building. Of course the familiar trench was to be seen. From here we went over Mort d'Homme (Dead Man's Hill) where the Crown Prince endeavored to storm the French army off the hill by putting his men through a tunnel faster than they could be destroyed. It is said he had 500,000 dead on this spot at one time as a result of this effort. The hill is one mass of trenches, shell holes, remains of dugouts, wire entanglements, and unexploded ammunition. Together with this are the human bones, some of which are bleached by the elements. On the other side of the hill, after making our way through the mass of wire and iron bars, we came upon the body of a German soldier which had never been buried. We proceeded to the road then through what was Bethincourt, now a pile of ruins. From here to Cuisy we did not see a living person. At Cuisy we first noticed a wagon with

a few pieces of furniture on it; soon a lady came up the hill with a pail of water. Evidently they had just arrived to make a new start for a home. We proceeded on to Mont-faucon. This place too has shared in the war's destruction. It was at this point the Crown Prince viewed the battle in which he endeavored to take Mort d'Homme. Along the roads the stench of decaying flesh is almost unbearable. Montfaucon the Americans stormed at the beginning of the American drive. We come on to Varennes and Vauquois hill. On this hill stood the town of Vauquois before the days of battle. It is one of the highest points between Varennes and Clermont, therefore of great strategic value. The Germans soon pushed their line through Varennes and over this hill. The French armies stormed the hill time after time but were not successful in holding it. It had been mined from both sides and the result is a great ravine through the town. Battle has otherwise left its landscape effect on this hill as on others, in addition being honeycombed with tunnels. It was in September, 1918, when the American army came and pushed them back from this point. On our way home we passed through Neuville with its wrecked church. The steeple still stands but is quite broken. The building bears the sign, "It is forbidden to use this building for any but religious purposes."

When working I have seen where French soldiers have been buried in the trenches two, three, five and eight together. The markers bear "Unknown French Soldiers."

It is real pitiful to see some of the returning refugees arriving. They usually have all their belongings on a two-wheeled cart drawn by a horse, the family walking along behind. They begin their home in most any old place, a dugout or sometimes an abandoned barrack. Some cook their meals on an open fire out of doors or under a few bards until a huse can be built by "Les Amis" (the Friends).

A few days ago some of our workers were at Acocourt. An elderly lady came along and asked where Avocourt was. When she was informed she was in Avocourt she began to weep and said there must be some mistake for she had left a house and there were no houses here. It was hard for her to believe. There are numbers of homes in ruins. Some of the owners perhaps will never return.

J. EMIL SWANSON.



Scenes along Tillamook Coast

CITY HALL NEWS ITEMS---CITY GOVERNMENT HIT BY H. C. L.

City Commissioner Bigelow is again acting mayor while Mayor Baker is attending the Elks' convention at Kalamath Falls. Mr. Bigelow is beginning to feel like a real mayor now since he has been "acting" mayor so many times.

City Treasurer Wm. Adams has installed the latest cash register system to facilitate the rapidly increasing business. Mr. Adams pronounces it a big success over the old time method of handling the cash.

The high cost of living is beginning to take effect in the conduct of the city administration. With prices of paper going up and a prospective raise in wages by the printers on the first of September it is going to make a serious inroad in the city finances for the fiscal year.

City Commissioner Pier is making new improvements and alterations in his office by doing away with the

counters and transferring the telephone switchboard to its new quarters, room 206. This new arrangement will make it more roomy for the employees and at the same time give better access to the public in transacting business.

City Commissioner Pier and Peter McIntosh, the purchasing agent, have finally located that car of canned tomatoes purchased from the government and which is now on the way from Sacramento. The tomatoes will be distributed and be on sale at Meyer & Franks, Olds, Wortman & King's and Simon Bros. at cost, with the addition of freight charges. Should this lot be taken up promptly by the citizens Mr. Pier will negotiate for further consignments of various kinds of foodstuffs, such as bacon, ham, beans and other canned vegetables and dried fruits. Mr. McIntosh expects the arrival of the tomatoes either today or tomorrow and will be immediately delivered to the department stores for distribution.

FUNERAL OF FRANK H. FAGUE HELD SATURDAY

The funeral of Frank H. Fague, well known at Lents, was held from the Holman undertaking chapel Saturday, August 9. Rev. N. Shupp officiating. Mr. Fague was born at Wilksburg, Pa., Dec. 25, 1854, and died at his home, 7705 Fifty-seventh avenue S. E. this city, August 7 of stomach trouble. He was married to Margaret Montgomery of New Ulm, Minn., April 25, 1883. Mrs. Fague preceded him to the spirit world a little over a year ago. Mr. Fague came to Oregon in 1898 and settled at Lents, where he lived for more than 21 years. He was known as a quiet citizen and a good provider for his family. He has been in the employ of the city water works for many years. The following children survive him: Mrs. F. M. Spooner, Hugh F., William, Margaret, Elmer, Wesley, Blanch, and four grandchildren, all of Portland.

FAREWELL RECEPTION GIVEN FALERS MONDAY

Members of the Lents grange gave a farewell reception, Monday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Falser who have gone to Boardman, Oregon to make their home. Mrs. Falser has been treasurer of the Lents grange for a number of years and is held in the highest esteem by all its members. She was presented with a beautiful lavalier as a small token of love and appreciation. Carl Hawkins and Mrs. Peters furnished music for those who wished to dance. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and those present all wished Mr. and Mrs. Falser prosperity in their new home.

LENTS CHILDREN TAKEN TO PENINSULAR PARK

Miss Gary, park assistant, took a number of children of this district to attend the general meet at Peninsular park Saturday. Barbra Helzenderger won the somersault and foot race. Owing to lack of facilities and interest taken in the Lents play ground activities, Lents rating was very low at the meet.

WOODMERE WOMAN IS INJURED BY STREET CAR

Last Monday evening as Mrs. Will Hunt of 7419 Woodstock avenue and Mrs. A. La Brance were getting off the Mt. Scott car at Woodmere station, the former was in the act of taking the second step to the ground when the car abruptly started throwing her heavily to the ground. The conductor had not yet given the forward signal and Mrs. La Brance was still in the vestibule. Mrs. Hunt was carried to her home and the family physician was summoned. The doctor pronounced it a case of internal injury from which the patient may suffer for several months, and ordered her to remain in bed for four or five days; an order scarcely needed as Mrs. Hunt is so sore and bruised that she moves only with difficulty. It is reported that a similar accident occurred about half an hour later at Firland on the same car line.

ALBERT MILLER DIED FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK

Albert Miller of 244 West Portland Boulevard passed away August 8, 1919. He was born in New York state in 1846, and had been a resident of Portland ten years. He lived at Woodmere two and a half years and moved from there to the home where he passed away about three weeks ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, three children, Mrs. Hannah Root of Lents, Mrs. E. L. Kelsey of Los Angeles, and D. M. Miller of Seattle. Also three grand children, Mrs. Axel Kildahl, Frank Root and Elizabeth Kelsey, and one great grand child Frank Kildahl. Mr. Miller was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and attended the Christian Science church. Funeral services were held at Kenworthy's Wednesday afternoon, and he was laid to rest in Mt. Scott cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sanders and daughter Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. Lord and daughter Maude spent a delightful day at Bull Run last Sunday.

ALVORD FURNITURE STORE HAS BEEN SOLD

The Alvord Furniture company, of 4529 Sixty-seventh street S. E., has changed hands, Mr. Alvord having sold it to S. Director & company August 6. For years the Alvord furniture house has been known in the Kern Park and Arleta district and its change of ownership marks the passing of another landmark.

RETURNS TO EUROPE FOR WAR BRIDE AND BABY

Freeman Armstrong left for New York this week. From there he will go to Europe to bring his wife and baby home. Mr. Armstrong enlisted in the Canadian army at the beginning of the war and served with the Canadian Scottish infantry.

The ladies of Portland and vicinity are up in arms over the H. C. of L. A special meeting to be held at the Central Library is scheduled for 3 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon.

Marvin Hedge won third place in the distance fly cast at the Northwest Anglers Tournament last week. His cast being 96 feet.

Miss Chloe Keithing came in from Seattle and Bellingham, Washington, Tuesday where she has been the past month visiting relatives.

Mrs. Helen P. Worden spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Holmes, at St. Johns' last week.

B. F. Miller and family and Wm. Eatchel are camping at Tillamook beach resorts this week.

R. G. Wigle spent the week end at Sauvie Island. He brought home a nice string of fish.

Mrs. Mary Gething visited her children and other friends here Wednesday.

OFFICERS OF LENTS GRANGE RESIGNED AT MEETING SATURDAY

Lents Grange met in Grange hall Saturday August 9th. No candidates were present to be initiated so the morning session was devoted to business. The treasurer, Mrs. Nick Falser, resigned and Mrs. Hotchkiss was elected to fill the vacancy. Lecturer Miss Myrtle McNeil also handed in her resignation but owing to the lateness of the hour it was laid on the table and will be taken up and a new lecturer appointed at the next regular meeting.

After dinner an excellent program arranged by Miss McNeil was rendered. Gladys Johnson, daughter of attorney J. J. Johnson, entertained with a violin solo, accompanied by Berniece Helm who later rendered two very difficult piano solos which were greatly appreciated. Mr. Davis, of La Grande, talked on the High cost of bread, Mr. Aldis of Russellville grange and livestock editor for the Oregon Farmer, told of the "Present Conditions of Agricultural Industry in Oregon."

Mrs. Mc Guire of the Women's protective bureau gave a general outline of the women's work among the delinquent girls of the city. J. J. Johnson and W. A. Young also gave interesting short speeches.

GRAYS CROSSING MAN PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Harold I. Woolen of Grays Crossing passed away August 10, Sunday. He is survived by nine children, seven of whom were with him to celebrate his 64th birthday on July 31 and later to be present at the obsequies. Mr. Woolen was born in Canville, Ill., July 31, 1855. The funeral service was held at the Kenworthy undertaking parlors, Mrs. C. P. Blanchard being officiating minister. The interment was made in the Multnomah cemetery.

WOODMERE CLUB TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT PARK AT TREMONT

The regular meeting of the Woodmere Community club was held Friday evening, August 8, at the school house. Plans were made for an entertainment to be given at the Tremont park on Wednesday evening, August 20. Those appointed on the committee were Messrs. L. L. Levings, G. T. Douglas, Thomas Mallory, G. A. Morrison and F. A. McKinley. The features of the evening will consist of films, readings, music, etc.

The Woodmere club is working insistently for street lights on poorly illuminated corners, for the paving of Seventy-second street and for the securing of a city park at the corner of Seventy-second street and Fifty-fifth avenue. The club, of which H. T. Blakeslee is president, has for its aim the furthering of the general interests of the community. It meets the second Friday of each month.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION TO MEET RESIDENTS

Property owners and residents of the district between Forty-second avenue S. E. on the north and Seventy-fifth avenue S. E. on the south, and between the city boundary on the east and Seventy-seventh street S. E. on the west, are requested to meet with representatives of the Portland city planning commission at the Lents school auditorium Thursday, August 21, 1919, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of recommending limitations and restrictions on various buildings in this section. All property owners should be present at this meeting.

R. R. Peterson will leave next Wednesday, for an extended trip to Columbus, Ohio, and other eastern cities.

The city garage is moving its office into the annex temporarily while the older building is being remodeled.

NEWS ITEMS REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Madge J. Mears, state recording secretary, spoke in the Methodist church at Lents last Sunday to an appreciative audience. Mrs. Mears' heart is so full of this work for God and home and every land that it is an inspiration to hear her.

The regular time for the Multnomah county institute is the third Thursday of each month. August institute is to be held in Laurelhurst Park, with picnic lunch. As no union is entertaining at this time, each one must provide more fully than ordinary. A good program is planned. Chief of Police Johnson is scheduled for a talk in the afternoon.

Welfare work and "Our Girls" will be the main feature of the program. At the county executive meeting last Monday we learned more about the flying squadron organized in this county. Mt. Scott Union is to have a visit from them between this and our annual meeting September 9.

County President Mrs. Marion Gilbert is no slacker. Besides the many outside duties, she is a good home keeper, sharing her bountiful home with many others. Visitors from the east find the Gilbert home a pleasant stopping place and frequently enjoy its privileges.

Time will soon be here for the next meeting of the local Union. Remember August 26. Mrs. Esther Fankhauser, hostess.

Mrs. Pusey and grand daughter, Rose Pusey of Ninety-ninth street and Fifty-fifth avenue, left for Seaside Tuesday where they will enjoy a two weeks outing.

Lowell Bradford is carrying mail on route 3 while Mrs. Howe is having her vacation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE MEETING SUCCESS

The Sunday School Institute of district number nine was held as scheduled last Sunday. Considering the hot day the attendance was all that could be expected. The church was well filled in the afternoon. All the addresses of the session were not only entertaining but very instructive and encouraging to the workers who carry the load in the different schools.

The roll call disclosed the fact that there were about 125 present in the afternoon and 75 at the evening service. Among the number were five pastors, nine superintendents, three assistant superintendents and thirty teachers. Visitors from Woodlawn Christian, First Christian and St. Johns Christian Sunday Schools attended the meeting. Only nine of the thirteen schools in the district were represented.

The three Guthrie brothes, Alfred, Quinton and George sang a trio which was highly appreciated. In the evening session a Nazarene church trio composed of Messrs. C. U. and Chas. L. Fowler and Mr. Hillis sang.

These quarterly district Sunday school institutes certainly are worth attending, if the worker is interested in the work.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many friends and acquaintances and Odd Fellows, for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our recent bereavement, the loss of our devoted husband and father, also for the many beautiful flowers.

Mrs. A. C. Miller.
Mrs. Hannah Root.
Mrs. E. L. Kelsey.
D. M. Miller.

N. Gerlinger of Beaverton visited C. E. Kennedy, Tuesday.