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## Catholic Foresters Big Celebration

Stayton won the Catholic Foresters State banner and as a result Sunday February 10 was a gala day for Catholics in general in this part of Marion county. Stayton Catholic Foresters winning the state Banner in competition with all the other Courts in Oregon, were justly proud in celebrating the event in proper style.

About 125 Foresters attending High Mass at 10 a. m. in a body all wearing their badges and flag floating. Rt. Rev. Abbott Placidus officiated at the ceremony in the morning at the church after which all gathered at the I. O. O. F. Hall and enjoyed an elegant banquet given by the ladies of the parish for the occasion.

The afternoon was given over to addresses made by prominent men of the state and church. W. F. Klecker presided as toastmaster. The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Lainck, to which Rt. Rev. Abbott of Mt. Angel responded. An eloquent appeal was made to the Catholic people by Robert Konrad Smith, Chief Ranger of St. Francis Court of Portland to keep up the good work being done for the soldier boys serving Uncle Sam and was met with hearty applause by those present.

The ideal speakers of the day were the Hon. Thos. Brown of Salem, and J. P. Morrow, State Secretary from Portland. They brought their listeners to their feet with talks of Fraternalism and brotherly love. After the speaking was over all present enjoyed themselves in playing various games and singing until past midnight and even then quit reluctantly, everybody voicing their hearty approval of having had the time of their lives and one long to be remembered.

## Methodist Church Pastor W. J. Warren

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m., Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Meeting of the Sunday school board the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p. m. Official board meeting the same evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. E. D. Alexander has received word that her nephew, Harry Nicklaus, of Iowa, who visited here a couple of years ago, has arrived safely in France.

## Letter from Paul Kirsch

The following letter written from somewhere in France and received by A. P. Kirsch a few days ago will be read with interest by those who know Paul.

Somewhere in France, Jan. 6, '18  
Dear Father:

I received your letter yesterday and Frances' today.

I am fine and dandy and hope everybody is well at home. I haven't seen much of France yet but in a good many ways it is quite nice. Nearly all buildings are of stone and lots of them quite old.

It took quite a while to get onto the French money but I can count it now. When we first came here, when I wanted to buy anything I would point to it with my finger and hold out my money in the other hand and let the clerk take what he wanted, and when the boys ask what it cost I would shake my head and say, just money.

It is a lot warmer today and the snow is melting. I read that clipping you sent, and I think the guy that printed it had the brain fever, or didn't have brains enough to get the brain fever one of the two.

We took a march or rather a hike the other day. We got on top of a hill, and believe me the scenery was great. Will close for this time hoping to hear from home soon. Your Son,

Corporal Paul M. Kirsch,  
13 Aero Squadron, A. E. F.

The clipping referred to was an account written by some over enthusiastic pro-German in which he overlooked the fact that the allies of this country along with us had an army in France and other sections of the world. So begun to parcel out the world to suit the Kaiser.

## Letter From Luther Cole

Somewhere in France, Jan. 11.  
Dear Folks:—

Here goes for a little note, I'm well and like this country just fine.

Hope this letter finds you all well, and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. We have some snow here now, but it isn't cold at all, well the weather is a great deal like you have at home.

Tell Carl and Roy, hello for me. Will have to close for this time.

Love to all,  
Pvt. Luther S. Cole, Co. M,  
162, Inf. A. E. F.

## Letter from Stanley L. Stewart

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3, '18  
Dear Ladies of Stayton:

Your package containing sweater, Sox etc., has just been received and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the articles, every one of which is of great value back here where the weather is very cold compared to the mild climate of Oregon.

I am glad that I am still numbered as one of Stayton's sons and that evidence of regard from the good ladies of Stayton is of more than ordinary value.

With thanks and kindest regards to each of you I am

Very Sincerely Yours  
Stanley L. Stewart.

## Soldier Writes From England.

Following is a letter received by Miss Bertha Moliott from her cousin Corp. Harry A. Rands, who formerly resided near Silver Creek Falls:

In Active Service,  
Somewhere in England,  
Dec. 29, 1917.

Dear Cousin Bertha:

Arrived O. K. and had a fine trip, never got sick at all. We were out 15 days. Gee, but things look queer around here. It is so different from our country. The people here are very glad to see us, and are very polite. There will be no open camp for American troops while on foreign soil so our chances for seeing things will be slim I guess. We see lots of soldiers from other countries here that have been at the front and it is very interesting to talk to them. We saw an old church to-day (abby) built in 907 by the Normans when King Alfred the Great was ruler. It sure is great to look at. In a book inside is the Kaiser's signature written in 1907 when he visited this church.

Well, we are all fine and anxious to get the Kaiser. Am feeling swell. The weather is great. The sun has been shining bright like spring weather in Oregon. The country reminds me of Oregon.

Hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Christmas seemed like any other day to us. We had no feed at all but I was feeling fine and that was enough to be merry over. It is hard to think we are in the old country and so far from home.

All the talk here is war. The people in the U. S. don't know we're in the war, but we are realizing it fast. They have American Y. M.'s here which look good to us. The Y. M. and the banks here change our money into theirs. The other places won't take it. We had a time at first getting the money values straightened out.

Don't forget to write, as letters are all welcome now. Tell all the folks hello for me and everybody.

Lovingly,  
Harry.  
My address is Corp. H. A. Rands, Co. K, 162d Inf., 41st Division, A. E. F. via N. Y.

W. H. Humphreys and wife have moved here from Grants Pass and occupy the Andy Cornish house in the northeast part of town. They are parents of Harry Humphreys.

Mrs. Milca Roy Watson is here from Victoria, B. C., for an indefinite stay at the home of her parents.

## Valentine Dance Decided Success

A large crowd attended the Valentine dance given by the Patriotic League on Friday last. The ladies in charge of the affair had gone to a lot of work to make the hall attractive. Bright red hearts of all sizes added to the attractiveness of the room and festoons of green and shaded lights were also used effectively. As usual Talmadge's orchestra delighted the dancers and they were able to buy sandwiches and coffee or punch for their refreshment.

## League Meets

Stayton's Patriotic League met in regular session Monday evening and audited the bills which were ordered paid.

Some of the members proposed sending "our boys over there" a quantity of tobacco and sweets since they seem to derive so much pleasure from these. A motion was made and carried and a committee appointed to procure the addresses of the boys and mail them ten packages of cigarettes, one pair of woolen socks and two squares of chocolate each. It was also made known that the league has donated \$47.60 worth of materials to Stayton Auxiliary A. R. C. in the last month. Mrs. Luthy was appointed to take charge of the yarn on hand and anyone wishing to help the league with its knitting may procure yarn from her.

There was no other business to come before the meeting at this time.  
Minnie A. Luthy  
Sec'y S. P. L.

## All Loyal women are requested to register at the Red Cross rooms Saturday between 1 and 5 p. m.

## Recipe for the Victory Bread

In view of the many inquiries coming to our baker about the Victory bread he kindly submits the following formulae for the benefit of those interested.

Straight dough formulae for Victory bread, in compliance with the Food Administration ruling.

Amount of cereal substitutes	per gallon 2 lbs 10 oz.
Amount of salt per gal.	3 1-3 oz.
" yeast "	3 1-3 "
" sugar "	6 "
" shortening "	2 "

The amount of substitutes for white flour is derived from a 60 per cent absorption or about 13 pounds to the gallon in all. Use very little steam in proof box. A little more size may be gotten by giving one extra punch and lengthening the time about fifteen minutes.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother.

J. M. Almsman,  
I. O. Almsman,  
W. T. S. Almsman,  
Mrs. Lilly M. Rucker,  
Mrs. Stella Brower.

J. K. Crabtree is here from Bend, Ore.

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## Time Extended for Income Tax Returns

Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue for the State of Oregon, has been notified by the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., that the time for filing the 1917 Income Tax Returns, including individuals and corporations, has been extended to April 1, 1918, thus giving an additional month to that provided by the War Tax Act of October 3, 1917. As soon as the blanks are received each corporation will be notified. Collector Miller would appreciate the early filing of returns, so that the work of his office may not be unduly congested.

## Triumph Notes

(Too late for last week)

Alfred Fox bought a young and valuable horse of T. J. Hill. Wm. Van Hadel and sons are busy tiling or draining some of their land, which is a very good improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Shelley, of Kalama, Wash., recently called among friends hereabouts, renewing old acquaintances, and we were pleased to meet them.

N. Ritzinger, Agnes and Edith Highberger came home for the burial of John Heuberger.

Ben Gescher, assisted by Roy Orren and A. Fox, is clearing some more wheat land.

N. Ritzinger, accompanied by Agnes Highberger and Katie Albus, returned to Ashland Saturday, where he is conducting a large dairy on an alfalfa farm.

Chas. Fisher, from Stayton, was recently employed hereabout at his trade, as Mr. Fisher is a professional butcher, and to handle and mix meat it would pay any farmer to call on such a man at sausage time.

Eddie Highberger and wife spent Friday evening at the parental home.

## The Man who Took a Chance

The patrons of the Star theatre will witness this splendid Blue Bird play featuring two of Film-dom's Stars Franklyn Farnam and Agnes Vernon, you should see Monte when he arrives in the nick of time proving his worth as a man. He effects a daring rescue, also borrows the picture of a sweet faced girl whom he thinks is the only one, but later finds he has a rival in nobility. But that is not the worst, the climax is when he is falsely arrested. Come to the Star next Saturday and see the thrilling finish.

Sunday evening the program will be Allen Holubar in "The Treason," this picture portrays an event of more than usual interest. As a telegraph operator an opportunity for learning the code words of secret diplomatic messages was offered and with knowledge and working his way up in his calling until he reached a position of trust having the lives of thousands of people trusted to him, he turns traitor. See this soul stirring, heart gripping story Sunday.

The longing in the heart of a little Swedish girl for the freedom and opportunity of the new world: her departure from her cottage home, and her subsequent adventures in the land of her adoption form the theme of this butterfly picture, "Follow the Girl," written by Fred Myton, and produced by Louis Chaudet, with Ruth Stonehouse as his star. There are lots of exciting things in the picture.

Cattle thieves, Mexicans, foreign spies with incriminating documents, and Secret Service men after the spies are some of them. The ranch scenes which are truly remarkable, were taken on the largest single holding in the whole state of California. But come to the Star theatre next Wednesday February 20 and see the whole story.

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