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CHESTER ZUMWALT WRITES FROM FRANCE

Is Chief of Police in City of Mehun
South of Paris But Would Pre-
fer the Battle Front

May 5—This place is just a few steps from the Y. M. so I can very readily drop in to church Sunday mornings, when I'm not too busy. The boss always observes Sunday whenever possible, so I did attend church this morning. Our Chaplain exchanged with the Chaplain of the nearest camp this morning, and we had very good services, as usual. If you ever feel like giving money to a good cause, don't hesitate to give it to the Y. M. C. A., because they're doing wonderful work for us over here. One of the finest concerts of the kind I have ever attended was given under their auspices about a week ago, with a soprano of the Paris Opera Comique, a tenor of the Boston Opera, and a very good violinist, whose name sounded like spaghetti.

Each Y. M. building over here is supposed to have two American women on the staff, and when the Chaplain referred to them as "nobles" this morning, I don't think he ever used the word in a better sense. Here they are quartered in a pretty little French house across the road from the Y. M., and every evening they serve chocolate and cakes and jam there. The lawn is a beautiful place, and almost every evening some of the musical talent of the Ordnance Department gather there and give an impromptu concert, which is usually good, as we have some fine talent. One of the girls, who is rather attractive, recently had the misfortune to hear of the death of her fiancé, a young Lieutenant who was killed at the front.

June 9—Yesterday I went to Mehun on business for the office, riding a bike down the banks of the old historic canal. I was held up for about an hour, and entertained myself for awhile by talking to a wounded French soldier. The town fire department, composed of soldiers, were having a fire drill, and the way they pulled those antique hose carts up and down the winding, narrow cobblestoned streets wasn't slow.

Passing down a side street, I noticed an uncommon lot of horses, so I followed up this lead and came upon a sort of enclosed fair grounds, where the farmers were displaying their stock before a group of French officers. They had some good saddle stock, one sorrel mare in particular, and the farmers told me that they were American bred. I never saw so many Percherons in my life before, mostly stallions.

If anyone thinks for a minute that this particular section of France is short of horses, they're badly mistaken. They hitch 'em singly to huge carts, and one man will often tend two or three carts, walking beside them. France won't starve for some time to come, I'm thinking. The streets of Mehun were built for these single horse carts, and when a huge American truck comes tearing along, there's a scatterment.

In Mehun is the historic Hotel Charles VII, where Joan of Arc stayed while looking for the King. I walked up its winding stairs yesterday to the office of the American Quartermaster, and it looks to be that old. The ruins of the castle of Charles VII are just a short distance from this hotel, and the two old towers are quite interesting. A statue of Joan of Arc was erected here in 1900 by the people of Mehun.

June 19—Drew an entirely new job last Wednesday and haven't got regularly organized as yet.

But you couldn't guess what I'm doing. I've held many strange jobs since holding up my hand but I never expected to be a "bull." I'm Sergeant of the Provost Guard, or just plain Chief of Police of the city of Mehun, and believe me, it's some job. I get up to meet the first train, 6:48 a. m., and usually stay up for the last one, sometime in the morning, so I have to get most of my sleep between 8 and 12 a. m. I have a force of five men directly in the village, and superintend them and handle the prisoners they bring in. We don't have many "customers," though, because my force would make any bunch of "hard boiled"

soldiers think twice before misbehaving. It has been quite an experience for me and I've learned to talk more French in one week than I ever expected to know. Think I'll be through this week, though, as I understand that I am to be sent to headquarters for further training in Ordnance work. If it's true things are going pretty well for me and I'll surely be glad for the change. I'll write you immediately I get there. I have many friends there and it's said to be a wonderful place.

Saw "Boots" Kersey and Sergeant Robb, of Dallas, on one of the trains last week and Boots couldn't actually realize that I was here. Both looked very well. I see much of interest at the station as I am there about all day. Have talked to some very high class French people, but I simply can't care much for them. I'll be glad to get away from this police job just on that account.

I moved to town and am now sleeping in a tent which is very comfortable. Am at the Quartermaster warehouse where the eats are simply enormous. We donate five francs per month to the mess fund—here's last Sunday's dinner menu: Sirloin steak, mashed potatoes, creamed string beans, brown gravy, strawberry shortcake, coffee with sugar and cream.

I get quite lonesome for the big camp, and don't have much time to get down town to see the boys when they come in of evenings. One of the Fearey boys came down to see me Saturday night, Jim I think his name was. He had just arrived. About a half dozen other of the San Antonio boys will go with me, but neither Fritz or Sam Bullock, which I very much regret.

Have met some very nice girls here and one family keeps on the continual lookout for my visit. Paid them a visit Friday afternoon, and had a pretty fair time. They played the piano for the first time in three months—in mourning for a son lost in battle.

NEWBERG CHURCH SERVICES

Christian

The sermon topic for next Sunday morning is "Men of the Hour."

In the evening there will be union services in the park at 8 o'clock.

Y. P. S. C. E. and Junior Endeavor meet together at 7 o'clock.

On Friday evening at 8:15 the C. E. will hold the regular business meeting and social in the basement of the church. All persons interested in Christian Endeavor are very cordially invited to attend.

Bible school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock. You will be welcomed at all services.

Baptist

"The Christ in Action" is the subject of the sermon at the Baptist Church Sunday, August 4. It is one of the most interesting subjects that has ever appealed to the pastor. We shall study the Christ in his most characteristic, most impressive, and most attractive role. We invite you to worship with us if you are without other church duties. This is the vacation time of year when "everybody" goes away to rest. But there are usually enough folks left in town to overcrowd the churches if they would all go to church. The pastor expects to be here every Sunday in the month, and has arranged a series of vacation sermons for August Sunday mornings. They will be short, snappy, and inspirational. Come and hear one before you go away. Following are the topics: August 4, "The Christ in Action." August 11, "Vacation Religion." August 18, "Jesus on a Vacation." August 25, "Going Away for Your Health."

Presbyterian

Sunday School at 9:45 with classes for all; fine primary department.

Y. P. S. C. E. at 7—"Ambitions." Leader, Victor Hicks.

Morning sermon at 11—"A Model Witness"; Jno. 1:19-36.

Evening service in the Park—union of all the churches, 8 P. M.

Monday evening at 8 monthly meeting at Session.

Tuesday evening, teachers' meeting.

Wednesday at 8, "The Good Shepherd."

This Friday (August 2nd) ladies' missionary meeting in the Park, 2:30.

McEWEN TWINS HAVE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The all important event of the week, for a number of the little tots of the community, was the celebration on Saturday afternoon, of the sixth birthday of Ralph and Edwin McEwen, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McEwen, of Athena.

The party was held on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Goff, grandparents of the boys, where the children participated in games and genuine frolic directed by Charles and Perry Babcock. Presently when the strains of a march were heard from the piano the little folks formed in line and marched into the living room where they were entertained by the reading of Riley's "Bear Story" by Mrs. C. A. Morris, and "Orphan Annie" and "Daddy's Sweetheart" by little Virginia Moore.

Then came the part of the festivities which always makes a party a real success in the eyes of the children—refreshments.

The dining room was gay with our national colors, even to the red, white and blue flowers which formed the center piece at the table and the caps received as favors. But the things which held the attention of the children were the birthday cakes, brightly adorned with six candles each, the ice cream, candy and other good things which they will not soon forget.

When they returned to the lawn they were detained by two or three kodaks and after they had posed to the extent of their patience, they scampered off to tell fifteen or twenty mothers what a perfectly wonderful time they had had. Beside the above mentioned, the little guests were Esther Baird, Lois Lutz, Katherine Duer, Mary Janet Duer, Betty Jane Lemon, George Lemon, Joyce Anderson, Sibyl Low King, Edward King, Margaret Woodworth, Virginia Newell, Leona Bauer, Wilma Bauer, Carol Bauer, Virginia Moore, Robin Moore, David Coulson, Grace Rucker, Fred Rucker.

GOVERNMENT LOANS TO THE FARMERS

During the month of June \$8,343,420 was lent to farmers of the United States by the Federal land banks. The Federal land bank of Spokane leads in amount of loans closed, \$1,262,800.

During June 1,196 applications were received asking for \$5,127,011, and 2,516 loans were approved, amounting to \$6,793,527.

On July 1 the total amount of mortgage loans placed since the establishment of the Federal land banks was \$109,517,308, covering 48,297 loans, distributed as follows:

Spokane	\$17,000,555
St. Paul	16,205,000
Omaha	13,264,140
Wichita	12,292,700
Houston	9,807,741
New Orleans	7,646,540
Louisville	6,704,106
Berkeley	6,698,400
St. Louis	7,172,172
Columbia	4,746,513
Baltimore	4,140,500
Springfield	3,851,595

THAT WATER GRADE HAUL

Portland's opportune time will come after the war if that port is shrewd enough to provide a fleet of merchant ships. That city has been blowing for some time about the water-grade haul draining a vast empire, and it is about time to itself recognize that water-grade haul by backing it up with ships, without which the down-grade does not amount to much. That is why it does not give Seattleites much concern. Portland has demonstrated that it can raise many million for patriotic purposes, and now comes a chance of being loyal to one's own town.—Woodburn Independent.

CALL FOR MEETING

The Newberg Honor Guard Girls will hold a meeting at the City Library Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Lila Dobell, state manager of the Honor Guard Girls, will be present at this meeting to help re-organize this Honor Guard.

Every girl interested in this organization is invited to be present.

Girls! Girls! do be patriots, not slackers. Join the Honor Guard Girls and show your colors.

OREGON MANUFACTURERS SHOULD ADVERTISE

The Oregon Voter truly states that a large majority of Oregon people are ignorant of the names, brands and appearance of home manufactured products they would be glad to use if they knew about them, but omits to mention the obvious remedy for this condition of affairs. The present publisher of the Independent has been connected with the paper for ten years and has no recollection of during that time carrying any advertising for these products, while on the other hand advertising for similar products manufactured in other states is common. There are more than 100 newspapers published in Oregon and it would be a simple matter to acquaint each community through their columns with the fact that it was not necessary to buy similar commodities manufactured a thousand miles or so distant. The Independent has touched upon this matter previously and not so long ago called attention to the fact that while the Willamette valley is one big garden most of the people in it ate canned vegetables grown in another state. The Voter might as well face the fact, and it is that our manufacturers as a whole are much like some merchants—they stock up with what people require, but they don't let the people know it, expecting them to find out for themselves in some mysterious way.—Hillsboro Independent.

RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Yamhill, Oregon, to be held at McMinnville and Newberg on August 24, 1918, to fill the position of rural carrier at Yamhill and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above-mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

During the continuance of the present war the Commission will, in accordance with the request of the Post Office Department, admit women to rural carrier examinations upon the same conditions as men.

John A. McIlhenny, President.

FINED AS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS WHO ARE CARELESS

Earl Stonehocker and his brother-in-law, A. A. Elkins, of the Pelee country, were apprehended and arraigned before Magistrate Hardy Holman of this city charged with having left a camp fire burning in the Siletz basin, as a result of which the parties pleaded guilty and paid fines of \$5 and costs.

The fire in question was kindled in the road leading to the old Hinshaw place, and when the campers departed they neglected to extinguish it. No damage was done, but Warden Fuller has undertaken to stop the practice and made the arrests in order to make an example of the violators of the law. There are several others on the warden's list who will be haled before a justice of the peace as soon as they can be located.—Polk Co. Observer.

NORTH MAIN CLUB MEETS

On Wednesday of last week the North Main Improvement Club met at Shady Glen, the home of Mrs. M. E. Moffitt. The president being absent, the vice president acted in her stead.

It was voted that Mrs. M. E. Moffitt ask the city council to put up a sign at the corner of First and Main streets pointing out the Portland road to motorists. It was also voted that Mrs. Nye prepare a suitable program for our next meeting, the place of meeting to be decided on later. There were instructive articles read on "Prohibition" and woman's work during and after the war.

Light refreshments were served, after which we adjourned to meet August 7.

THE PASSENGER CAR A UTILITY VEHICLE

"The automobile—the right bowler to the railroads."

Thus McCoy Bros., local dealers in Racine Country Road and Multi-Mile Cord tires, characterize the motor car, and nutshells the countless utility features of the automobile so widely in evidence these days.

They take the position that the automobile has come into its own as a result of the excessive demands made on rail transportation growing from America's entry into the war. Not that its functions, prior to the declaration of war, were other than utilitarian. But, it took the declaration of war, and the resultant conditions, to awaken the nation to a full realization of the motor car's real worth.

"The term 'pleasure car' as applied to the automobile," Mr. McCoy asserted, "is certainly a misnomer—a positive libel. Of the 5,000,000 or more automobiles in this country today, the vast majority of them are, in one way or another, serving Uncle Sam. They have eased the strain on the railroads—eased it to the extent that those who are in position to know, have termed the automobile the railroad's greatest aid."

"The automobile—the motor truck and passenger car alike—are really America's great secondary system of transportation. Long and short hauls, of merchandise and persons, in an ever growing degree, are being made swiftly and economically by the motor propelled vehicle."

RIBBON RIDGE

The farmers are rejoicing over the fine rain we had last week.

A. Bowman, of Newberg, was a business caller on the Ridge on Friday.

Mrs. Anna Smith, of Portland, visited relatives and friends this week.

N. C. Rich and family were visitors at the T. Evans home on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Evan Carter and son are at the Coast this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd received a letter on Wednesday from their son, Lawrence, who is in the U. S. M. C. and is now stationed at the Island Guam. The letter was written on June 7 and came by way of Japan. He reports a fine voyage over and says the boys are having a fine experience in gathering coconuts and other tropical fruits. They left San Francisco about May 6 and were nine days on the way to Honolulu. They stopped there four days and saw a good many interesting sights in that time. It took them fourteen days from there to Guam.

Bob Cook's are moving to the Armond place.

Miss Clara Wenger called on Mrs. Anna Sallee one day last week.

Mrs. Dan Storey, of Portland, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Bud Thayer.

Miss Alberta Langton, of Newberg, will teach the Ridge school this fall.

J. T. Carter and family have returned from the beach. All report a good time.

A. H. Boyd is building a fine new house which will add to the appearance of their home.

Harold Beck, of Gaston, was a caller at the A. F. Hertig home Saturday evening.

Will Brisbane and Jim Boatman and wives motored to Newberg Saturday on business.

A. F. Hertig left last Tuesday for Portland to work in the St. Johns snipyard machine shops.

William Swartz left Sunday to work with the Bud Thayer thrasher which started out Monday.

Mrs. A. F. Hertig and daughters, Gladys and Clara, motored to Newberg Saturday in the Maxwell.

George Wenger spent Sunday with the home folks. He will have to soon join the Navy as he is in the reserve.

Miss Violet Hertig, Owen Goodrich and Delmer Hertig, of Portland, motored out to see the home folks last week.

Quite a number of tax payers met at the school house Wednesday night to take a vote on whether or not to repair the school house and build a new wood house, but they decided, owing to war conditions to wait another year as taxes are rather high as it is.

NEWBERG COUNCIL OF DEFENSE FORMED

Committee of Twenty-five to Have
Charge of Local Drives and Other
Activities in the Future

At a meeting held at the club rooms on Tuesday night, which was well attended, a council of defense was formed which will work in unison with other like organizations throughout the state.

R. J. Moore presided and the principal speakers were H. H. Herdman, of Portland, secretary of the State Council of Defense, and N. L. Towle, of Chicago, the latter having taken an active part in getting the matter before the people here, he being in town on a visit with his brother-in-law, I. N. Campbell.

Organization was effected by the election of U. S. G. Miller as chairman and R. P. Gill as secretary-treasurer and the appointment of a committee of twenty-five whose business it will be to direct future drives for the sale of Liberty Bonds and have charge of the various activities incident to the war. The committee will meet tonight to lay plans for the work.

Following are the names of those composing this committee:

W. W. Silver
S. F. Wallace
Mrs. E. L. Evans
R. J. Moore
George L. Kelly
Mrs. J. A. Jones
Mrs. E. C. Baird
Frank Carlisle
S. L. Parrett
W. S. Allan
W. H. Woodworth
Mrs. L. C. Palmer
N. P. Nelson
Tom Tyndall
C. E. Newhouse
W. R. Everest
George W. James
Jennie D. Miller
Mrs. J. P. Sawyer
W. A. Parrish
Clarence Butt
Rev. George H. Lee
Mrs. George Lutz
Mrs. G. A. Dearborn
C. R. Chapin.

MATTER OF INTEREST TO BRITONS AND CANADIANS

The British Consul at Portland, Oregon, requests the favor of publicity for the following official notification:

The exchange of ratifications of the recruiting conventions between the United States, Great Britain and Canada, will take place in London on July 30th. The sixty day period for all Britons and Canadians between 21 and 30 years of age, both inclusive, will commence on July 31st and expires on September 28th. The Britons and Canadians of 20 years of age and those between the ages of 31 and 44, both inclusive, will be required to register on a date to be fixed by proclamation by the President. This date will probably be about August 30th, and 30 days after registration men of those ages will be liable to service in the United States Army. In short all Britons and Canadians between the ages of 20 and 44, both inclusive, in the United States will be liable for draft on and after September 29th unless they have enlisted, or been medically rejected at one of the Recruiting Depots of the British and Canadian Recruiting Missions before that date.

CHAPERONES HIGH EXPLOSIVES

Chaperoning a box of T. N. T. detonators in an electrical storm was one of the odd tasks a Y. M. C. A. hut secretary had in a day's work over there. He is a preacher, but now he does almost anything else in the work line, from sweeping floors to safeguarding the soldiers' Liberty bonds.

On a wildly stormy night, to appropriate thunder and lightning, a master at arms entered the hut.

"We've got a lot of T. N. T. stored at the station," he announced. "Here's the detonators. With this lightning it isn't safe to leave 'em near the mines. Will you take care of them over night?"

It was not a restful night for the "Y" man.