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LETTER FROM NORMAN LUCKEY IN PHILIPPINES

Well Pleased With Homelike Quarters At Radio Station in Cavite; Likes New Place.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luckey have recently received a letter from their son Norman, who is connected with a Radio Station in the Philippines. He had just been transferred to a new station and writes interestingly of its advantages and the snugness of his new berth. Norman's many old time school mates are glad to learn of his advancement in the service and this letter indicates he is in excellent quarters. He writes:

High Power Radio St. Cavite, Feb. 3, 1919

Dear Folks:

Having arrived in my new home a few days ago (Jan. 29) I am settled enough to write you a little this afternoon while I'm off watch. I received some letters from you before I left the Mohican but the next day I was transferred and did not get a chance to answer them.

I call this place a "new home" in fact it is a real home that is why I speak of it as such. I'll attempt to tell you a little about our quarters.

There are about 50 men in all here and we have one large building. It is divided into four sections or rooms two in either end, as quarters. Each man has a nice big locker to keep all his clothes and stuff in. There are two rooms in the center, one being the dining room, the other a recreation room. There are also lockers in this room, one of which I have. There are all kinds of books to read, games to play and a phonograph electrically operated, in fact most all the service is by electricity.

All around the building is a nice wide veranda with shutters made of split bamboo which can be raised or lowered, but there is plenty of fresh air always. Extending off the veranda at the back is the cook's galley and our toilet and bath—and it is some nice shower, too.

We have a nice white bed on the veranda, two mattresses, bed springs, sheets and a pillow—and a boy to make your bed for you when you get up in the mornings.

Believe me I sure sleep. You can go to bed any time in the day you are not on watch if you care to.

And for chow, they sure serve it. Officers and all eat at the same table and the same food. Table cloths, napkins and everything. We have ice cream and pie one or the other every day. And all sorts of food such as meat, vegetables, etc., and sssy, they have some hotcakes and waffles for breakfast.

You can go on liberty when you want to, and come back when you want to. You can't beat all that can you? It is home!

I am on the arc engineer's job now, but I don't suppose you would know much about that if I explained it, so I won't bother. Will start to standing secondary watches in three or four months. One is just as important and good as the other so I'm not picking, and one sure learns a lot of sssice on the arc job.

I stood my first secondary watch the other day and was a little nervous when I sent my first call but I made out O. K. I sure like the work. I think I will close now for chow is ready.

With love.

NORMAN.

Feb. 6.

As I haven't mailed this yet I will add that I received the pictures and a letter from you yesterday. Say, the pictures were most welcome, they made me feel back at home for a while. And I take an interest in showing them to the fellows and explaining about it all. Why (an argument) Oregon is the best state and why California and the others are no good. Ha!

I have stood quite a few secondary watches lately and am getting along fine. Have sent several messages.

I got a letter back today that I had sent to Nathan Brown at Fort Monroe, Virginia, unclaimed. Where is he?

They are playing "When I Dream of Old Erin I'm Dreaming of You."



VIVIAN MARTIN in "Unclaimed Goods" A Paramount Picture

on the phonograph now, and it makes me feel a bit homesick. Will knock off.

NORMAN.

PAYROLLS AND IRRIGATION.

A payroll is something every town should strive for. It gives life to a place and makes better conditions. The possibility of payrolls should be given serious consideration by all public spirited citizens. If we don't think about such things they are not likely to materialize. If we don't have some dreams we are going to be just "dronelike" and the fellow who does the dreaming will be getting away with the "persimmon" some day. At least that is the opinion of some fellows and it is worthy of consideration.

What would a big sawmill of say 50,000 feet capacity pay day do toward making a worth-while payroll in Burns? Ever think of it? Is it practical with the production of a class of output that would stand the transportation charges out and compete with the world market? This would involve an outlay of considerable money to build a trucking road to the timber to the north and the establishment of the necessary machinery to equip an enterprise of that magnitude. By the establishment of such a plant in this city we would be provided with the necessary power for lights, power and water. It would add many families to our population and give us an enormous additional business. The writer is not a sawmill man but he is ready to help any man or group of men who are practical and who believe that such an enterprise is worthy.

The organization of an irrigation district, with water impounded in a reservoir, is another feature in the same line of advancement and another means of supplying power and bring about additional wealth to the country. This means much to the city of Burns as well as the entire people of the district. With it, a water and sewer system is possible in addition to the power developed.

Should Mr. Finley succeed in getting his bill for a Malheur bird reserve on the ballot for a referendum vote, there may be enough people in the state influenced by his propaganda to carry it out. In that case an irrigation district in this Valley will practically be a thing of the past, if it provides for the maintaining of a certain height of the water. Even were the district allowed prior to the passage of such a bill it might be possible that compulsory allowance of such a quantity of water to pass on to the lake would seriously interfere with the value of the reservoir.

With the irrigation system established it is easy to predict much advancement and development for Harney county; without it we can expect nothing. Even the discovery of

oil in the Valley does not mean as much for the general advancement and good as does procuring an economical and permanent method to make our farms and ranches more lastingly productive.

The best kind of payroll this community can have, is one obtained from raising and selling our farm products.

LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

The idea of establishing a league to enforce peace is too good to remain a mere idea. It deserves to be a fact.

It is more likely to be one if we avoid pipe-dreams. If we recognize its numerous imperfections—and the prospect of complete breakdown—the scarier will its imperfections—and breakdowns—become.

And here is one little circumstance. Hardly anything has been said about the relationship of the signatories if one or more of them indulged in a revolution. Are the rest of them still bound by their signatures?

If, for example, Italy turns bolshevist, and elects an Italian Trotsky and Lenin. Are the other nations bound by promises made to the present Italian government?

Or if the majority of the powers turn bolshevist (which is not at all improbable) is America bound to accept that majority's rulings and cooperate with it in a series of comic escapades resembling the daily program in Russia? Bedlam might break loose among the preponderating members of the league and what would become of the intelligent minority?

Let us pray that in signing this document we make such reservations as we need for our protection. Let us, for example, define with absolute precision the interpretation of its terms if a responsible foreign government is superseded by a non-descript aggregation of circus clowns.

It is supremely desirable that all nations sign it. Most of them will be prepared, if necessary, to put their own construction on the letter of its provisions.

FOOD SAVING LESSON REMAINS.

The "gospel of the clean plate" was preached so thoroughly during the war that youngsters in the United States still have a guilty conscience if they waste food. The home demonstration agents sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State colleges emphasized in their talks last year the need of conserving food. In Washington Parish, La., a little girl recently took more food on her plate than she could eat. Valiantly she strove for a clean plate, in accordance with the teachings of the home demonstration agent in that parish, but in the end failed. Thereupon she folded her hands, closed her eyes,

and said, "Oh, Lord, please don't let Mr. Hoover or Miss Wolff hear of this. I want to go to heaven if I've got to go any place."

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

George and Joe Buchanan are in from their homes today.

Frank Dibble and wife were in the other day from Silver Creek.

Judge Dalton Biggs is expected to arrive here Monday to open an adjourned term of circuit court. The grand jury will meet at that time and consider such matters as may be placed before it.

B. F. Steel is in town today from his home near Princeton. He was in to see the force at this office and carried away some garden seeds that had been sent us for distribution by Congressman Sinnott.

The Times-Herald has a few packages of government garden seeds left from the supply sent in by "Nick" Sinnott, so our neighbors are invited to call for some or write and we'll mail them to those in the country.

The Times-Herald has just learned of the arrival of a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clak, in Boise, on March 12. Both parents are former Harney County High School students, the mother being Emma Muller.

Smith Crane is back from a business trip to Nampa where he has been looking after his proposed plant to convert cayuse horses into hog feed. He states the plans are progressing and that he hopes soon to announce the completion of the plant. He will remain here for several days with his family and look after some business affairs.

Miss Lois Sweek arrived home last night from Corvallis where she had been with her mother and attending the agricultural college since some time in January. The young lady aided in caring for influenza patients in this community following the closing of the schools last fall and when the epidemic abated she went to Corvallis and put in her enforced vacation to best advantage. She came in to be in readiness for the opening of public school next Monday, she being one of the teachers.

Lethargic encephalities or "sleeping sickness" is now prevalent in this country. Its symptoms may very often be observed in business men Sunday mornings between the hours of six and eleven o'clock. If you had been serving Uncle Sam for \$1.00 a year, and now found you had to add the dollar to your income tax schedule and pay from ten to twelve cents upon it, would you use a big, big D?

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