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LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

Mrs. Mary Shick has received letters from here two sons, Will, who is in the U. S. Navy, and Ray, in the Marine Corps, both of which will interest their Athena friends:

"U. S. S. Shawmut, June 30, 1918. Dear Mother and Sisters:—I guess you are wondering where I am. Well, I am much farther away than I was when in Boston. We left Boston on June 16th, and got over here the 29th. We sure had a nice trip all the way. I didn't see a thing all the way. I guess they knew better than to try to get us, for we were sure on the lookout for the submarines. I stood the trip fine, didn't get one bit seasick. I don't hardly know what to say; the thing you would like to know, I can't tell, but will tell you all about it when I come back home, which I don't think will be such a long time now. Some of the boys say they will eat New Year's dinner in Boston. I don't hardly think they will. I haven't been ashore yet but will go tomorrow and see what kind of a place this is around here. It sure looks nice from the ship. The country looks something like it does around home. The crops look nice and green. It makes me think I am closer home instead of so far away. Have you heard from Ray or John? And how does John like the army by this time? I don't suppose it will be long till he will be over here, too, or maybe three. I guess the Shicks are not doing so bad after all—three out of four. Well, you can tell the rest of the folks as well like it for we have to stay here for 15 months. I hope the war is over by that time. "How are the kids, and are they going to school? I hope so anyway, for they will need all of it when they get. I am going to write Lawson Booher a letter, and will send you my picture soon. It only takes 9 days to go to China. I suppose I will see it before I get home. With love to all. Ray Shick, Marine Barracks, Guam, M. I."

HOME JELLY MAKING WITH JUST PLAIN CORN SYRUP

Miss Lorene Parker, Home Demonstration agent for Umatilla county, gives the following information on jelly making:

"Very good jelly can be made with the white corn syrup instead of sugar. The color and texture are good, and the flavor good, although slightly less sweet than jelly made with sugar. Dark corn syrup cannot be used as it gives a strong, undesirable taste. For fruit juices that have a considerable amount of pectin (jelly making properties) use not more than 2-3 cup and not less than 1-2 cup of the syrup to 1 cup of the juice. In some cases juices that show a poor pectin test, 1 1/2 cup to 1-3 cup of syrup is used to 1 cup of juice. The jelly is made the same as any jelly and when the mixture coats a spoon and drops off in two drops it is cooked sufficiently to jelly. Blackberry, apple, currants, crabapple and Oregon grape have been used and all made good jelly. Loganberry was used but seemed to be lacking in pectin. "Preserves may also be made with the syrup and for canning purposes, 1 cup of the syrup to 3 cups of water will be sufficient for the sweeter fruits. The two corn syrups we are most familiar with are Karo, costing \$1.20 for a 10-pound can, and Wedding Breakfast brand, costing \$3.00 for a gallon jar. "Where honey can be obtained it can be used in the same way that the syrup is used, but is too expensive to be practical. In choosing fruits for jelly making, do not have over-ripe fruits. Better have about half slightly under-ripe, to furnish the pectin and the remainder ripe, to give the desired flavor and color."

GROCCERS INSTRUCTED TO KEEP RECORD SUGAR SALES

All retail grocers of Umatilla county have been instructed to keep a record of all sugar sales from August 1st. These records will be turned in to the County Administration at the end of the month and later be used by the officials in checking up the individual consumers, to see that they have not purchased more than their two pounds per month per person. Later on, it is anticipated, the State Administration will issue individual sugar cards. Should the records show that any person has, by buying from several different stores, exceeded his monthly allowance, the Administration has authority to prohibit the offender from securing any sugar for such period as they might fix, or the offender is subject to prosecution under the Hoarding Act. "Special permits for canning-sugar are still being issued by the Administration upon statements showing the amount of fruit which a person desires to can. However, permits will not be issued for sugar to make jellies, jams or rich preserves, these being considered table luxuries. In this connection, to help out the housewife, Miss Lorene Parker the Home Demonstration Agent, has prepared a recipe to make jelly by using white corn syrup, as a substitute for sugar, is given in another column."

Vimy Ridge Survivor

George Wells, who in 1909 was employed by Taylor & LeGrow in the Athena Meat Market, was in the city Sunday recounting to his friends his experiences in the great world war. Wells has been honorably discharged from the 50th Canadian Rifles on account of physical disability as the result of being shrapneled in feet and legs in the battle of Vimy Ridge, last year when the Canadians and the Australians shovelled the boche out of that famous stronghold after weeks of fighting. Wells has many horrifying incidents to relate, ending all with the statement that the allies are sure to win in the end. He left Monday for home where he was employed prior to enlisting in the service.

Register Sept. 5th.

September 5 will be the registration day for more than 18,000,000 Americans between 18 and 21, and between 32 and 45, if congress heeds Crowder's urgent plea by passing the manpower bill. Crowder warned that registration must not be delayed if October, November and December calls are to be filled by Class 1 men.

COUNTY AGENT ADVISES OUR FARMERS TO SAVE STRAW

"While we are Hooverizing on substitutes that were formerly considered unpalatable," says County Agent Shrock, "let us see if we cannot teach the livestock to aid the cause of freedom and democracy by a little Hooverizing."

"Thousands of tons of straw are annually burned in Umatilla county. Straw has low feed value if fed alone. This is because it is low in protein and high in crude fibre. If fed alone its effects on the digestive tract soon becomes serious. It is the same with some of the substitutes we are eating, but we do not eat them alone. We use some judgment and follow prescribed formulas for mixing. "Let us use the same judgment with our stock feeding. What shall we mix it with? Naturally we will select the feeds that are long on the very factors straw is short on and vice versa. Straw is short on protein and long on crude fibre. Oil meal, Soy bean meal, cotton seed meal, bran and alfalfa in the order named are our choice. This is no experiment, it has been amply demonstrated. Cattle have been wintered on two pounds of oil meal per animal daily and all the straw they would eat, coming through in fine shape. "With hay at \$20 per ton, and scarce at that figure we must look for substitutes. Straw is the most abundant thing we have."

ATHENA BOYS ON THE FIRING LINE

The following letter from Sergeant George Winship, to his parents, dated July 18th, shows him to be on the firing line, and also mentions other Athena boys. He says, in part:

"Have been going to write for the past week, but am on the front and have little time for writing. Have been on the front since July 4th. The work I am in now is to keep autos and guns going, also see that they have ammunition, which is sure some job. Have eight men under me, and we never know when we will be called upon to make a trip to one of the batteries. It gives one a queer feeling to go along the road, knowing that you might connect up with a 135 G. P. F. But I like this better than being in camps like we have been, for here we have noise in the daytime and fireworks at night. "The heaviest fighting is between 2:30 a. m. and 12 noon, rain or shine it goes on just the same. I saw the Germans set a French balloon on fire also an airplane battle yesterday. This life is sure a thrill from start to finish. We hang onto our steel derbies and gas masks now. They are our best friends. "Sam Starr is telephone operator in one of the observation posts. Ed Seabasky and Harry Keller are both on the guns, and Jim Sturgis arrived on the front yesterday. Night before last I met Leslie McCubbins on the ammunition train. "It's pitiful to see the poor French people leaving their homes. It is a sad sight to see hundreds of them along the roads taking their few belongings and stock with them. Yesterday went out to bring in a Dodge and I passed an old lady and a small boy; one was leading a cow and the other a sheep, all they had left in the world, or at least time to bring with them. This is the saddest part of the war, to my thinking, but things of which I cannot write show that it won't be long before they will again have their homes back. "Have been watching the Germans fire at an observation balloon, also an air fight. As I write this, the 135 G. P. F. are sure making some noise. It's now 9 p. m., so it won't be long until the big battle starts up for the night. It was a warm one last night. It seemed as if I could reach the shells going over, and it was a sight to watch them break. "I have to accompany each ammunition train from the dump to the guns, which is all done at night, and it is scary at times, but I like it. I figure that if my name is on one of them I will get it, no matter where I am. Feeling that way, I am not afraid. Must stop and curl up for a little nap. "George."

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN WILL CALL FOR \$6,000,000,000

The campaign for the fourth Liberty loan will open Saturday, Sept. 28 and continue three weeks, ending Oct. 19, it was announced Tuesday night by Secretary McAdoo.

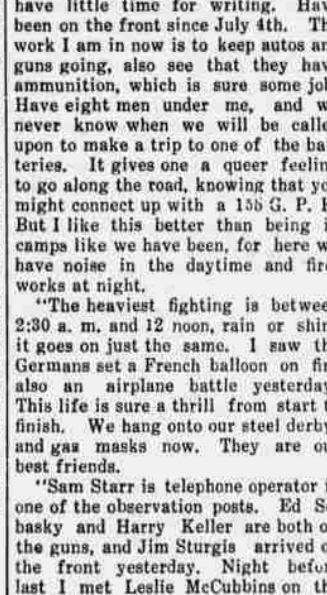
In fixing three weeks as the length of the campaign for the fourth loan instead of four weeks as in previous loans, treasury officials plan for a more intensive campaign. A shorter campaign, it was said, will also enable more business men to enlist as workers. Although official announcement has not been made, the amount of the loan probably will be \$6,000,000,000 and the rate of interest 4-1/4 per cent. Should the treasury decide soon to place the market certificates of indebtedness redeemable next June.

Stars and Stripes Received.

A copy of The Stars and Stripes, famous official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force, of the date of June 28, was received yesterday by Fay LeGrow, Sergeant George Winship being the sender. The paper, published in Paris, is gotten up by American soldiers, and is chock full of news and pep.

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Broncho Bob Coming.

Broncho Bob Hall, famous as a bucking horse rider and runner-up in Round-Up contests of the past two years, is coming back to Pendleton next month with the announced determination of winning the much coveted championship in his pet event. In 1916 Hall captured third honors to Jackson Sundown and Rufus Rellins. Last year in spite of the handicap of a badly twisted ankle, he succeeded in winning second place to Yakima Canutt, and feeling that he is still on the up grade, he has it doped out that he is due to ride into the championship this year.

Perfectly Good Beer.

M. J. McMillan of Walla Walla believed he could make beer at home so good that none could tell it from the brewery product. He put his theory to a test and the beverage was passed on officially by Judge Douglas in justice court. McMillan paid \$25 for the test at the suggestion of the judge. He turned over the money smiling, insisting that his opinion had been vindicated. Sheriff Barnes had heard of McMillan's experiment and arrived at the house just when the beer was getting good.

Evolution of the Steamboat.

Edward Hungerford, writing of the evolution of the steamboat in the National Marine, opens his argument with the following paragraph: "The United States has been and still remains the nation of the steamboat. She was the first nation to successfully apply steam propulsion to boats, and even though England shot ahead of us in her development of the steam vessel upon the salt seas—while we still clung rather proudly to our vaunted clipper ships—we had a great pride in the steamboats, big and little, which plied upon our inland waters. And the affection that the steamboat gained in the hearts of Americans more than a century it has never lost."

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Berkley Cambric 100 - - - 32 1-2c	Pequot 12-inch Tubing - - - 45c	Acorn pillow cases pr. - 48c
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