

New Year Greeting

While the stars of the New Year shine,
Lighting the skies,
While the bells of the New Year ring,
Joyous and clear,
To you and yours a wireless
Along the Good-will line,
It brings a New Year's greeting
With best wishes from

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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet of Liberty."

A letter received last week by D.E. Stephens, of the Experiment Farm, from F. J. Schneiderhan, formerly connected with the farm, stated that he had recently been promoted to a 2d lieutenant in the gas defense service. This speaks well of Mr. Schneiderhan's efficiency, as he but recently enlisted as a private.

Notes From France

The following soldier letter has been handed the Observer by Mrs. W. B. Johnson, telling about social conditions in France from a new viewpoint. The writer is Samuel R. Walton, brother to Mrs. Johnston, who is a member of Battery D, 116th F.A.

"Dear Mother: This is Sunday evening, and almost getting dark, but have nothing else to do, so will write. We got mail to day. Received one from Carl S. Morse, Vivin, and your letter of June 20, telling me you had received the card I had mailed safely. It is too bad Ford got his hand hurt again, but that is just like him. What did the farm adviser think our land needed? I see all kinds of U.S. made cars over here. The French may make fine machines, but there is only a few used. There are absolutely no pleasure cars run here in England. The people in the United States may sacrifice a little, but they don't know the real meaning of the word.

This is an artillery camp, where I suppose we receive our final training. We will leave here in three weeks or so for the front. We have our six-inch howitzers, but motors are so hard to get over we are getting horses. They

are being brought around France. Nearly all are stallions and everybody is afraid of them. One of them killed a fellow in the 118th F.A. I have missed all the details of fellows who went to the station after them. I don't know anything about horses, see. I don't want to fool with them, unless I am compelled to. I am on the first gun squad, second section. Those big guns sure make a noise and when we get to the front it will be us or them. But I think it will be them. Those 6-inch projectiles can be seen as they leave the muzzle, and for a mile in the air, with the naked eye. Howitzer means high angle. The projectiles go high and drop over. The powder is in bundles, and looks like chewing gum. It is placed in the breech in a sack. They are French guns. We have quite a time with our instructors. We have Americans who have been on the front with these guns. They teach us the best American way, and the French instructors try to teach us their way. The Americans can't be beat any place in the field.

We go on the range again in the morning. This camp is Napoleon's old camp, some of the buildings he used are still in use by the 118 F.A. All around the country we can see trenches made by his soldiers. I did

not get to finish last evening, so will close this now.

The worst thing I have to contend with is the boys coming in sig-tag, vomiting, fighting and doing every thing that is disgusting. The women over here haven't that high moral standard that our ladies of the U. S. have. In the cities over here there are public latrines on the streets, where the users are in plain view of the passer-by. Wines are sold to soldiers over here, and it can be bought any time just outside the camp. I hope they can't get it when we get to the front. We are located in the South of France.

By the time all these fellows who registered in June leave there will not be many fellows left; but we will be back before long, I think. In England and France the Germans prisoners are treated fine and are only required to do three-fourths of a man's work. A guard is courtmartialled who speaks unkind to them.

Don't worry at all; I don't feel at all uneasy. I have had the advantage of good training at home which some of the fellows must not have had; and they will sadly miss it, to.

Your Soldier Son.

Increased Egg Production

It is a fact that Sherman county farmers or their wives can clear from \$15,000 to \$20,000 above what they are now getting during the months of October, November, December and January alone without increasing their flocks. Notice the following figures:

Five hundred farms in the county have an average of at least three dozen hens per farm, giving us a total of at least 1500 dozen hens on the farms of the county. Careful investigation reveals the fact that on an average these hens are not producing more than one egg per dozen hens per day on an average of the four months period mentioned above. This would make our present production around 125 dozen eggs per day. By using care in selecting breeding stock, hatching early and observing a few points in feeding we can depend on at least four eggs from each dozen hens for this same four month period or an increase of .375 dozen eggs per day. This would amount to 11,250 dozen per month or 45,000 dozen increase in the four months period. At 50 cents per dozen, which is 10 per cent under the average this year, these would be worth \$22,500. Allowing \$7,500 for any extra feed given these hens we would have a net profit of \$15,000. This would be clear velvet and this amount would be increased if we took into consideration the production of the other eight months of the year about which no mention is made.

You have it on paper and now we want a chance to demonstrate it on every farm in the county. It does not call for expensive equipment or any more hens unless you want them. Remember that one egg in the winter is worth two in the spring or summer on the market and the fall and winter is the very time when your pullets should be getting in their work. Just give them the chance they deserve.

In the next three issues of The Observer we will discuss briefly the breeding, hatching and feeding, or the three things that determine what your flock is doing or rather what your flock is able to do.

If you want eggs next fall and winter begin to plan now. Unless you do you will wake up to the fact later this spring that you can't get started off on the poultry work this year. If you want your flock to lay this next fall and winter make definite plans now. The county agent will gladly give your problem his personal attention. We will have a number of valuable poultry bulletins for distribution in the very near future. Either write or call for them. Again we ask you to give this poultry problem, which we have called a side issue, but which is worthy of our serious consideration when we realize that it affects every farm your serious consideration. The farm flock can be doubled in production and made to pay the entire grocery bill without any trouble if they are given a chance. This will be appreciated when wheat goes down again.

Moro High School Notes

Thirty two parents met at the school auditorium on Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Parents-Teachers' association. Officers elected were: W. C. Bryant president, Mrs. Nellie Muir vice president, C. C. Calkins secretary, G. B. Bourhill treasurer. Meetings will be held each third Thursday of each month.

The basket ball game between The Dalles and Moro High School teams last Friday was a closely contested game. The Dalles winning with a score of 16 to 14. The team and the High School appreciate the attendance of the enthusiastic crowd that was present.

Preceding the basket ball game with The Dalles the Freshmen and Sophomore girls played the Junior and Senior girls. The latter winning with a score of 10 to 5.

Miss Albee was absent two days and a half last week. Miss Mabel Blue substituting for her.

Seral Seacry was visiting the High School Monday. He is home on a five day naval furlough.

School closed Tuesday for the rest of the week, beginning again on the 30th.

The Senior class have received and are wearing their new class pins.

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School Fair Association Doing

The executive committee for the School Fair Association and the Field Meet and Declamatory Association met in Moro on Saturday, December 14th, in the county school superintendent's office. Those present were County School Superintendent Curfman, W. A. Terrall, principal of Wasco school, F. E. Fagan, principal of Moro school, H. C. Gregg, principal of Grass Valley school, and Miss Mae B. Lynch, principal of Kent school. W. A. Terrall was re-elected secretary and F. E. Fagan treasurer.

The following club projects were adopted for Sherman county schools for the next year: Potato growing, vegetable gardening, poultry raising or incubation of one setting of hen's eggs, pork production or care and management of a brood sow and litter, sheep raising or care and management of one or more ewes and their lambs, calf raising, first division, care and management of one or more calves of any dairy breed for a period of four months, and second division, calves of beef breed, canning project, cookery and rural home beautification. The prizes are to be \$5 for first, \$4 for second, \$3 for third, \$2 for fourth and \$1 for fifth. A free trip to the State Fair, which is the capital prize, is to be for the two boys and girls who score the highest in club work, irrespective of the town or school from which they come. That is, all four representatives may be from the same town or same rural school, providing they score the highest in club work. It will mean that if a school gets a representative, it will have a winner.

The committee left the arrangement of the mechanical project to the county superintendent and Manual Training Teacher Mack. It was decided to offer a prize of \$10 to the one room school and also \$10 to the school of more than one class room, which has the best and most attractive booth at the county fair.

It was decided to hold four local fairs in the county, one each at Moro, Wasco, Grass Valley and Kent, about the same time they were held last spring. A resolution was passed asking that the county school superintendent arrange for a Sherman county school booth at the state fair next fall. By unanimous consent the open contest is to be left out next year and all the interest is to be centered on the contest of club members.

The Field Meet and Declamatory Contest is to be held in Moro on the last day of school. No other changes were made for this event.

The Presbyterian Bible School at Monkland held its Christmas service on last Sunday afternoon. The church was tastefully decorated with Yarnhill county fir trees and twigs and other evergreens decorations. The program consisted of Christmas carols by the congregation, solos, readings, exercises by the children and a pantomime "Holy Night." The offering for charity amounted to more than \$15.

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