

OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

News Letters, and Stories of Our Soldiers and Sailors in France, In the Training Camps, On the High Seas, and Everywhere Gallant American Fighters Are Found.

News was received last week of the safe arrival of the division to which Guy G. Weaver of Hubbard belongs.

News has been received by Mrs. Forest Mills of the safe arrival in France of her son Lieut. F. M. Phelps on the 355th U. S. Infantry. He left Camp Lewis in June.

Fred Kerr, Gifford Osborne and Chester Hannigan are all reported to be in a military hospital in France, when last heard from. The former is the son and the latter is a cousin of Mrs. J. F. Kerr of this city. Osborne is a son of

MACKSBURG.

The Little Girls Sewing Circle will meet August 10th at the home of G. M. Baldwin.

Travel for the last few days has been a veritable delight, the freedom from either dust or mud—being transient in this new country where the driveways are as yet in their infancy, meets the appreciation of all.

The Red Cross Auxiliary held its usual meeting on Wednesday last and will meet again on the last day in July to complete work which must be taken to headquarters with our months report in the first week of August. Many of our workers have had the sadness of the war brought home to them in that sorrest of trials the departure of sons or brothers for the war. One of our members has four sons in the service while the fifth too young for the draft, is anxious to enlist.

As if with the impulse of a new spring all vegetation has been revived by the recent rains and seems trying to regain the ground lost in the long drouth. Most of the winter grain was cut before the rain, but the spring wheat and oats as well as the corn and potatoes are growing at a pace that only Nature's stored up forces could produce. The fruit about which for a time grave apprehensions were held, earlier in the season is super-abundant. Cherries have been most plenty and of an extra fine quality. The berry season which is now about ended has with the exception of strawberries been a successful one. The evergreen blackberry will be ripe in the middle of August and is in its wonted profusion. Pear and plum trees are loaded to the breaking point, while apples promise to be as plenty as usual.

Constant good news from the seat of war brings a hope that goes far toward banishing the sadness inseparable from the many places left vacant by the young men who have gone to fight for us over the sea, and cheering it is to see the readiness with the work these brave boys were doing is taken up by those they have left behind. School boys are performing labor, though, heretofore, only suitable for full-grown men while the threshing crews are composed largely of men who had thought themselves past the age for that work. Determination to stand by their country till she is safely through this ordeal seems to have brought an almost super human power into every frame that holds a loyal heart. Reward will be theirs when the war is over and the nation's work is apportioned among her people. Men and women to fill places of honor and trust will be drawn from the ranks of those who have gone on record for loyalty and truth, not from those who have with held both their services and their gold because, forsooth, their conscience does not allow them to fight. A benighted conscience it must be which opposed to bloodshed in any cause can wish to set supinely at home and let a reign of carnage and slaughter unquailed in all history go uninteruptedly on. Who would wish to be in the place of those pacifists when the war is ended and they must stand face to face with our battle scarred warriors on their return?

FARGO NEWS.

Miss Marguerite Addis is spending the week with her sister in Portland, and Miss Danella Rader has just returned for a few days visit there, Miss Audrey Mullieon, also, is just home from a three days stay in Portland.

The berry pickers picnic was held at Horseshoe Lake and at the river near St. Paul. The day was ideal, an occasional shower making it cool and pleasant. Games and bathing was the order of the day. Everybody came home voting it one of the best times ever.

Master Lloyd Prink is the new agent for the Portland Telegram. He has 25 subs and wants 50. As he is earning money to invest in war stamps, he should be encouraged by receiving your patronage. He delivers the paper at your door the same day it is printed. His address is Route 3, Aurora.

Church services was held at the usual hour. Rev. Hutcheson of Sutherlin M. E. church preached at both the morn-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osborne at Cham-poeg.

Leslie Grazer, at Camp Humphreys, Virginia does not like the Virginia weather which he says is very hot, but which all of a sudden becomes cloudy with a terrific thunder storm following—"and it rains something awful". He says he can get no fruit there—"except cabbage and potatoes. His company has received overseas equipment consisting of overseas packs, shoes, leggings, underwear, barrack bags, tents, raincoats, overalls, jumpers, socks, and "everything else."

Several Portland people were recent guests here. Among them were Daniel Wilson at the home of Mrs. M. H. Gilbertson and her brother Michael Brennan; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tarbell and Miss King at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tarbell and Miss King at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Fargo; Mr. and Mrs. Linn Eberman at the Eberman home; Mr. Foster Bither at the home of Miss Danella Rader; Miss Alletta Prink at the home of her cousin Miss Pansy Prink; Miss Vetta Coles at the home of her cousin Mrs. Emma Whitney Prink.

On Sunday August 4th, the official board of the Fargo church will meet. Rev. Acheson will explain the benevolence duties of the church. On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock Mrs. Helen Anderson Eberman of Portland will give a musical entertainment at the church. The program is replete with pleasing numbers, 17 in all composed of vocal and violin solos, piano solos, vocal duets, trios, male quartette and a double quartette. One admission of 25c for adults and 15c for children will be charged. The proceeds of which will go into the regular church fund.

MERIDIAN

Mrs. C. C. Oldfield has been a visitor in Portland the past few weeks.

Forrest E. Mills and family were visitors at Needy Monday evening.

Mrs. K. Dibble has been quite sick from the effects of poison oak on her eyes.

The War Saving Society held a well attended meeting last week at the J. F. Campau home.

Carl Potwin drove the Pratt truck to Wilhoits Sunday, with a crowd from here. Everyone enjoyed the outing.

Mr. Berbon, who is working in a shipyard at Portland, was here over Sunday, visiting his wife and children.

Amos Lais started his threshing machine Tuesday. His first job was near Hubbard. Many of the Meridian farmers are nearly ready for the thresher.

Mrs. M. France is home from a trip to Tacoma.

A. B. Grimm was a recent visitor here from Milwaukee.

Mrs. Downs of Silverton has been the guest of Mrs. Sandberg this week at the Sandberg farm on the Pacific highway south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Colvin returned yesterday from Hood River, where they had been called by the illness of their son John Colvin, who is now much improved.

W. H. Nibler and Felix Isaacson went up the Abiqua and Butte Creek this week for trout. The latter attributes their catch of 13 to the wrong brand (or blend) of bait.

Mrs. Diana McDonell who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. S. Vandeleur, has returned to her home in Portland. She leaves next week for Calfax, Wash., for a visit. Her little granddaughter Henrietta White, the daughter of Major White, remains a few days.

MARKET REPORT

Egg per dozen, 41c
Butter, 2-lb. roll, 80c
Butter Fat, 41c
Spring Broilers 25c
Ducks, 18c to 20c
Turkeys, old, 20c
Jeese 12c
Old Roosters, 12c
Hens, 18c to 21c
Beans 6c to 10c
Cascara, 8c
Lard, 30c
Wool, 60
Mohair 45c
Potatoes, \$1.00

Town Topics

W. A. Rogers of Union Hill was a business visitor here this week.

J. M. Will and daughter Leona spent part of the day in Oregon City Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt of Broad-acres were here Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yergen were among the people of the Donald district here Monday.

Henry and Kenneth Bents and Harry and Carl Ehlen drove to Portland Sunday to spend the day at the Oaks.

Mrs. Clara Atchison and little sons went to Portland this week to visit Mrs. Atchison's sister Mrs. John R. Laach.

Mrs. George Calclazier and Miss Louine Kerr motored to Salen Tuesday to attend the dedication of the new Marion-Polk bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Zimmerman, and Ralph, Al, and Elmer Zimmerman motored to Albany Sunday to visit J. A. Zimmerman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Colclazier motored to the valley to Albany Sunday going up on side of the Willamette and coming down on the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marsh who were visitors here for the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marsh, have returned to their home.

FOR SALE—Black mare, about 8 years old, weight about 1000 lbs. Fine roadster.—H. W. Watkins, Route 3, 21st.

Ralph Zimmerman was here from Portland to accompany his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chris Zimmerman to Albany to visit their son J. A. Zimmerman.

Mrs. E. M. Grim and daughter Mildred spent the week end in Portland visiting her sister Louisa Smidt, who has visited here at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. C. Carethers.

J. Lee Erickson of Canby, and George W. Steelhammer of Silverton are among those accepted for admission to the Officers Training Camp which opens Saturday and closes August 31.

Emery Howe, who has been on leave for several weeks, has returned from Portland and began work again Monday as carrier on Route 1. Mrs. Howe will remain in Portland a short time.

L. P. Swan and family motored over from Champeog Tuesday evening on business. Repair betterments have been completed at the Champeog Flouring Mill and custom grinding will begin Monday.

County Judge Anderson of Clackamas county has appointed the following as deputy county food administrators to assist him as county administrator: Chas. N. Wait of Canby, C. R. Gunzel of Wilsonville, and Wm. Mackrell of Molalla.

R. P. Boise, brotner-in-law of Senator McNary, has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late Jessie Breyman McNary, wife of Senator McNary, who was killed recently in an automobile accident. According to estimates filed in court, the estate consists of real estate valued at \$60,000 and personal property amounting to \$33,450. Senator McNary is the sole heir-at-law.

A few years ago when a prisoner escaped from the Oregon pen, everybody blamed Oswald West and his system. Now, to put it in the words of Warden Murphy. "It simply goes to show the futility of trying to keep men in the Oregon state penitentiary if they want to get out. The buildings and walls are so old and worn out that only the close vigilance that is maintained continually keeps them in. The bars are so soft that a saw made from a case-knife will cut them."

Interest is increasing in sheep both for mutton and wool. The quicker Valley farmers stock up (not overstock) their farms the quicker their profits will begin.

Barley flour is nourishing but should be used (as a wheat flour substitute) only in small quantities. Use only a little in all breads and it will not upset stomachs.

There isn't much virtue or patriotism in talking about food economy. Practice it.

Peaches For Canning

Hales' Early, half Cling peaches are now ripe. \$1.50 per bushel at the orchard. Hollyheim Orchards, Chas. Eilers, Route 3, Aurora.

MILL READY FOR BUSINESS

Swan's Mill at Champeog will be ready Monday, Aug. 5, to take in wheat and to do custom grinding on and after that date. 21-2tp.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bachert, who have been living at Puget, Washington, for about two years, have returned to Aurora and will live on the Bachert homestead southeast of town. They are accompanied by Mr. Bachert's nephew of Tacoma.

Big Jitney Dance—At Woodburn, Wednesday night, August 7. A big four piece orchestra. A big time. Given by the management of the Moose Hall Dancers. Every Saturday night at Salem, Oregon.

The Portland Union Stock Yards Bulletin of July 30 gives the following live stock prices. Prime steers \$11.75 to \$12.25. Choice cows and heifers \$8 to \$8.50. Bulls \$5.50 to \$7.50. Prime mixed hogs \$18.10 to \$18.35. Valley lambs \$13 to \$13.50.

Miss Mabel Thomas is here this week assisting at the Sadler & Kraus store during the absence of Mr. Sadler, on his vacation at the Beaches. Mrs. Nora Blosser has also been engaged by the firm as a permanent employe.

Glen C. Carothers recently spent several days in the Spring Water country, where he has spent his boyhood days. He reports numerous changes and rough roads. He made the trip by auto. He states the change good for a fellow, but is glad to get back to the valley.

Born, to the wife of I. C. Everly at Lake View, Oregon, a fine 10-pound daughter. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely according to a letter received yesterday from Mrs. Everly, who is at Lake View. Their home is 35 miles south of that place, across the California line.

Edward Muecke and Carl Rhode arrived Friday from San Francisco to visit at the Muecke Farm north of town. They came overland by auto, having expressed their trunks on ahead. Both are well known here, having been in the mercantile business in Aurora more than 25 years ago, and having made many and frequent visits here since that time. G. A. Muecke of Portland has been here part of the week to visit his sons. Yesterday he and the California visitors motored to Mt. Angel to visit friends at the college.

Miss Crescentia Glatt of Woodburn was the guest of Miss Velma Bents early this week.

William Kerr of Sheridan was a visitor here this week at the home of his sister-in-law Mrs. J. F. Kerr.

J. L. Snyder, who last week entrained for Camp Lewis, returned yesterday having been rejected by the examiners for the present physical reasons.

Edmund Stoner was home from Portland Sunday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stoner. He enlisted some time ago and is now in training at the Benson Polytechnic school at Portland. His brother Ben is in California in the service.

Additional Editorials

The Kaiser still has use for men and newspapers in America—even in Oregon. While the war lasts they will probably keep very quiet, but when the time comes to talk peace, the Kaiser's secret friends and subsidized publications will speak up in an effort to create a sentiment in favor of easy terms for the Huns. We shall then hear much about letting the German people choose their own form of government, though all of us know the German people now have absolutely no more chance to throw off the yoke of autocracy that is riveted upon their necks than they had in 1848. While Prussianism survives the people of Germany are not free agents. If the House of Hohenzoller is allowed to survive the war, the German people will have no free choice as to their form of government. Any American citizen or newspaper who comes to the Kaiser's rescue with the plea of self determination for Germany, shedding crocodile tears over the hard terms we and our allies will seek to impose when the time comes, may well be marked in advance as Pro-Hun. In their hearts such men and such publications are pro-German today. The leopard cannot change its spots.

Sweet Home is a sweet little hamlet in Linn county populated by direct and forceful patriots. First in every patriotic move, drive or campaign for men, money or marbles. Sweet Home blazed the trail and pointed the way of real Americanism. But round about that idyllic berg lived many good citizens of Swiss and German extraction who came to Sweet Home to market and tarried to gossip about the war in an alien tongue—mostly enemy alien—on the streets and in public places. It was too much. The city council, the Council of Defence, the G. A. R., the Woman's Club, the F. O. B., and the S. O. S., the E. T. C. & C., combined forces and decreed that only English to be used in converse upon the streets and alleys of Sweet Home. Tell the Kaiser!

One of the field secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. recently returned from France advises the families of soldiers to write good long letters to the boys in the service, telling all about the little happenings at home. He says, "when the soldier is off duty his mind travels straight back home and he wants to know all the little things that are happening there. Those are the things that carry him back home. Don't write him about the things you think he's doing. Every day he experiences things that stagger the imagination, and you can't tell him anything about them. Put love and sentiment into your letters, and when you've told it all, write another page."

Neglecting to destroy noxious weeds and failure to prevent their spread to neighboring lots or farms is an example of waste and anti-conservation that self-interest—if no other—should prevent. W. W. Irvin says that such failure and neglect is helping the Kaiser to a greater extent than the petty propaganda of the secret friends of the "Butcher of Berlin". Obey the law and destroy the noxious weeds, thus swatting Kaiser Bill and another back-hander.

Every woman in Oregon ought to belong to a "Ruth Club." If there is none in her neighborhood, she should organize one. If there are no neighbors, she can be "Ruth" herself. "Ruth Clubs" are gleaners, not alone gleaners of grain like the biblical Ruth, but of all that can be saved for food. They garner the food into bins, boxes, crates, jars, bottles, and jelly glasses. There are no dues, no rules and regulations, no constitution and by-laws, no uniform except the good old fashioned gingham apron.

It is reported that one county food administrator is "getting tired of issuing sugar permits". In one case he is reported to have told the applicant to "go to the store and tell them to give you 25 pounds." If county food administrators are negligent in the enforcement of the regulations, what can be expected of the merchants and the people?

The United States government assumes control of every telephone company in the country today though it may be some time before the postoffice department takes any active part in their management.

The voluntary sacrifice, due to the war, along food lines will bring health to many, and it will be a crime for America to slip back into her pre-war riot of high living and extravagant eating.

Great Britain has ordered the destruction of 2,500,000 dogs which are estimated to consume as much food as 250,000 people. There are probably five or ten million curs that could be spared easily in America.