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Million Letters in the Mails Today Bearing Magic Words "With the Colors"

Keynote of the Splendid Work the Y. M. C. A. Does Among Our Men in Uniform Is Keeping Them In Touch With the Folks at Home.

STAMPED WITH STARS AND STRIPES AND RED TRIANGLE

Multifarious Ways in Which the Association Appeals to Your Boy, Your Neighbor's Boy, or Some Boy You Know and Love— Creates a Helpful Environment in Cantonment, on Way Overseas, in Front Line Trench and Beyond—First to Aid as He Comes Tottering Back—Give Your Share of the \$35,000,000 Required to Accomplish This "Last Evidence That Somebody Cares."

It was evening on the broad Hempstead Plain, Long Island, where the Rainbow division was spending its last night before embarking for France. It had been raining hard in the afternoon—a cold, steady autumn downpour—and there was nothing to suggest the rainbow in the outward aspect of the camp. Lines and lines of sodden canvas housed 27,000 men, gathered from 27 different states. The ground was dotted with pools and quagmires. Under the wet canvas it was damp and cold, with a penetrating chill. Lit by flickering candles, the tents were far from cheerful shelter for a man's last night in his native land.

them on their last night before going across. And it was with a throb of the heart that I watched them, bent over their letter paper, in one after another of those seven big tents. These were the tents of the Y. M. C. A. On that last night in America the association was serving the soldiers in the best of all ways—giving them an opportunity to write home. On previous nights they had enjoyed boxing bouts, movies, concerts, dramatics and a score of healthy entertainments as well as religious meetings. But on this last night home ties were strongest. And perhaps that is the keynote of the splendid work the Y. M. C. A. is doing among our men in uniform—keeping them in touch with home.

press company the world has ever seen, and the parcels it is handling are the loves and devotions of human beings.

World's Best Loved Trademark.
This war has made us think hard and fast. Your boy or your neighbor's boy or some boy you know and love has been called to do his share in the big job of policing the world for democracy and human liberty. Is it any comfort to you to know that wherever his duty may call him your boy will have a friend that will serve him in body, mind and soul? Are you glad to know that this friend will place books and magazines at his disposal, organize classes to teach him whatever he wants to learn, give him a pocket testament and invite him to join religious meetings of the faith that he was brought up in? Did you realize that the association provides athletic equipment for his favorite games, teaches him games if he knows none and holds concerts, lectures, movies, Bible classes, dramatic entertainments and every kind of wholesome amusement to keep him interested? Are you glad to know that this friend will go with him overseas; help to shield him from a score of difficult and dangerous temptations and follow him right up to the front line trench and beyond it? The last contact the soldier has with this life he loves so well is a cup of tea given him by the Y. M. C. A. free just before he goes "over the top" to a hand to hand struggle with the enemy. And as he comes tottering back from No Man's Land wounded, but strong enough and plucky enough to keep on his feet, even before his wounds are dressed the Y. M. C. A. is waiting for him with tea and sweet chocolate, the great comforts of the man in the trenches. Do you wonder that the Red Triangle is called "the best loved trademark in the world"? One soldier in France has called it "the last evidence that anybody cares."

If every thinking citizen could see with his or her own eyes something of the actual work being done for our men by the association there would be no question of the Y. M. C. A. having to appeal to the public for money. Rather than let this essential work falter for an instant rich men would sell their motorcars, poor men would forego coveted possessions or even necessities. The work must go on, because there is no one thing that contributes so much to the spirit and efficiency of the troops. The Y. M. C. A. is working night and day to help the government win this war. And every penny that is given to aid the work is a direct assistance to the health, happiness and strength of your boy and mine.

Snaphots of Kaleidoscope Work.
In all the big cities in France where our men pass through in large numbers, the Y. M. C. A. is operating hostels, where they can get beds and meals at a minimum cost. In London the American Y. M. C. A. has erected a large building for our soldiers and a clubhouse for American officers.

There are Y. M. C. A. dugouts right behind the front line trenches, where the soldiers can get hot drinks, crackers and other comforts at all hours.

Over 2,000 men who had been rejected on account of physical disability have been able to get into the British army by reason of the physical work of the British Y. M. C. A.

A fleet of motor cars leaves the big Y. M. C. A. headquarters in London at midnight every night to pick up soldiers who are wandering about the streets without any wholesome lodging in which to spend the night. These cars are operated by Englishwomen of position and refinement who report that they never meet any discourtesy at the hands of the soldiers. The importance of this service can be estimated by the fact that at least 25,000 soldiers are on leave in London every week. Over half of these sleep in Y. M. C. A. beds every night.

Entertainment on Vast Scale.
The Y. M. C. A. has erected a big auditorium, seating 3,000, in each of the big draft camps, and has equipped them, seating 2,500 in the other encampments. The association is running a 22 week entertainment circuit among the camps and is paying 15 companies of entertainers, who are traveling to 30 camps performing before the men.

In each of the draft camps the Y. M. C. A. has ten secretaries engaged in educational work. The association is so anxious to it that every man who cannot speak English is taught to do so. In many of the camps the association has a singing director, who is teaching the men to sing the popular and martial airs that do so much to keep up their spirits.

Of 54 Y. M. C. A. men at Camp Dix only three are being paid full salaries. In all the camps the majority of the Y. M. C. A. men have left lucrative positions to do this work simply because it is irresistible to any red blooded man. Harry Lander, the famous Scotch singer and comedian, now on his farewell concert tour in the United States, is giving all his spare time to the service of the association and is along to the soldiers at all the camps he can reach.

COMMITTEES WILL URGE ROAD TAX MEASURE

A meeting of the good road committee having in charge the matter of promoting the success of next Tuesday's Road Tax election, was held in the offices of Woodson & Swick Wednesday afternoon when it was decided to make a thorough canvass of each of the six road districts in which elections will be held to urge the importance of giving the measure a strong affirmative vote. The issue is to vote a special 5 mill road tax in each of the six road districts through which the proposed State Highway will pass, which will be expended in preparing the roadbed for the hard surface paving which will be laid by the state. By this plan the districts paying the tax will receive a direct local benefit for their money and secure to them a road which will be a portion of the State Highway fund to which we are entitled but which will be lost to the county if the tax measure fails to carry.

All otherwise qualified voters, male or female, who own real estate in their own name in the district in which they reside can vote at this election.

A canvassing committee will visit the voters in each district next Monday to urge the merits of the measure. The committees: Heppner—C. E. Woodson, W. P. Mahoney, W. G. McCarty, Wm. Campbell, W. B. Barratt; Lexington—W. G. Scott, W. P. McMillan, W. S. Barnett; Lexington Dist.—C. R. Pointer, L. J. Padberg, John Wightman; Lone—W. H. Crank, Bert Mason, Dr. Chick;

Cecil Jack Hynd, Alex. Lindsay, Geo. B. Whitcomb, A. Hendricks, Ed. Minor; Lena—Art Minor, John Erosman, D. O. Justus, Dillard French, J. L. Wilkins.

In one of the draft camps the Y. M. C. A. is providing athletic facilities on 120 playing fields, providing full athletic equipment. The winners of the inter-camp games will play the champions of the other camps.

One of the greatest systems rendered by the association is the making



A Red Triangle Dugout in the Trenches.

out of money orders by which the men can send it to their families. In one of the big camps the Y. M. C. A. is providing banking facilities for the men as well.

Do Your Bit With a Tender.
The monthly stockholders of the Y. M. C. A. must raise \$25,000,000 to carry on the work among our soldiers and their allies until next July. Of this \$25,000,000 about 22,000,000 will be spent on the work with our own troops of about 1,000 for every man in 17,000 camps in France. If everybody who received letters from soldiers and who are were to contribute \$10 the task would be easy. Are your boy's health and happiness and strength worth \$10 to you?

Your town mayor, your pastor, your school superintendent will know who is the treasurer of the campaign committee in your county or town. Other wise send a check of money order to Cleveland B. Taylor, treasurer, 12 East Twenty-eighth street, New York city.

Only fractional gifts by millions of people will save the world's children and for those of you who

JUDGE PHELPS SPEAKS FOR Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps was the principal speaker at a meeting in the opera house Monday evening in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. campaign for the War Work Council of that organization. Prior to Judge Phelps' address the meeting was called to order by Rev. H. A. Noyes, who introduced Leo Nickelson, a member of the senior class of Heppner high school, who delivered a splendid address on the urgent need for funds to carry on this great work. The young man drew a vivid picture of the temptations confronting our young soldiers both in the training camps at home and in the camps abroad. He also pictured scenes at the front, in the trenches and on "No Man's Land" and of pitiable physical and mental condition of those who live to get back from these charges and of the welcome, warmth, and first aid relief awaiting them in the Y. M. C. A. "huts" in the trenches. Mr. Nickelson possesses the qualities of an orator and his address reflected great credit not only on himself but on the Heppner high school in which he has received his training.

Judge Phelps' address was a straight-from-the-shoulder business talk to business men. Having been a resident of Heppner for many years, he greets all Morrow county people as friends and neighbors and exercises the prerogative of a friend and neighbor in speaking plainly. He urged the need for action in raising the funds needed to fulfill Morrow county's quota and expressed the firm belief that once the people become awake to the fact that this work is one of the most important measures in the program of winning the war that there is absolutely no question about the county doing its part and more.

Milling Co., Elevator Co. Merge

A rather important combination of local business interests was announced this week in the purchase by the Heppner Farmers Elevator Co., of the Heppner Milling Co.'s milling and warehouse interests.

The deal has been in progress for several days but was not definitely made public in an official way until Thursday morning. The deal includes all of the flouring mill, warehouses, water rights, cane, good will, etc. It is understood that the consideration is \$12,500.00. Many of the stockholders in the Heppner Milling Co. accepted stock in the Elevator Co. in lieu of their former stock thus retaining an interest in the enlarged company. The milling business will be conducted as usual without change of policy or management.

Ed. Huston, who has been the efficient manager of the Heppner Milling Co. for several months past, will continue as general manager of the Heppner Farmers Elevator Co. and Andrew Hayes, who has been manager of the Elevator Co. will continue in charge of the elevator end of the business. All other employees of both companies will be continued in their respective positions.

Victor Groshens sends the Herald to his son Harry who is in the navy "somewhere on the Atlantic." Harry touches at little old New York occasionally to get his mail and hopes to get a 30-day leave soon when he will run out to Heppner for a short visit.

HIGHWAY LOCATION PLEASES CITIZENS

The action of the State Highway engineers in definitely locating the State Highway on the route which follows Willow creek valley from Heppner to Heppner Junction meets with the approval of practically all Morrow county people.

This route will serve the needs of many people in the north end of the county by giving them, when the Columbia Highway is completed, an all-paved route to the county seat and without the added 20 miles travel each way which the selection of the Arlington route would have entailed. The route also affords a water level grade from the interior of Morrow county to the Columbia river and the cheap transportation such a stream, open to navigation to the sea, offers.

As announced in the Herald last Friday evening, the decision to select the Heppner Junction route was reached on that day. On Monday County Judge Patterson received a letter from M. O. Bennett, state highway engineer, confirming the Herald statement and ending the Morrow-Gilliam controversy over the question of location. The letter follows:

"Have just received the resolution from your County Court to the effect that the Oregon-Washington Highway, west of Heppner should follow down Willow creek from Lone to Heppner Junction. Am pleased to advise that after due consideration of local people, financial outlook for immediate construction, character and value of lands traversed, etc., have instructed Mr. Ballock to make his definite location beginning at the county line on Willow creek and running to Heppner."

New Made Citizens

Monday afternoon Judge Phelps granted final papers and admitted to full American citizenship the following persons: John Mollahan and John Byrne, of Heppner, and Mike Donnelly, of Lone, natives of Ireland; Edward N. Gonty, of Heppner, native of Belgium; Ernest Hartwell, of Lone, native of U. S., naturalized citizen of Canada.

John Mollahan passed an exceptionally fine examination, answering every question correctly and showing a well grounded knowledge of American institutions. He was highly complimented by Judge Phelps.

Well Known Mazama Visits Heppner

Miss Annie Dellinger, member of the "Mazama" club of mountain climbers of Portland, is in Heppner this week as one of the corps of assistants to Max Crandall, expert accountant, who is here auditing the books in the sheriff's office. Miss Dellinger has scaled most of the snow-clad peaks on the Pacific coast and is a highly popular member of the Mazama club.

Elks Will Give Grand Ball

Heppner Lodge B. P. O. E. will give a Grand Ball on New Year's eve for the benefit of some form of war relief. The committee in charge are rapidly completing arrangements and promise one of the biggest events of its kind ever given in Heppner. Tickets will be \$2.50 each. Full announcement of the affair will be given next week.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE
Cheap. C. S. Jayne, Heppner, Oregon. 1917.



Music, Games, Good Reading and Correspondence Facilities in Y. M. C. A. Building.

In each of these a soldier was strumming on a piano; others were reading books and magazines; hundreds were writing letters home. Behind the raised counter at one end three or four young men were busy passing out notepaper and envelopes, selling stamps and weighing parcels, which the men were sending home. One of the soldiers said to me as I stood in the tent used chiefly by men from Iowa: "We came all the way here from Des Moines, and we were mighty lonely. Then we found this Y. M. C. A. on the job, and it's been a home and more than a home to us. It gave us what we wanted when we needed it most. We'll never forget it. The boys' best friend is the Y. M. C. A." Fine, clear-cut, upstanding fellows. How close those benches were packed with men, bending over the long tables absorbed in their writing! What an appeal to the sympathies these great groups of soldiers make! Fine, clean-cut, upstanding fellows, some of them mere boys, one thinks immediately of the sacrifice they have made for the rest of us and how precious they are to some one back home. Somewhere, in far off farm or village or city street, there are parents or brothers or wives who would give all they possess for one glimpse of those unburned faces as you and I see

In these times there are some letters that mean more to us than any we have ever read before. They are written on sheets of paper stamped with the Stars and Stripes and the red triangle of the Y. M. C. A., and they bear the magic words, "With the Colors." There are many more than a million such letters in the mails now while you read this. Perhaps one at least is on its way to you. Each one of our 16 cantonments, where the new national army is being trained, is using more than a million sheets of this paper every month. In the draft army alone that means 15,000,000 shipments of love every month reaching out from the great encampments where the men are being trained into the greatest army this nation has ever dreamed of and binding them to the hearts at home. Multiply that by thinking of all the other places where Uncle Sam has men with the flag—in navy yards, on the high seas, in arsenals and officers' training camps and "Over There" in France. In all these places men are writing home. Those unassuming little sheets of notepaper gladden millions of hearts a day. They transfer more love from one part of the world to another than statistics can express. Statistics are pretty poor anyway when it comes to reckoning in terms of love and human tenderness. Let's put it this way: "That the Y. M. C. A. is the biggest ex-

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