

HOSTESS HOUSE FAMILY REUNION

How It Happened to Entertain Only A. E. F. Mother Who Visited Army of Occupation.

BIG CORPORAL DUTIFUL SON.

No Knightly Courtiers Ever Acted With More Gallantry to Lady Fair Than Did He and His Doughboy Pals to This Little White Haired Woman Dressed Exquisitely in Black.

By GRACE GOULDER. (With the American Y. W. C. A. Overseas.)

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It happened right here in Coblenz.

A big corporal came into the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House and asked for the director, Miss Ruth Woodsmall, who comes from Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Could my mother stay here?" he began at once, trying his best to cover his excitement.

"Your mother?" gasped Miss Woodsmall. "How did your mother ever get here?"

"Well, she isn't here yet, but if she comes will you keep her?"

"Of course I will, but—"

She didn't finish, for the boy had smashed his cap back on his head and was out of the door in a run.

The corporal's visit remained a mystery for two days. Then one evening just at dusk a little white haired woman dressed exquisitely in black appeared in the sitting room of the Hostess House, and the corporal was hovering behind her, trying to be beside her and back of her and in front of her all at once.

He was carrying her coat—a big fur one. With them were three doughboys, pals of the corporal. They tried to keep in the background, but their eyes were glued on her face. Everyone in the sitting room sat at attention. There are no English speaking men or women out of uniform in the Third Army area. Yet here was a woman in civilian clothes. Mothers are unheard of with the army. But this was a mother, everyone knew.

After awhile someone found out about this mother.

Had Been Interned During War.

She and her husband, who were born in Germany, but had been naturalized, lived in San Francisco. Before the war they left for Weisbaden, Germany, that their invalid daughter might have treatment at this famous health resort.

They brought their other children with them. One was Walter, a small boy, and the other was Ralph, now Corporal Stepp of the American Army.

When the war was declared they sent Ralph back to America, because he was of military age, and they did not want him to fight for the Kaiser. Then America entered the war.

Mrs. Stepp—Mrs. Anna Stepp she is—told this part of the story:

"Until a month ago I hadn't heard from Ralph for two years and a half—even before America got in the war mail was held up. I didn't know whether he was in the army or not—but I was sure he was, because—well, because he is an American." Here she stopped a minute to smile up at him.

"After awhile we heard from some friends that he was in the army—and that he had come over here. That was all I ever knew. It's nearly five years since I have seen him!"

"Of course it was awfully hard—I couldn't get word to him and he couldn't to me. My husband used to tell me it wouldn't help Ralph any for me to cry. I tried not to—before the rest of them anyway. My daughter got worse steadily—she is no better. We couldn't get the proper food for her after awhile. And she hated to see me worried about Ralph, so I used to cry to keep up before them.

"Last January my husband came to Coblenz about his citizen papers. An American soldier in Ralph's company who was in the office heard his name and asked him if he was any relation to Ralph. He didn't tell him Ralph was in Coblenz, but went after Ralph. He didn't tell Ralph his father was here. When they met they couldn't believe their eyes.

"Ever since then I have been trying to see Ralph. He couldn't come to Weisbaden because it was out of the American area, and I couldn't get through until today—more than two months."

"Why asked her if her Ralph had changed much in all that time.

"Oh, yes—very much. But do you know, I think it is because all that long time when I didn't know where he was or how he was—I got in the habit of thinking of him as he was when he was a baby—I kept seeing him as a baby and remembering the way he felt when he was little. Isn't that queer? And now look at him!"

And the corporal tried not to see the adoration in her eyes.

"Five years is a long time to wait to see your boy," she murmured, and kept her eyes on him. Again she had forgotten the people around her.

The corporal cleared his throat.

"This is why I ask if you could keep my mother, Miss Woodsmall. I didn't want her to come unless she had a good place to stay. Ah, e-e—thanks awfully."

And that is the story of how the Hostess House happened to entertain the only known A. E. F. mother who has visited the Army of Occupation.

WORKING ON DIXIE HIGHWAY

In Illinois Improvement Will Extend Over Distance of 54.5 Miles Costing \$904,700.

One of the features of the year's work will be the improvement of the Dixie highway, which will be done by the states acting in co-operation with the government. Thus in Illinois the highway will be improved from the county line north through Will, Kankakee and Iroquois counties to the Vermillion county line running south. This work will extend over a distance of 54.5 miles at a cost of \$904,700 and the construction will be of concrete and bituminous macadam.

At the same time Georgia will be working on the road from Atlanta through to Mason, through Clayton, Henry, Spaulding, Pike and Monroe counties, a distance of seventy-two miles and a continuation of the Dixie line in that state. In Tennessee and Kentucky projects will be under way which will further serve to improve this famous old highway which cuts through the central section of the country from north to south.

PATCHING IN RIGHT MANNER

Work Done Properly While Road is Wet and Followed by Drag is Superior Plan.

Patching done in the proper manner when the road is wet, followed by a road drag, will maintain an old gravel road surface as good as new until it is so badly worn that an entire new surface is required. The gravel should never be poorer than that forming the surface layer of the old road, and especially should not contain an excess of clay.

Civilize and Educate.

Good roads are civilizers and educators. They are the vanguards of other good things. They bring increased land values. Above everything else, they bring good people. No community that has improved its roads has ever regretted it. Road improvement is a good investment for any community.

Known by Its Roads.

In a way a country is known by its roads. It is within the range of possibilities that a time not far distant may bring home to the people of this country their lack of foresight in not making easy the "way of the wagon."

The Farm Tractor.

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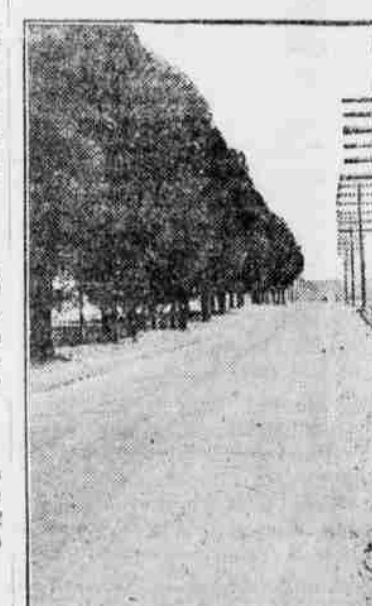
ROAD BUILDERS ARE NEEDED

Opportunities for Returned Soldiers—Both Skilled and Unskilled Labor Required.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In response to requests for information, the bureau of public roads of the United States department of agriculture has collected from the highway departments of the various states figures indicating the profitable number of returned soldiers and sailors that can be used during 1919 in road construction and repair work. Of the 38 states replying only 29 gave definite figures. They report they can use 11,637 soldiers and sailors as skilled laborers, and 91,904 as unskilled. Under the head of skilled labor the state highway departments were asked to report on the requirements for masons, carpenters, quarry bosses, concrete finishers, road foremen, roller men and superintendents. Unskilled laborers were not separated into classes.

The states that have thus far given definite figures, with the estimated number of men that may be used, are: Alabama, skilled 60, unskilled 1,000; Arizona, skilled 48, unskilled 100; Colorado, unskilled 1,250; Connecticut, skilled and unskilled, 4,000; Delaware, skilled 100; unskilled 1,000; Florida, skilled 685; unskilled 4,215; Georgia, skilled and unskilled, 4,000; Idaho, unskilled, 200; Illinois, skilled 2,500, unskilled 15,000; Kansas, skilled 1,000, unskilled 4,500; Kentucky, skilled 825; unskilled 3,500; Louisiana, skilled 119, unskilled 1,000; Maine, skilled 100; unskilled 1,000; Massachusetts, skilled 150; unskilled, 2,000; Michigan, skilled 200, unskilled 2,500; Minnesota, skilled 1,200, unskilled 4,800; Mississippi, skilled and unskilled, 2,000; Montana, skilled 104, unskilled 644; Nebraska, skilled 267, unskilled 2,250; Nevada, skilled 35, unskilled 265; New Hampshire, skilled 332, unskilled 1,000; New



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York, skilled 1,400, unskilled 7,000; Oregon, skilled 270, unskilled 2,430; Rhode Island, skilled 50, unskilled 450; South Carolina, unskilled, 1,500; Virginia, skilled 900, unskilled 5,100; Washington, skilled and unskilled, 2,000; West Virginia, skilled 700, unskilled 9,300; Wisconsin, skilled 600, unskilled 7,500.

HEPPNER HIGH WINS BASEBALL PENNANT

As the result of the ball game between Ione and Lexington last Tuesday in which Ione defeated the

latter team Heppner High became the winner of the Morrow county pennant for the 1919 season.

Had Lexington won from Ione she would have been tied with Heppner for top place and would

have made necessary the playing of another game. Heppner High played in six games—three with each team and won four out of the six games—losing but one game to each town.

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NEW COUNTY AGENT ARRIVES

L. A. Hunt, newly appointed agent

for Morrow county, arrived last week and is now busily engaged in familiarizing himself with the county before beginning an active campaign of duties.

At the present time Mr. Hunt is engaged in work connected with the formation of the John Day Irrigation project—necessary preliminaries to securing a government appropriation to finance this big project. Mr. Hunt has made a careful study of the project and he believes that government aid will be forthcoming just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed here.

Are You Going to Build

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Martin Reid

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