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**LEXINGTON BOY WRITES FROM FRONT IN FRANCE**

Harry B. Schriever, Now With Forest Engineers, Among First to Enlist From Morrow County

Mrs. C. R. Pointer, of Lexington is in receipt of a couple of letters the past week from Harry B. Schriever, a cousin of Mr. Pointer's who is now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. Mr. Schriever went over at about the time of the sinking of the Tuscania, and it was originally intended that his division should ship on that boat, and it had been so reported. Orders were changed, however, and the division boarded another vessel which made the trip without mishap. At the time of his enlistment Mr. Schriever was engaged as foreman at the C. R. Pointer farm. He was a valuable man on the farm and his going was regretted.

We give his letters here, knowing that his many Lexington friends will be glad of a word from him. The purely personal portions have been omitted.

With the American Expeditionary Forces, May 9, 1918.

Dear Maude and Folks—  
I will try to write you a few lines today. Received your most welcome letter day before yesterday, and must say that I was glad to hear from you. Had only two letters in a month. A letter from Emma the same time said that everything is fine and dandy there (Dakota). She is sending me the Sanborn paper and I got six of them today. She said they were expected Arch home for a few days. I have never heard from him though I have written him several times. Received a letter also from Gertie, written on the 17th of March. At that time they were at Lester Prairie, Minn., but I see by the papers they are at Sanborn now. A letter was received from James and Lucy on Feb. 23. They sent me a muffler. I finally got the box of candy you sent to Belvoir. It reached me on April 10th and was not in very good shape. I gave it to the French kids and they sure dug into it.

Must have missed some of your letters, as I knew nothing of the Boss selling the mules. I sure would like to have old Shag and Beck to drive now. If you could see some of the horses I have been working since coming over here. Well they will see some war times if they ever get on this side. Tell the boys to take good care of that Kentucky race horse until I get back.

You spoke of sending papers. I never got but one Heppner paper and one Oregonian—January papers.

We sure have had some weather here lately. It rained on Easter and has kept it up every Sunday since, as well as most every other day. Winds and dust do not bother us. Since I wrote you last we have moved to this point where we have been for about three weeks. We are making railroad ties. Being camped between two villages, the French come to see us from both sides. There was a mob of them here today as it was some sort of a Catholic holiday. They were all through the woods rubbering at the things we were working with. They beat the world for rubbering. You take an American wagon to the village and the whole town comes out to see it.

There are lots of small villages here but you can't buy much in them. The people live funny, all in small towns, not like the farmers at home who live on their land. Many of these villages have no stores at all, just a cafe or two. The houses are all built of concrete, house and barn together—about two feet from the house door to the barn door, and they always pile their manure in front of the house door. Their wealth is judged by the size of the manure pile and there is some of the richest people here I ever saw.

I have one of these French girls spotted and I think I will bring her back to the States with me. I can almost make a living now and with one of them I believe I would make it fine. But I think I shall have to stay here until she learns to talk English because I will never learn the French.

Have heard nothing about a limit to our letters—write as many as we like. And about money, I have lots of francs; we get our pay regularly now.

It is rumored that we get a seven-day furlough in June, and if it gives me time I am going to try and see some of this country. - But we can't go to Paris, where we want to go worst.

With best regards to all,  
HARRY.  
Co. C, 5th Bn., A. E. F., 20th Eng.  
Somewhere in France.

Dear Maude:  
I received your letter of the 30th of March a few days ago and I must say that I was glad to hear from you. The letter got strayed off somewhere as it was late reaching me. We get letters in from twenty days to two months. Sometimes we get mail every day, then we may go two weeks without any at all. The bundles of papers you sent reached me day before yesterday and I have been busy reading them. I was sorry to see that Ralph Becket was dead. I never knew the other boy. Was sorry also to hear that Uncle Marsh was so bad off.

You ask about the Tuscania. We were at sea when it was sunk and got a wireless the next morning and heard what ship it was but did not hear what regiment of soldiers was on it. As far as we can find out we were to sail on the Tuscania with the Sixth Battalion, but being quaran-

ined it did not wait for us. It sailed three days ahead of us. It was reported in New York that the Fifth Battalion was on this boat but we found out that they were not.

It is getting pretty dry here as it has not rained for three days. Was pretty warm today. We are going to a lake about three miles from here tomorrow for a swim if it is not too cold. It is either that or a bird bath here in a tin can. Our laundry don't bother us much at this place. The French women come and get it and fetch it back and do the finest kind of work for a little of nothing.

They have the finest kind of roads here in this country; all hard surfaced, but you never see an auto only in the war service. The Frogs either walk or ride bicycles; the Yankees all walk.

How is Pap Haysed getting along? Tell him hello for me. Was glad to hear that you folks are all in good health. With best wishes to all.  
HARRY.

**Big Elevator Going Up Rapidly.**

Through the kindness of Lou Holmes, bustling manager of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. at Lexington, the G.-T. man was permitted to view the work of construction of the big concrete elevator at Jordan Siding on Tuesday morning. The Tum-A-Lum Company has the contract for the construction of this building and the work is now moving along at a rapid and satisfactory rate. A crew of some forty men are engaged in putting up the building and work is carried on night and day. The most interesting feature of the construction is the form in which the concrete is poured. This is so built that it is gradually moved to the top of the building as the work goes on of pouring and placing the steel. At intervals all around the form jack screws are so placed that a turn or two raises the form the desired distance for a new layer of concrete, while underneath the form is a platform for the use of the plasterers who put on the finishing coat. The main walls will reach a height of about 65 feet and the extension on the top of this with the roof will complete a height of about 110 feet.

The new structure appears to be a splendid piece of work and will stand out in fine style against the sky line. The six big bins will have a storage capacity of 125,000 bushels of grain and the bins will be largely filled and emptied by a gravity system, thus doing away with the expense of working machinery to a large degree. This building is according to plans furnished by the Tum-A-Lum Company and worked out by H. L. Copeland, construction and architectural engineer of the elevator department. Mr. Copeland was in charge of the work at Jordan on Tuesday, having come down from Walla Walla to relieve Superintendent Freeman Smith who was called home on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Mr. Copeland was much pleased with the manner in which the work is progressing and guarantees that the Jordan Siding Warehouse & Storage Company will have an excellent elevator when it is completed.

For night work on the building a complete electrical lighting system has been installed and Dan Barlow states that nothing is being left undone to push the work to completion in time to have the elevator ready for the coming crop. The structure will cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

**Pioneer Resident Enjoying Visit From Brother and Sister.**

Amanuel C. Petteys, pioneer resident of Morrow county, is enjoying a visit this week from a brother, M. B. Petteys of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bewley of Tillamook. Mrs. Bewley is a sister of Mr. Petteys, and these folks came in on Mr. Petteys rather unexpectedly the last of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Bewley have been residents of Tillamook for many years, going there among the very first settlers and for long years were pretty much isolated from the other part of the world. Since the coming of the railroad, however, they have felt as though they were a part of the State of Oregon, and getting in and out of Tillamook has not been so difficult as formerly. It has been some twenty-five years since Mr. Petteys has seen his sister, this being the occasion of a former visit to Morrow county by Mrs. Bewley.

Mr. Petteys has been in poor health for the past winter and says that for a time he was not sure of pulling through. He is much improved at the present and greatly enjoys visits from his many friends. His relatives will remain with him for some time yet.

**Barnett's Have Fine Ranch.**

W. F. Barnett is the owner of some 1800 acres of land about six miles north of Lexington and this season he has about 1100 acres of this sown to grain which at the present time promises a big yield. Mr. Barnett lives in town and the farm is in charge of his brother Tom who takes delight in showing visitors about the place and giving them a glimpse of what can be accomplished on the hill ranches when there is water enough to do some irrigating. He has worked out a garden plot right near the house that at the present time is a wonder to behold, and Tom says it is only a sample of what he will be able to show about a month later when his real garden has developed. Almost anything that you can think of is flourishing there, and we were especially interested in that strawberry patch that is now fairly burdened with luscious berries. The patch had been gone over on Monday when a picking of twenty-five gallons was gathered in, and this too, after W. O. Hill, Gus McMillan and some others had been there on Sunday and had a fill up. These berries are just a little finer than any that are shipped in here, and where people have water that can be used in irrigating, there is no reason why all the fruit of this kind they need should not be raised. Then there are currants, raspberries, blackber-

ries and most of the orchard fruits and garden sass till you can't rest.

While Mr. Barnett has devoted much time to wheat raising he has not neglected other lines and now has a fine bunch of cattle coming on. Quite a number of cows and calves remain at the home place and these are all sleek and fat.

A splendid well with a good pumping outfit keeps the big reservoir above the house filled to overflowing and furnished water for house, barn and irrigation. The abundance of water Mr. Barnett now has makes his place very valuable. For the fine strawberry treat we enjoyed and the nice basket of lettuce and radishes we were permitted to bring home, the Messrs. Barnett have our abundant thanks.

**Crops Are Still Looking Well.**

Our Representative had the pleasure of a visit out among a number of the wheat farms of the Lexington section on Tuesday and found that in the greater portion of the belt between Lexington and the base line road there is nothing to complain of. This is especially true of the fall and winter grain. The spring sowing still looks a fine color and much of it is just now in the boot and at a very critical stage, needing rain to insure any yield whatever. Should rains come within the week, however, the most of this spring sowing will turn out well. Some Early Baart was sown in that vicinity and it is developing well and should make a good yield regardless of future weather conditions.

**Attended Wage Fixing Meeting.**

C. R. Pointer accompanied Farmer Brown to Pendleton on Sunday and on Monday attended the big meeting of farmers from the several Eastern Oregon wheat counties, assembled there for the purpose of fixing a scale of wages to be paid during the coming harvest. While enroute, Mr. Pointer made close observation of the crop conditions and found that in many portions of Umatilla county the hot weather was doing more damage than here. He is satisfied that in many portions of Umatilla the crops will be far short of normal because of the recent hot weather.

**Off to Join Navy.**

Claud Devine, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Devine, left Lexington Tuesday morning for Portland to enlist in the navy. Claud has been farming his homestead out north of Lexington and has in some 200 acres of wheat which he says is doing well, but having become somewhat impatient to get into the fray with the other boys, he decided to try for a place with the Jackies and will leave the farm to be cared for by others.

**To Ship Two Cars of Cattle.**

Howard Lane, the Lexington butcher shop proprietor, and W. H. Padden, farmer of that section, will each ship a car of prime beef cattle to the Portland market on Sunday. This stuff has all been on good feed and Mr. Lane says it is the finest bunch of beef to leave the Lexington yards this season. There are sixty head in the bunch.

Carpenter W. J. Davis is putting on the final touches to the new work at the W. P. McMillan home. K. L. Beach is installing the plumbing.

Dan Summer is busy at his place in town putting in a 10,000 gallon reservoir. Many other improvements about his place are making it one of the attractive homes of the city.

Gus McMillan and family left for an auto trip into Idaho on Wednesday. They will be gone for a couple of weeks or so, visiting with Mrs. McMillan's people, who reside near Kendrick.

Albert Nelson has all the material on the ground now for the construction of his new barn, and expects to have the building up at an early date, providing he is fortunate enough to secure carpenters to do the job.

The Lexington postoffice has moved into new quarters recently erected by Mr. Brashears. The postmistress expresses herself as highly pleased with the new location, which she has occupied since the first of the month.

Mrs. Lew Holmes is visiting this week at the home of her sister in Grass Valley. Mr. Holmes drove over Sunday with his family. He found crop conditions in that portion of Sherman county good and there will be a big harvest there.

James A. Pointer is getting the material on the ground and will begin the erection of a modern barn at his farm within a short time. Mr. Pointer has also invested in a new Deering combine and will have use for the machine in caring for his oncoming crop of wheat.

The deal has been closed whereby the Christian church at Lexington takes over the property of the M. E. Church, South. Plans to remodel the church and paint it up, as well as the parsonage, are being perfected and the property will be greatly improved and made more modern. A minister has been employed and regular services will be held, commencing early in the fall.

Dan Hanshaw is getting located again on his Blackhorse farm. He arrived at Lexington Tuesday morning with three head of fine Jersey milk cows which he had been three days driving from The Dalles. Mr. Hanshaw brought the cows up from Hillsboro, where he has been located during the past year or so. He seems pretty well pleased to be getting back to Morrow county again.

C. A. Johnson was billed to leave Lexington on Wednesday for Montana, where he expects to work out the balance of the shearing season. He is a member of the Independent Shearing Co., in charge of Hap Pearson. These boys have finished up in Morrow county and have sheared between 65,000 and 70,000 head of sheep. The most of them left for Montana Tuesday morning. Charley states that wages received by this crew ranged from 15 to 20 cents, and owing to the cold weather that prevailed the most of the season here, shearing was pretty hard work.

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