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TRENCH HERO TELLS STORY OF Y. M. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. enthusiasm was at its highest pitch in Gresham on Wednesday evening when A. E. Erwin, a discharged Canadian soldier but recently from the European battle front, told his thrilling story of three years in camp and trench life.

Mr. Erwin joined the Canadian troops three years ago last July and was discharged from the service on the 20th of last month. He is a native of Toronto, but enlisted at Winnipeg and served his full three years. He is now here recuperating his shattered health and helping in the campaign of the Y. M. C. A. for assistance in the way of contributions toward the \$25,000,000 needed to carry on the great work of that organization.

His story was plain and simple told but eloquent in its portrayal of the great benefit the Y. M. C. A. is to the armies of this nation and its allies. The "dugouts," as they are called, follow the troops right up to the trenches and give them the service that the commissaries cannot provide. Hot coffee and soup on the battlefield; chocolate, cigarettes and tobacco in the face of an enemy only forty yards away are some of the things the secretaries find opportunity to deliver. And their other dispensations of cheer in the camps which include writing facilities, concerts, theatricals, lectures, movies and free meals were referred to in a glowing tribute to the great organization and its greater work.

A part of his story told of the battles of Vimy Ridge and the Somme, in both of which he took a part. In one engagement he told of, from which he escaped alive, he was one of the 4000 survivors out of 12,000 who were in the conflict, belonging to the Canadian regiments.

Mr. Erwin's talk, simple and straightforward and without rhetorical polish, sank deep into the hearts of his audience and was more convincing than anything else could have been. His work is in Portland and vicinity and he said that his reception here was more intense and gratifying than in any other place he had visited, yet he had spoken to larger audiences.

Chaplin Elkins who is with the regimental company at Fort Columbia, but who also serves the soldiers at Fort Stevens and Fort Canby, was the first speaker introduced by Judge Stapleton. His address was an appeal to the people for assistance in the great cause of helping the boys in the armies, keeping them well and cheerful and in a condition to meet all demands of their country. He explained the difference between the Y. M. C. A. work and that of the Red Cross. His speech was brief but eloquent.

Judge Stapleton then introduced District Attorney Walter H. Evans and County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman, both of whom made a final appeal to the people of eastern Multnomah for generous contributions to the cause.

H. L. St. Clair followed them with an outline of the campaign now under way and told of the efforts being made in the assigned district east of Portland.

At the close of the meeting the audience pressed forward to grasp the hands of Chaplain Elkins and Private Erwin both of whom modestly accepted the homage paid them.

As to Private Erwin: Only a boy, scarcely beyond his majority, he has a personality that draws attention—that makes him conspicuous and noticeable. Personality is the commonest thing in the world. Everyone has more or less of it, but in Private Erwin is a personality so great that he draws to himself the admiration of all without any effort of his own. There is never any effort on his part to win the applause of the crowd. On the contrary there is a simplicity that is unmistakable. His only thought is of his work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shipley have moved from their farm near Bull Run to Gresham and are occupying the Whitehead house next to the Methodist Episcopal church. Their daughters Laura, who is a clerk in the First State bank, and Mabel, who is teaching at Rockwood, have given up their housekeeping rooms in J. T. Stillion's house and are now at home with their parents.

For Hire Service Automobiles anywhere, night or day. Phone 791, Gresham, M. M. Squire.

25 CHRISTMAS PACKETS FROM LOCAL BRANCH

Mrs. George W. Stapleton, president of the Gresham auxiliary of the Portland Chapter of the American Red Cross has received the subjoined communication, and in accordance therewith has appointed an active committee of four women who will take charge of the Christmas package work. They are: Mrs. O. A. Eastman, Mrs. J. Cannon, Mrs. S. C. Jones and Mrs. J. H. Metzger. Those wishing to make donations or prepare Christmas packages may call either of them by phone for advice or consult with them in any other way. Following is the letter referred to:

Dear Madam:—You have already been advised by means of ARC 404 and by means of circular letters that we are preparing to send forward Christmas packets to the American soldiers. The Portland Chapter of the American Red Cross has been allotted 6125 of these packages. Of this number your auxiliary has been allotted to prepare 25 packets. These packets must be delivered to the 8th floor of Lipman, Wolfe & Company not later than November 24. Provided you have not already sent in your allotment and your auxiliary does not care to make up these packets, you may send in cash to the value of \$1.50 per packet to the American Red Cross Headquarters, 204 Corbett Building, where Red Cross workers will be glad to prepare these packets for you.

I hope you will appoint a special committee in charge of the Christmas packets and see that the work is carried on as expeditiously as possible.

As stated above, your allotment is 25 packets.

Very truly yours, LEWIS A. McARTHUR.

Information regarding the Christmas packets is as follows:

Christmas Packets for Our Boys at the Front.

You can help do your bit by making up a package. Following are suggestions only:

FIRST PACKAGE—With Tobacco. Bandana handkerchief, 27 inches square.

Pad of writing paper, 7 by 10 in. One package envelopes. One pencil.

Playing cards, checkerboard (not larger than pad of paper) or dominoes.

Three packages chewing gum. Hard candy, carefully wrapped, or hard chocolate in tin foil.

Water-tight match box (optional). Two packages cigarettes. Two packages Bull Durham.

SECOND PACKAGE—Without Tobacco. Bandana handkerchief, 27 inches square.

Pad of writing paper, 7 by 10 in. One package envelopes. One pencil.

Playing cards, checkerboard (not larger than pad of paper) or dominoes.

Three packages chewing gum. Hard candy, carefully wrapped, or hard chocolate in tin foil.

Small mechanical puzzle without glass or steel trench mirror. (If desired one postal addressed to donor and bearing two-cent stamp.)

These packets may be made up at a minimum cost of about \$1.50. If any persons desire to contribute the money for one or more and will bring the money to 204 Corbett Building the Chapter will pack and send it forward with name of donor. Packets received, 204 Corbett Building.

Articles are to be neatly packed on top of writing tablet placed in center of handkerchief, securely fastened and tied with red ribbon with a Christmas card. Then wrap package in heavy, light brown manila paper, tie with red, green or gilt cord and use Christmas labels, or American Flag.

Our entire quota is 5500 packets, 1800 of which must be shipped by November 1 for overseas, so immediate response is requested from the public.

MELROSE AND VICTORY.

The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Cliff church next Sunday morning, when the pastor, Rev. F. S. Ford, will preach. The Sunday school will be shortened and will be followed by a love feast, after which the pastor will preach. On Monday forenoon at 10:30, the quarterly conference will be held, when Dr. T. B. Ford will preside. All are asked to bring lunches, which will be enjoyed during the noon hour. Dr. Ford is expected to preach. All are invited.

The Willing Workers club will meet on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 22, with Mrs. Thos. Wiles.

Y. M. C. A. FUND FOR WAR WORK MOUNTS HIGHER

Largest Individual Gift in Eastern Part of County \$500. Gresham and Estacada High Schools in a Hot Contest.

EXTRA—2 P. M.

The Outlook is in receipt of a message from Portland stating that A. C. Ruby has pledged \$500 toward the Y. M. C. A. War Fund, with the special request that it be included in the amount raised in the county outside of Portland.

This magnificent gift should be an additional incentive to everyone to do his and her bit to see that the full minimum amount asked be raised. This amount is \$1000. Let us show Mr. Ruby that his \$500 is that much extra.

The Y. M. C. A. War Fund campaign is nearing an end. Next Monday night, November 19, should see all districts thoroughly canvassed and all reports should be turned in with pledge cards signed up and money collected on Monday or Tuesday at the latest. In some districts the work is practically complete at present.

The work the Y. M. C. A. is doing and planning to do among the soldier boys at training camps and at the front has been presented by speakers in the churches and schools of the county outside of Portland. Scarcely one has been missed. This service has been generously given by committeemen and assistants too numerous to mention.

Teachers and students have been quick and loyal to respond in furthering the work in their various school districts.

Rallies have been held at Gresham, Fairview and Rockwood. Tonight a rally is being held at Russellville grange hall on the Base Line. Tomorrow (Saturday) night a big rally and basket social will be held at the Powell Valley schoolhouse, the proceeds to be devoted to the Y. M. C. A. War Fund.

In these and all other districts the campaign is being carried forward by teachers, scholars, members of school boards and other workers to a successful finish.

Some school districts are exceeding all expectations. Preliminary reports from some of these received at the Outlook office encourage the opinion that the minimum amount asked from eastern Multnomah county will be fully met with probably a good surplus.

Rockwood school has already reported over \$15 collected and \$12 subscribed and more coming.

Pleasant Valley school reports nearly \$20 collected up to noon today.

Lynch school reported last night \$20 pledged and \$21.85 cash.

Many other districts are reporting splendid progress but have not yet reported amounts.

H. A. Lewis at Russellville, Fred Crane at Fairview, Geo. W. Stapleton at Gresham and E. H. Thompson at Bridal Veil, district chairmen

ACREAGE IN DEMAND FOR STARCH

J. A. Turner, representative of the Pacific Potato Starch Factory, has been in Gresham for several days making contracts with potato growers for their cull potatoes with a view to establishing a starch factory here provided enough acreage is signed up to warrant the enterprise.

It will be remembered that a meeting was held in Metzger's hall a few weeks ago in which another member of the company promised a factory here provided the farmers would sign up the refuse of their potato crops for a period of five years. The entire plan was outlined at that time and published in the Outlook.

One thousand acres are required in pledges only, no money being asked for, and the factory will take care of all the by-products of the farms. It means fully \$100,000 to the community each year for such products that have heretofore been largely wasted and thus a dead loss.

Mr. Turner has received the signatures of Andrew Brugger, Richard Tegart, John Bliss, A. H. Hensley, J. R. Cavanagh and William Kniefel, all extensive potato growers, and will continue his work throughout this district.

OFFICERS OF AND HISTORY OF A LEAGUE

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, was held at the Y. M. C. A. Portland, Oregon, on November 13. At this meeting Acting Superintendent E. A. Baker made his report and the following officers were elected: president, E. A. Baker; vice president, J. J. Ross; secretary, Rev. A. C. Moses, and treasurer, E. Quackenbush.

The new superintendent, Mr. Edwin Rawden was present. Mr. Rawden came to the Oregon League from Lansing, Michigan. For four years he was attorney for the Michigan Anti-Saloon League, and took an active part in the campaign that resulted in Michigan going dry last fall. After the election, he drafted and secured the passage of the law to make the constitutional amendment effective. He has had considerable experience in law enforcement work and for four years was prosecuting attorney in one of the counties of Michigan.

A vigorous, aggressive fight will be made for law enforcement in the state.

Mr. Rawden has sent the Outlook the following brief history of the National Anti-Saloon League, also calling attention to its annual convention of this year:

The 18th national convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America, at Washington, D. C., December 10-13, will be a sort of silver jubilee gathering. The league is not quite 25 years old, but this convention will be the nearest to its 25th anniversary. At least, it is 25 years since Dr. Howard H. Russell, founder of the league, got his inspiration to organize this great institution.

The league was organized at Oberlin, Ohio, May 24, 1893. Spear library of Oberlin College, was the first place of meeting. On June 4, succeeding the first meeting date, a public rally was held in Oberlin, at which the citizens subscribed \$1000 a year, for three years, to make Ohio dry.

Dr. Russell was taken from the pastorate at Armour Mission, Chicago, where he had a salary of \$3000 a year, to take charge of the new league which he had organized. The promoters promised him a salary of \$2000 a year. They actually paid in \$1300. His office was in his valise. Today the league is splendidly organized in every state in the Union, with national headquarters at Westerville, Ohio, where also its great publishing plant is located.

When the league began its operations nearly a quarter of a century ago, there was mighty little dry territory in the United States. Today the nation is almost dry, and one house of congress has adopted the nation-wide prohibition resolution, while the other house probably will do the same thing in December.

FIVE TOWN OFFICERS ARE TO BE NOMINATED

Attention is called to the notice of a mass meeting to be held in Metzger's hall next Thursday for the purpose of naming a municipal ticket to be voted up at the coming city election, on December 4.

The retiring officers whose places are to be filled are A. W. Metzger, mayor; J. G. Metzger, marshal, and Councilmen W. R. Burke, William Thom and H. L. St. Clair. The terms of Mr. Burke and Mr. Thom expire by limitation but that of Mr. St. Clair is to fill a vacancy which was made when Mr. Metzger resigned as councilman to become mayor in the place of Mayor Stapleton. Marshal Metzger is also a short-term man, having taken office upon the resignation of Marshal McKinney.

The successors to Mayor Metzger, Councilman St. Clair and Marshal Metzger will therefore hold but one year each or until the next general election.

Oregonian Bargain Week.

The Oregonian has named the week from November 24 to November 30 as bargain week, when the following prices will prevail: Daily Oregonian, 1 year \$4; Daily and Sunday Oregonian, 1 year, \$5; Weekly Oregonian, 1 year, 75c. The Outlook has made arrangements by which the following attractive combination prices will be offered between the dates mentioned, inclusive: Outlook and Daily Oregonian, 1 year, \$5; Outlook and Daily and Sunday Oregonian, 1 year, \$7. Outlook and Weekly Oregonian, 1 year, \$1.75. The Outlook will receive and forward any of these subscriptions. No bargain rates after Nov. 30. Subscribe or renew at once.

PONIES ARE PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAYS

It has been previously announced in the newspapers that there will be a contest among the school children of the state, with three Shetland ponies offered as prizes. Details of this contest have been in the hands of each county school superintendent for several weeks but there the contest has been delayed. And because of delay in preliminary arrangements, the time limit of the United States Food Administration's educational contest, with three Shetland ponies to be awarded as prizes, has been extended for one week. Essays for this contest may be entered until November 24, instead of November 17, as previously announced.

These three Shetland ponies are the pick of the famous drove of imported animals owned by Mr. Russell Hawkins of Tillamook county, and are donated by Mr. Hawkins personally as a stimulus to the school children of the state to interest themselves in food conservation and other war problems of their country.

These ponies will be given for the best essays on "What We Can Do to Help Win the War," one pony being awarded for the best essay from students of high school age, over fourteen years old; another pony to the best essay from pupils from eleven to fourteen years; and a third pony for the best essay from children of ten years and younger. Full details of the contest can be had from the county school superintendents and each county will judge its own essays, forwarding its winning essays to Portland for entry into the state contest. The three best essays from this selection in the three classes will win the three ponies.

Every school room should arrange its own contest, then arrange a contest between rooms to represent the school district and every school district should have its winning essays from the three classes in the hands of the county school superintendent by November 24 for the final county contest.

No limit is set for the length of the essay, which are to be upon Food Conservation topics particularly, and to give the writer's understanding of the United States Food Administration's Home Instruction Card, which has been given to every family that has signed the pledge card. The essay might also tell what the children's homes are doing to keep the pledge that has been signed. School teachers will arrange their own contests along the above lines.

Gresham School Notes.

Our new flag and new flag pole are the pride of the school.

Every soldier and sailor from eastern Multnomah will receive a letter from one or more of the school pupils.

All the Gresham teachers are members of the State Teachers' association and subscribers to the Oregon Teachers' Monthly.

Regular tests will be given next week, the end of the six-weeks' period.

There will be no school Thanksgiving week as the county institute is to be held in Portland that week. All the teachers must attend the institute.

Nora Pullin was taken home Monday suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis. She is improving. It was not necessary to resort to an operation.

A meeting will be held in the school auditorium Saturday evening, November 17 for the purpose of discussing Industrial Club work.

N. C. Maris, field worker from the state superintendent's office will lecture. He will have a stereopticon and will show views pertaining to the club work. Superintendent Alderson will be present. Everyone in the district is invited.

Our new music teacher, Professor Finley, has not only won the hearts of the children, but he is doing wonders for them in their musical work. The Gresham school is indeed fortunate to secure Mr. Finley's services.

The primary grade will give a patriotic pantomime at the County Teachers' Institute during Thanksgiving week.

The families of Rev. C. O. Branson, D. W. Metzger and E. Mercer have recently been supplied with Colonial ranges by the L. L. Kidder Hdwe Co.

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