

Interesting Letters from Our Soldiers

The following letters have been received from Lieutenant Fred H. Crane, Dewey Gibbs and Albert Camp, all members of the 162d Regiment, who recently went to France. They are members of Co. C, B, and D respectively. Wilson Eastman of Co. B has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Eastman, that he is well and comfortable. Wilson has appreciated the Y. M. C. A. privileges where he has been in various camps, and writes from France, "We have fine Y. M. C. As here, just like you do in the United States."

At Sea, Dec. 27, 1917.
Dear Mother:—We are having a great trip; have been out quite a while and I have not been the least bit sea sick. I surely like to ride on the ocean. We had some rough weather a few days back but it is sure fine now. Christmas was sure a fine day; one could sit out on deck with his hat off and enjoy the bright sunshine. I spent Christmas eve in the hold where the men are quartered. The Lieutenants are fairly comfortable. Every officer has to take his turn in the "crow's nest" upon the mast. It is quite high and when it is rough the men going up have quite a task.

I expect you people have been wondering why I have not written before. I have not had a good sleep for some time as we have slept with our clothes on. If anything happens we have rafts to get on which are oval in shape and have a netting arrangement in the bottom on which one stands up to his waist in the water. There is no need of you folks worrying though. In my next letter I shall tell how France looks. Have not heard of the package yet.
FRED.

Jan. 7, 1918.
Dear Brother and Sister:—Just a word to let you know that I am still alive and enjoying fine health. I hope you are the same.

We are having some rain now and it is pretty muddy. Things are sure different than in the good old U. S. A. Some things are cheaper and others are higher. I bought a pair of binoculars for \$24, or 125 francs. They sure have peculiar money here.

I have not much time now. Tell all my friends I am well and give them my regards.
FRED H. CRANE,
(Second Lieutenant)

Y. M. C. A., American Ex. Jan. 4, 1918.
My Dear Mother:—We arrived O. K. I am feeling fine and I hope you are the same.

It is cold and windy here. I would like to tell you about our trip but like to tell you about our trip but can't drilling hard every day.

Albert Camp is here in the Y. M. C. A. with me and writing to his mother. This is a nice Y. M. C. A., warm and well lighted.

What are all the folks doing at home? I can't write often as there is so little we can say.

Will you send me five pounds of sweet chocolate. I suppose you know where I am but I can't tell you. Just use the address I gave you and it will be all right.

Tell Arlie to write. Well, this is Friday night at 6 p. m. I suppose it is warm in Oregon by now and you are at the cannery, canning stuff for us to eat. Well, I must close for this time.
DEWEY GIBBS.

January 12, 1918.
Dear Folks:—Am well and in good health, hope you are the same.

This is Saturday night. Am on guard tonight so will have to get ready pretty soon.

It started to rain here about 10 a. m. and is raining now, not hard but just drizzling. I put a good coat of oil on my heavy shoes today so am ready for it. I and eight others are doing guard duty now. We sure get swell feedings and a swell place to sleep.

Well, France is some old berg. The buildings are so quaint and the old wagons and carts surely look funny. The people as a rule wear wooden shoes and take their stuff to market in a push cart or a wheelbarrow. It looks funny to see the women going along with a heavy load on a wheelbarrow.

Am learning to speak a little French now.

How is everybody? Tell them hello for I can't write very often as we are only allowed a couple of letters per week because they have to be censored.

How is the cow and the chickens? Are you getting many eggs? Eggs are 90 cents per over here; some price!

Had a fine trip coming over, would like to explain in detail but am not allowed to. Didn't get one bit seasick.

It is fifteen minutes to seven and as it is hard to write very much guess I will close.

Now mother, don't worry about me for I have a good place to sleep, plenty to eat and in good health, so what more could one want.

As ever your loving son,
ALBERT.

At a delightful luncheon given by Mrs. W. R. Burke on Wednesday, Feb. 6, the following ladies were guests: Mrs. Benj. Cameron, Mrs. H. H. Ott, Mrs. W. J. Ott, Mrs. G. W. Stapleton, Mrs. L. L. Kidder, Mrs. Arthur Dowsett, Mrs. Albert Dowsett, Mrs. O. A. Eastman, Mrs. Jas. Elkington, Mrs. Jas. Sterling and Mrs. J. Cannon.

GRESHAM BOY WINS HIGH GRADE IN GRAMMAR

In the Multnomah county eighth grade examinations, the pupils of schools having four or more rooms who have made an average in grammar of 90 per cent or more are, Frank Tacheron, Dist. No. 4, George Seidel, Dist. No. 7; Jack Ferris, Dist. No. 15 Jt.; Mabel Renne, Ruth Renne, Lucile Shiveley, Rose Stark and Verna Stark from Dist. No. 45; Robert Holzer, Dist. No. 51 and Viola Cadonau, Dist. No. 52.

The Gilbert school, Dist. No. 45, made the highest general average, 83.8 per cent.

So many pupils did not know the English general's name that we might almost think our boys and girls are not interested in the war. But they are, for most of them were familiar with the American general's name, and not a few are so impressed with the gravity of the situation as to think this same American general to be perishing.

Some are unable to see the importance of grammar in a child's education; but when we shall have taught him accuracy, attention to detail, so that, independently, he may understand what he reads, that he may know that "cross out" does not mean "underscore", that taking out incorrect words does not imply the necessity for further alteration, that, in the parsing of a sentence, cat is as important as catechism, while we may leave him yet in doubt as to lady's minds, or ladies' minds, or lady's minds, or ladies' minds, we have given him a start toward good citizenship.

A dictated letter was to be written to Miss Nellie Stevens, who was, for the occasion, principal of the Maplewood school.

Most popular among the forms of salutation were Dear Miss, Dear Madam, Dear Nellie Stevens, Dear Sir, and about an equal number of Dear Friends and Dear friends.

The complimentary close of almost every letter might be used as a specimen of correct letter writing.

ALIEN ENEMIES REGISTER IN GRESHAM

The following men have registered at the Gresham postoffice as alien enemies: Otto Gerber, Theo. Vogler, John Vogler, Fritz Stoeker, Fritz Stiegeler, Wm. Hornecker, H. Ruhl, August Wabbel, Geo. Delt. Others who have made application for registration are Peter Lenard and Herman Woelge.

Saturday, Feb. 9th, is the last day on which alien enemies may register. After that time they are liable to imprisonment till the end of the war.

OVERFLOW FROM GRESHAM LOCALS

The W. C. T. U. will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. G. F. Honey next Thursday. There will be quantities of clipping and other work interspersed with music, readings and games. Every one is asked to bring scissors, crochet hook and thimble and those coming in the morning are to bring individual lunch and remember that we are Hooverizing. Conveyances will be at the library at 10:30 and 2 p. m., for those who have no other way to go. Members are asked to bring their friends and spend a pleasant and profitable day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Honey received a cablegram yesterday from their son, John, in France saying, "Am well."

In a letter from Mrs. T. J. Hayes of Oregon City, to her sister, Mrs. Christine Humason, she stated that the woolen mills at that place started work January 2 on a government contract to furnish 50,000 overcoats.

E. M. Shields from Weed, Calif., has recently moved into the Wm. Wall house on Cleveland avenue and Division street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Walker, of Grass Valley, former residents of Gresham, are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Dahl.

At the meeting of the Parent-Teachers association, which was held at the grade schoolhouse on Thursday afternoon, officers were elected as follows, Principal E. S. McCormick, acting as chairman; president, Mrs. C. M. Zimmerman; vice president, Mrs. Wm. Childers; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Rusher. The local Parent-Teachers circle is invited to attend a meeting of the County Council of the Parent-Teachers association to be held at Fairview Feb. 16.

W. J. Wirtz, of Sandy, was a Gresham visitor on Thursday. Don't forget to order some Thrift Stamps today.

CONSERVATION URGED BY PASTOR

Editor Gresham Outlook:—I have read with interest your articles upon thrift, but saw no comments in Tuesday's issue of the various pastor's references of Sunday last, which was the day all pastors were asked to refer to the subject. I therefore am asking you to publish the following remarks made by Rev. A. J. Ware of the Bethel Baptist church last Sunday morning. An excellent sermon was preached from the following text: "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." Here the feast of loaves and fishes was set forth, and conservation of food as far back as our Saviour's time was clearly shown. Whenever in all history was there a greater need for us to save, not only in needless expenditure of money but in waste of food, etc.

We are living in an age of destruction and references to this were graphically described, our best manhood being destroyed, our money, food, etc., lost in the terrible conflict over seas. Therefore, it is so necessary that there should be unity of thought and action on the part of every true patriot if we wish for a successful termination of the present struggle.

Only a few years ago our old papers were thrown away as waste, our old tools, etc., were cast aside in some corner of the garden as useless. Today our old rags are being used to aid suffering and all the former are finding their uses once again to carry on this great war.

A vivid picture of the starving nations of the world was so realistic that comparison with our own present comparative wealth and comfort almost made one ashamed to hold

back one thing that could help cheer comfort or feed any one of these our fellow creatures, for whom Christ suffered and died.

Money probably we can not all give, but those who have not this, have a life to give. It probably is but a broken fragment of life but here we can gather up the fragments and present in some form or another to God and the help of our nation. The years of opportunity lost never to be repaired, inspire us to the present opportunities for doing good and these are many as the pastor said. There is the Red Cross, with its wonderful work for aiding the suffering, the Y. M. C. A. caring for our soldier boys who are preparing to leave our shores, or those who have already gone, and so many other organizations all needing honest men and women to labor or help in some way. The glory of actual warfare overseas is for those only who are especially fit, this calls for our best manhood, for they only can endure the hardships, but we all have the fragments of a life to give in some form or other. If we can not do the former he urged us to be satisfied with some work, however obscure, and he quoted the following:

"It may not be on the mountain's height
Or over the stormy sea
My Lord will be at the battle's front
But if by a still small voice he calls
To paths that I do not know
I'll answer, O Lord, with my hand
In thine
I'll go where you want me to go."
I have made but a poor attempt in giving you this sermon, but it rang with such a true patriotism from beginning to end I felt it was worthy of some remarks in your paper.
A SUBSCRIBER.

TWO GRESHAM BOYS ABOARD FATED VESSEL

The sinking of the Tuscania has brought gloom and apprehension in to two Gresham homes, which will not be dispelled until the definite list of survivors is made public. They are the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duke and Mrs. Elmer L. Phelps. Mr. and Mrs. Duke are the parents of Cecil Duke, who recently enlisted in the 20th Engineers regiment. Mr. Phelps is married. His wife and three small children are living in Gresham. Both men are in the 6th Battalion.

When the news of the disaster came it was feared that two other Gresham boys were on board the fated vessel, as it was known that Glenn Kesterson and Lester Richey were in the 20th Engineers, 4th Battalion. Definite word received last night that the 4th Battalion has already reached France, came as a relief to the families and friends of the boys. Ray Palmquist of the 148th Field Artillery, tried to get a transfer to the 20th Engineers, but was unable. Ray is in an eastern cantonment, and was left behind when his regiment went over, on account of sickness. A letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Palmquist, tells of his recovery.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY PLANS PROGRAM

A very attractive program has been arranged by the members of the Women's Home Missionary society who will have charge of the services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening, February 10.

The speaker of the evening will be Mrs. Josiah Stansfield, president of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Oregon conference who has returned from the national convention recently held in Kansas City where she was a delegate and she brings to the local society a message from that gathering. The pastor, Rev. J. Montcalm Brown, will also give a short address.

Following is the musical program which has been arranged in connection:

Organ voluntary, "Pilgrim's Chor-us from Tannhauser," Gladys Neal.

Double trio, "Our Lord Triumphant," Sopranos, Della Towle, Mabel Brown; second sopranos, Mildred St. Clair, Benema Mathews; altos, Ruth Hartley, Ruth Inglis.

Solo, "One Hour Beyond," Jackson Jones.

Duet, "Through the Gates of Gold," Miss Grace Hartley, Mrs. Myrtle Myers.

CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1918, at 8:15 P. M.
REGNER'S OPERA HOUSE, GRESHAM

BY THE GRESHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Joseph A. Finley, Conductor. Mrs. J. E. Clanahan, Accompanist
Assisted by Miss Goldie Peterson, Soprano; Mrs. J. A. Finley, Soprano; Harold W. Moore, Bass; Mrs. Ethel Meade, Pianist; and the Aeolian Male Quartet: C. M. Godfrey, 1st Tenor; J. A. Finley, 2d Tenor; Fritz DeBruin, Baritone; Harold Moore, Bass.

Yankee Dialect Readings by J. A. Finley.

PROGRAM

1. Yachting Glee.....Culbertson
Chorus
2. King of The Winds.....Marx
Mr. Moore
3. The Soldiers Life.....Sullivan
Chorus
4. Summer.....Chaminade
Miss Peterson
5. The Evening Wind.....Saint Saens
Chorus
6. Wandering Singers.....Clark
Male Quartet
7. I Waited for the Lord.....Mendelssohn
Miss Peterson, Mrs Finley and Chorus
8. A Song of Thanksgiving.....Allitsen
Miss Peterson
9. Loves Old Sweet Song.....Molloy
Don't You Mind The Sorrows.....Cowles
Chorus
9. Reading—Elkanah B. Atkinson.....Day
Mr. Finley
10. Pilgrim Chorus.....Wagner's Tannhauser
Chorus

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WRITES SOLDIER BOYS

The Christian Endeavor of Pleasant Home is sending the following letter to the thirty boys of this community who have answered the call to the colors. The community of Pleasant Home, as represented by the entire congregation assembled at the Baptist church, as well as the Christian Endeavor endorse the letter which follows:

We, the members of the Christian Endeavor, and the community of Pleasant Home, take pleasure in writing to you, one of our brave volunteers.

We regret that you are not among us and we miss you greatly; but we will never fail to pray for you and honor you. For we know you have sacrificed yourself for us; you are fighting for us; representing all of us in a great war for humanity. We realize that your sacrifice means a great thing, not to us alone, but also to mankind through all the ages to come. So, we are not all that you represent when you cross the wide Atlantic, a stranger to the blood-stained soil of a strange land. No, you in the splendor of your manhood, represent all that is virtuous and noble and mighty in a great nation. But you represent even more than that, God stands behind this nation's efforts, and you are God's pride among men.

Because of all you represent, great honor is sure to be yours when you return home victorious. But the weight of your responsibilities is as great as the reward you are certain to receive. Then hold your honor high, noble volunteer, for you are to show the world what men in fair America are made of. Hold yourself in high esteem, knowing well in what high esteem we hold you. And let no one persuade you to fear that manhood of yours with any unworthy action. Scars on your body you may receive, and the greater the number, the more half a world will praise you, but keep your manhood in its present state of perfection, that you may teach your comrades a courage big enough to dare to do what is right at any cost.

We hope that you will soon return to us with your body unscathed, and a smile of victory on your face. No words can begin to explain with what unlimited joy we will welcome our hero home. For we know now your value as we never knew it before, and we realize that nothing we could do for you would begin to equal what you deserve at our hands. We pray that you will never become discouraged in fighting so nobly for the greatest flag that waves—our honored Stars and Stripes. It has never known defeat, and by God's grace, never will. Remember the blood of the finest men that ever lived has made our banner sacred. Then gladly carry on the flag, noble volunteer, it is a proud, proud task. The greatest men whose names adorn the pages of history have died for that flag, lived for it, and died for it, and if you save it you save them. As long as that flag waves hereafter it will silently and reverently honor your name. Yes, if you save that flag now, it will tell to future generations in the most eloquent language known to men, the beautiful story of you and your comrades. The influence of such a story will be limitless. It will check the transgressor on his way to destruction; it will inspire the heedless; it will encourage great men when disappointed and saddened.

Remember your God in time of success as well as in time of danger. He is the solid rock on which our great nation stands; and you in fighting for humanity and justice, are fighting for God himself. Therefore, He loves you and numbers every hair of your noble head.

We will never forget you, brave soldier, and we ask you to do us the honor of occasionally thinking of us.

GRESHAM CITY TAXES HAVE ALL BEEN PAID

Close scrutiny of the delinquent tax roll now being published shows that every taxpayer has paid his 1917 taxes in full within the town limits of Gresham. There are a few small tracts advertised on the outside but they seem to indicate double assessments, as some of them are known to be in the hands of new owners, and the chances are good that they, too, have been paid for.

Over at Troutdale and Fairview there are six or eight pieces of town property advertised. Some of them belong to women who probably don't know that they were delinquent. One piece belongs to a church society, indicating that the officers of it were forgetful or thought the property wasn't taxed. A few small pieces of acreage are advertised but none of the large firms. Altogether the smallness of the list reflects prosperity and promptness on the part of the property owners of this section.

No other part of the county can show such a record. The greatest number of delinquents in acreage is found on the west side, out back of Portland, and every town addition has a big list, revealing that the high cost of everything has prevented the payment of taxes in many instances.

We have several used 10 gallon milk cans for sale at a bargain. L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

Spuds to Help Out Nation's Food Supply

Commercial reports show that there is now a large surplus of potatoes. Stocks on hand are 146 per cent greater than a year ago, and shipments have been cut in half. Burbanks are bringing around one dollar per hundred with small demand. It is reported that consumption will have to increase greatly within the next three months in order to clear the situation. It is certain that prices will not advance very materially for several weeks, if at all.

With orders for the use of war bread facing the entire nation—orders that are imperative and which will force upon the entire population the necessity for using less wheat and more substitutes therefor, it seems hardly possible to estimate a standpoint of food conservation the great value of potatoes as a substitute for wheat and other grains in making of bread.

Rightly used a bushel of potatoes will save a bushel of wheat. The potatoes are here, the wheat is scarce. If the potatoes are not used they will be a total loss. They can be made into bread, as many persons know. Their use in bread is economical at any time. It is patriotic at this time; it utilizes a present product that may otherwise go to waste; saves wheat and other grain which can be exported; saves corn, barley and oats which can be used to produce meats and fats for our soldiers; gives us white, moist and wholesome bread for every meal; does not require extra work, nor change the usual custom and practices of the home; means two and one-third wheatless days a week, ten wheatless days a month, four wheatless months a year—and you won't know the difference.

Potatoes are grown in every section of the country, found in every home, are a universal food. Every family with a small piece of land can produce them. Potatoes last year was an abundant crop in the United States, as the present market conditions show, with a great surplus on hand; the possibilities of increasing the total yield in this country cannot be estimated. They are a perishable crop—cannot be exported to foreign countries, cannot be carried over from one year to another. The potatoes we use in this country we must use at home. The nature of potato starch is so nearly the same as wheat flour that there is no difficulty in using the potato combination in bread making.

Baked or boiled potatoes, mashed or put through a ricer, can be substituted for one-third the wheat flour in any standard recipe for making wheat bread, biscuits, pancakes, waffles, doughnuts, pie crusts and many other kinds of pastry. When potatoes are used a little less liquid may be required in the mixing.

LYNCH SCHOOL FORMS INDUSTRIAL CLUB

At the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Lynch school, held last Friday, Superintendent Alderson and Miss Alice Joyce of the O. A. C. were present and gave interesting addresses on the work of the Industrial clubs.

The lecture by Miss Joyce was especially interesting in that it was illustrated by stereoptical views of the progress made and work being done by the various clubs throughout the state.

Refreshments were served by three gentlemen of the association.

During the afternoon the Industrial Club held a meeting at which officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Alfred Zenger; vice president, Lloyd Middleton; secretary, Grace Millard; sergeant at arms, Albert Zenger; girls' advisor, Mrs. John Lynch.

Rockwood Rebekah Lodge will give a card party at the Maccabee hall on Wednesday evening, February 13. Admission and refreshments 15 cents. 169

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