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## SOLDIER BOY WRITES FROM "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

Robert Hobbs, in active service with the American expeditionary force, writes the following interesting letter to his parents here from "somewhere in France."

Dear Mother and all:

Was rather surprised today in picking up a bunch of old letters that had been written at our last rest camp in England and finding yours among them, as I thought it had been sent on some time ago. Such being the condition I decided to write you a few more lines and then send them on all at once. It has been a fine spring day and have spent a very pleasant time enjoying it. When we first came to our present location it was quite cold but it has changed greatly in the last few days.

Am still kept quite busy and getting along fine with my work. Am getting so that I like my work better all the time as I get accustomed to our new quarters. We have a fine bunch of fellows here and our officers are hard to beat. One of them took two sergeants and myself out for a good bath today, which we certainly were getting in need of, and then after that took us down town for dinner. It is a very interesting place although it is not a very large village. We are situated in an old cathedral or monastery so our quarters are a great deal different from anything we have been in so far. The rooms are very large and spacious, as many as 150 men occupying one room. Of course the rooms vary in size, some of them only being the size of an ordinary dwelling house room. Was told that Napoleon quartered his troops here in the early days so I imagine the place is considered quite famous.

I find it rather difficult to trade with the various stores here, but am getting more accustomed to their ways all the time and am beginning to pick up a little of their language, which will make it a great deal easier. I am beginning to learn what typical French customs are as we are meeting with them every day. The way conditions are quite plain here as the towns are quite desolate to what they ought to be. Every Saturday is market day and the people come from all parts of the surrounding country in the queerest vehicles, mostly two wheeled carts drawn by either burros or oxen. They gather in the square and it's certainly a novel sight. It is a queer place not having any electric lights or any of the modern conveniences. I don't believe they ever saw a truck or automobile until a few weeks ago when they first opened up the camp here. The streets are awfully narrow and crooked and the buildings are also quite old and all made of stone. While out on our trip this afternoon we stopped at a bakery and bought a couple of rolls of bread and a small pail of jam so are having a little treat all to ourselves here this eve.

You asked if I had a pleasant Christmas. You know we reached an English port Christmas eve. It did not seem much like Christmas but we were thankful to be on land again and hope to be home by next Christmas. Am quite anxious to get some more of your cheering letters but I imagine it will be some time yet before we hear from each other and the new year will probably be well advanced. We all got a good hot water shower bath here yesterday so feel pretty good. We get the regular French rations here also, so you can bet we are not overfed. I will certainly welcome those cookies if I ever do get them.

We had quite a rough trip in crossing the channel as the sea is always rough there, but we pulled through safely nevertheless. Have been kept quite busy today, as I am acting orderly for our squadron now and like my new job quite well as it gives me plenty of exercise in running around on various duties.

It is getting quite cold so had better blow out the candle and turn in. There are only four of us in the orderly tent and my sergeant is calling for me to crawl in and help keep him warm so I guess I had better close.

Yours with love,  
Pvt. Robert E. Hobbs  
No 116 Aero Squadron A. E. F.  
via N. Y.

The library building is nearly ready for occupancy.

The heaviest fall of snow of the year was recorded in Pendleton Wednesday, when four inches of the beautiful came down.

## RANCHERS MAKE A SWAP OF THEIR FARMS

Frank Auseon, the well known barber, and W. L. Pearson, well known pharmacy man, got talking about trades the other day and before they were through each had swapped his farm holdings in this community to the other, and moving day was set for Thursday of next week. In the deal Mr. Auseon gives Mr. Pearson his twenty-acre improve homestead north of town for the latter's improved five in town and six acres on the Umatilla river not far from here.

## LOCAL GARAGE INCORPORATES TO EXPAND

The firm of Sapper Bros., carrying on a garage business in this city, Monday merged from a partnership to a \$10,000 corporation. This was done to secure more capital for the purpose of enlarging and expanding the business, which has grown wonderfully in the past twelve months. With the incorporation will come a great many changes, to be announced later.

The old firm name has been absorbed by the reorganization, and the garage business will hereafter be known and operated as Sappers, Inc.

## "BOB'S" POPULARITY GROWS ON WEST SIDE

Apparently Robert E. Stanfield, candidate for United States senator, has made a big hit with the voters of western and southern Oregon on his campaigning tour through those portions of the state.

It's a good criterion of a candidate's success when newspapers speak well of him—and from what has been printed in coast papers of his candidacy it would seem as if "Bob" will easily receive the nomination at the primary election by force of his known ability and ardent support of the voters and members of the fourth estate in north, south, west and eastern Oregon.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held at the high school auditorium on Thursday, February 14. An excellent program had been prepared which was enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The program began with singing of The Star Spangled Banner. Miss Teevans' pupils gave the first number on the program, followed by a song by the fourth and fifth grades. The History of the Flag was well given by Ivy Goodwin. A song and encore by the high school quartette was enthusiastically received. The declamatory contest by pupils of the eighth grade was of keen interest, eight contestants giving Lincoln's Gettysburg address, Miss May Weinheimer being the winner. Mr. Thomas Campbell gave an interesting talk on war savings stamps and explained how more than necessary it was for each family to do their bit in buying thrift stamps. On account of Red Cross work it was decided not to hold regular monthly meetings, but for the association to be subject to the call of the president. After a vote of thanks to teachers and pupils for the patriotic program, the meeting adjourned.

## County Agent

At last Umatilla county is to have an agricultural agent, M. S. Shrook of McMinnville having been confirmed in that position last Monday by the county court. The new agent comes well recommended. He is a practical farmer, and for the past two years has been doing special work in the extension department of the O. A. C. Mr. Shrook's first work will be the compilation of a crop and farm labor survey for the entire county. His offices will be in the federal building in Pendleton.

At a meeting of the school board Tuesday evening, the resignation of Mr. Crandall, who has been janitor of the school building in this city for a great number of years, was accepted, and Antonio Soneson selected to succeed him after the first of March. It is understood that Mr. Crandall resigns for the purpose of engaging in active farming on an 80 acre ranch near Umatilla that he recently purchased.

## AMERICAN SCHOONER AFIRE OFF FRANCE



Photograph of an American schooner off St. Nazaire, France, ablaze from stem to stern. The ships of the allies hesitate to go to the rescue of burning craft, for German commanders have adopted the decoy of a simulated ship in distress to bring their prey within torpedo distance.

## COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Milton Matthews is ill from mumps.

T. H. Haddock has leased the Holington ranch for three years.

Miss Hattie Graham spent the week end in Hermiston with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Graham motored to Echo last Tuesday.

Carroll Akers visited at Stanfield on Tuesday.

T. H. Haddock made a business trip to Prosser, Wash., Wednesday.

Walter Blessing evidently got bit by that bug, as he, too, is driving a Maxwell.

Henrietta Akers is ill from measles.

Mrs. Straw and little daughter Dorothy spent Wednesday with Mrs. Jack Waller.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Lloyd were dinner guests of Mrs. Howard Reid Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Spencer, who has been ill for several months with rheumatism, left Tuesday for Hot Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Leathers left Tuesday for an extended visit to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ott and children and Mrs. Ott senior visited at the August Bensch home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fritz and Mr. McClellan arrived home Sunday from Erie, Pa., where they spent the past two months. They report exceedingly cold weather while they were east and much suffering among the people owing to lack of fuel.

Mrs. Meyers arrived Saturday from Wallows to spend the week with her niece, Miss Jones.

Jack Gorham has given up his bachelor apartment in the Fritz home and is now located at the Leathers home.

Mrs. Frank Beddow had as her dinner guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Tunney from Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and Mr. and Mrs. Gentry from Holdman.

The necessary leveling, seeding and strewing for Columbia park is now completed and \$150 paid to Wallace Spencer.

Today is Neighborhood club meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Watch for the "Colored Suffragettes" that the ladies of the Neighborhood club will advertise in these columns next week.

Akers' orchestra are scheduled to play for the opening of the Boardman dance hall Friday night.

A rehearsal of the "Colored Suffragettes" was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Phipps.

Edward McKeen arrived home last Saturday morning from San Diego, Cal., on a short furlough. He returned to his training camp Thursday.

Mr. Belschy, one of new settlers, is building a barn on his ranch adjoining the Haddock ranch. Mr. Belschy is an uncle of Mrs. Yudy.

Property is the fruit of labor; it is desirable, is a positive good in the world. Let not him who is without a home or without funds pull down the home of another or take the possessions of another, but let him labor diligently and build one for himself, acquire his own funds.

## BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

My, my, when will we get our school districts straightened out again. We all went to Pendleton the seventh and took it up with the county court, but they couldn't tell much more about it than we could. Funny they don't. We know our own minds. That is, we did when we voted this thing, but some of us have changed them, as all wise people do. What's that you say? We sure know what we want, so there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Natton, H. Moore, P. Sheridan, Jess Richards, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Atteberry, Mr. A. D. Smith and others were anxious waiters in Pendleton Wednesday.

Mrs. Jas. Wars came home from Pendleton the first part of this week. She has improved very fast from her recent illness. Her daughter and grandson accompanied her.

Well, did you ever see such weather and such roads. Weather puts the weather man to guessing, and Butter Creek roads keep Butter Creekers guessing.

Our Dogs are nearly grown and everyone of them are thoroughbred egg suckers.

Many Butter Creek boys expect to be examined the coming week, and some to be called by the 15th.

W. J. Hinkle is having work done on his land by P. J. Walt and A. I. Basey, leveling and preparing for alfalfa.

Well, now, everyone come to our dance Feb. 16. We will "sure have some time."

Hay on the Glenn Richards place is being chopped this week.

Walt P. Helmick is on the creek for the Penland ranch, Heppner, on business.

Mr. Hammond, on J. W. Messner's ranch, has just purchased Mr. Basey's hogs. Looks like we are going to have a new hog raiser.

There has been a good deal of wondering on the creek if the correspondent publishes all truth or not. We say right here, yes all truth and very, very little of not—we try not to use that word oftener than necessary.

Dr. R. C. Gale was a visitor on the Creek Sunday, also Miss Blumbeck, the nurse, who visited at the Canfield home on a social call.

While school directors and parents are settling their minds what to do about a consolidated district the kiddies are having the worst of bad times getting to school. We admit it looks rather slim for the side of 7 against that of 13. Now which is which.

Butter Creekers have caught the lodge fever. That is, the men. Can anyone think for the ladies. What can they do when their gay better halves leave at 6:30 p. m. and return at 4:30 a. m. every week, and some times two or three times a week. Anyone getting a bright thought on the subject leave at The Herald for Butter Creek correspondent.

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## ANOTHER UNIT TO BE OPENED TO SETTLEMENT

### RED CROSS

The Baptist Ladies Aid was out in full force last Thursday to sew for the Red Cross. Most of the ladies brought their lunches and about two dozen garments were completed.

The Hermiston Red Cross will hold a "Superfluous Sale" on the afternoon of their next business meeting, March 7, at their work room. Now is the time to take inventory of the attic and basement for superfluous articles that might bring in a few cents or a few dollars for the maintenance of our local work room. Anything from a loaf of bread to live stock will be accepted. Mrs. H. M. Gunn is chairman of committee in charge.

From January 22 to February 7 the local Red Cross has made and sent to Pendleton the following articles: 112 gingham garments, 14 sweaters, 25 pairs bed socks. There are 23 sweaters nearing completion. It surely looks as though nearly all the women are patriotically doing their bit.

## USERS OF ICE ARE WARNED OF SHORTAGE

Ice men and ice-users are cautioned against neglect in laying up a supply of natural ice wherever possible by the U. S. food administration, for the outlook is that they may not be able to buy any the coming summer.

Unprecedented demands for ammonia by the army and navy, coupled with lack of transportation, may put the principal ice making chemical beyond the reach of manufacturers, with the result that lack of this commodity this year would result in untold loss of foods in the homes, in creameries and cold storage plants.

## FORMER LOCAL DOCTOR NOW AT FORT RILEY

After having lost track of our former townsman, Dr. C. O. Waincott a couple of months after he enlisted in the medical corps of the U. S. army, we were agreeably surprised and glad to receive a letter from him the other day, the contents of which we will impart to his many friends and well wishers in this community. The letter follows:

"Editor Herald—Have received but a few copies of the Herald since I left Hermiston. Would like to keep informed of the happenings on the Umatilla project. As I have had poor success in having my mail forwarded will endeavor to keep you informed of my change of address. Kindly mail to the above address and enclose any old copies you may have available.

"Had a very profitable and pleasant time while at the military X-Ray school in Los Angeles. Was transferred to the Medical Officers Training Camp at this place late in December. Our work here is both of a medical and military nature. I hope to be assigned within a few weeks to some permanent military organization. I have asked to be assigned to overseas duty. This seems to be the wish of most of the men, but of course all cannot go as much of the medical officers work must necessarily be done in America.

C. O. Waincott,  
Co. 18, M. O. T. C., Ft. Riley, Kan."

## PIONEER HERMISTON LADY DIES IN OHIO

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The government has sent notification to H. D. Newell, head of the reclamation service, of its decision to open up another unit of this irrigation project. This will be known as the Third Unit in the west extension and will embrace approximately 1700 acres.

A detailed description of the land to be opened has been handed to The Herald by Chief Clerk Young of the reclamation service, and this, when published next week, will give those interested in the opening the desired information and exact location of the lands that come within the borders of the unit.

A brief review of the order, however, shows that the lands are located near Irrigon, and that a dozen or more homesteads are embraced in the unit, the rest being for the most part private lands.

These homestead can be had on from March 1st to 5th, the day of the opening being on March 6th.

The opening of this unit comes now by reason of the government having completed ditches and laterals to carry sufficient water to the land for irrigation purposes. It being well known that there is much good land in that portion of the west extension, it goes without saying that it will be quickly settled up.

## IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. A. W. Walpole, N. Seaman and Lester were school visitors last Friday afternoon and helped the girls of the sewing club with their work. Their interest is greatly appreciated by the club members. Mr. Grim was also an afternoon visitor and took as much interest in the girls work as that of the boys and that is what we like to have the directors do, for we appreciate very much the interest and good will of the school board and are always glad to welcome them.

A couple of daughters are visiting Mrs. Fred Reiks this week and last. Another daughter and husband were visiting her a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Brownell of Pendleton and friends from Umatilla were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Berry returned to their home near Lexington last Monday after a week's visit with her parents. They were accompanied by Miss Myrtle, who will spend some time with her sister.

We hear Paul Jones has bought the land on which the Coyote Springs are located and has engaged Mr. Klitz to level and seed some for him. He will soon have one of the best places in these parts.

Geo. Caldwell left for Eugene last Sunday to visit relatives before being called for duty in training camp.

Mrs. Dawson was a Hermiston visitor Monday and Friday of last week, having dental work done.

The Red Cross have changed their meeting place from the depot waiting room to the postoffice. A meeting is called for next Saturday from 1 to 5 p. m. All are requested to attend and show their interest in the work.

We hear Guy Corey has been passed in class one and called for examination this week in Heppner. His wife will return to Irrigon and live with her mother while he is away.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Caldwell are living in Umatilla now, he having accepted a job in the round house at that place.

Irrigon will soon have at least 3 men in the service.

N. Seaman was called to Heppner last week on business.

Bruce Rider is working near Bandon, in southern Oregon, instead of Boardman.

Experience is a good school master, but the school fees are heavy. So thinks one young man—and we think so too, "ha ha."

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