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SOLDIER BOYS WRITE TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart, north-east of town, have received the following letter from their son Carl, which is quite interesting:

"Dearest Folks: Well, I am passing through the most wonderful city in Europe,—Paris—and as I haven't had an opportunity to write lately I should not neglect to use the fine facilities afforded by the Y. M. C. A. here. Had a real good bath today in a real bath tub. Never felt better in my life, and hope you folks are enjoying as good health. Mother, I wish you could have been with me today, for I tried to do Paris in a day and I saw a wonderful lot of things. I have visited the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Tuilleries and a couple of old churches, one of which, according to our guide, was built in the fourth century. I ate a little salt when he said fourth century, but maybe it is straight. I cannot begin to tell about the sights I saw, for I viewed too much to be able to place things accurately. Could have spent 2 weeks in covering the same things and then wouldn't have got it all by a long ways."

After writing the above the young man was transferred from Co. A to Co. C of the American Expeditionary Force, in the signal brigade, after which he wrote again to his parents as follows:

"My Dear Folks: You will notice my address is changed and I am now with a division that is much talked of lately and has a fine reputation on the front. The boys are a fine bunch and I expect to have a very pleasant time, if one can possibly say war is a pleasure, although I can imagine life under such circumstances far worse than this. Since I started this I received your letters of August 15th and 20th and was indeed most pleased to get them."

"Well, Austria is out of it and before you read this everything will be over, and as I write this Nov. 3rd it looks as if I might be home for Christmas. With best love, I am your son Carl."

The following was received recently by Miss Mildred Percey from her former teacher, E. A. Beckman, now second lieutenant at Camp Meade, Md.:

"I was indeed greatly pleased to receive your letter. It was interesting to me to read about some of the activities of the Hermiston High School. I spent a very pleasant year with the high school and any news from the school is welcome."

"I feel, indeed, very much honored by having a star in your service flag. I think that the idea of having members of the high school write to their men in the service is a very good one. I know that the soldiers and sailors are delighted to get letters—especially from young ladies. And on the other hand, many of the boys, especially those who have gone across can convey to their friends at home something of the experiences they are going through 'over there.'"

"Last May when I left Hermiston, I went to Camp Lewis and enlisted, entering the Officers Training School and after being at Camp Lewis six weeks I was transferred to the Training School at Camp Taylor, Kentucky. On August 31st I finished the school and was commissioned a second lieutenant. Thereupon I was sent to Camp Meade, Md., and assigned to the 11th Field Artillery Brigade. Here I am now, but with prospects of leaving quite soon. Of course, much depends on the developments in Europe as to what we will do. I believe firmly that Germany will soon give up the fight. If she gives up very soon my chances of participating on the great battle field are, of course, lost. I desire very much to get across, go into action, and do something to help win the war. Yet, in the interests of humanity, I hope that we will very soon have a satisfactory peace."

"I hope, some day, to visit Hermiston and meet again members of the high school and others. For the present, however, I send greetings and well wishes to the high school and the good people of Hermiston."

Here's one from Teddy Hall from Camp Lewis, Wash.:

Editor Herald: Just allow me a

few minutes of your time and I'll be very brief with what I have to say.

We boys are rejoicing with the rest of the world because peace is so near. And now for a little bit about our home life. 'Tattoo' at nine o'clock each evening calls for lights out in the barracks the camp over. To make sure we get plenty of sleep no loud talking is allowed and everyone walks on his toes after the lights are out. At 10.45 p. m. comes call to quarters, and 11.00 p. m. 'Taps' is sounded over the camp. Only in exceptional cases is anyone supposed to be absent from his barracks after 'Taps'. At 5.45 a. m. again the buglers trouble us by calling us out of our peaceful slumbers. Ten minutes later another bugle calls us out for 'Reveille.' I wish to mention only one more bugle call. At 4.30 all companies are in formation in front of their barracks and the bugles play 'To the Colors.' If a band is present 'The Star Spangled Banner' is played instead. Any soldier out of formation must stand at salute facing the music.

"Twice we have gone on hikes, cooking our lunches in the open. Each man carries his supply of food and cooking utensils. The lunches generally consist of potatoes, onions, and bacon. Two slices of bread are included, and each fellow makes his own coffee."

"More than one rumor is afloat as to what 'Unk' is going to do with us. We have a little more faith now than we had in things heard several days back. Still we can't believe all we hear."

"I suppose the gas-mask is a necessary evil, but I hope I will be delivered from having to wear it any more. I've passed through the gas school, having become able to put the mask on from one position in six seconds and in seven seconds from the other. We passed through chlorine gas, the most deadly gas used on the battle front; mustard gas, which burns like fire wherever it touches the person, and tear-gas, a positive cure for tearless eyes. We went into this gas with masks on, but were ordered to remove them. We didn't stay in the tent any longer than necessary after the mask was removed."

"The boys are now returning from France, and we expect the 91st division to arrive in Camp Lewis soon. We may be sent out before it makes its return. This is the division which left here early last year, and of which the northwest may be justly proud. They helped turn the great horde of Germans back from Paris."

"We returning boys can't help but bring a little of the spirit of the camp life with us, and here's hoping we will return home soon."

BIG AUCTION SALE SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

J. S. Mattoon is evidently going out of the land clearing and leveling business, which enterprise he has successfully followed here for a long time, for today he will hold an auction sale of all his horses and implements, together with a Jersey cow and heifer, at his home in Hermiston, two blocks east of Sappers' garage. This will be the largest auction sale to take place on the project in the past two years of farm implements and stock. It starts at two o'clock this Saturday afternoon, so if you want to get in on the ground floor you had better be there promptly at that time.

P. P. Sullivan, who has acquired quite a name as a versatile speller of affairs of this kind, will cry the sale, and incidentally tell a few funny stories so as to make bidding go along smoothly.

Idaho Man Buys Ranch

Harry C. Davis sold his 20-acre ranch two and one-half miles east of Hermiston on Tuesday of this week to M. D. Parker, a new arrival with his family from Volmer, Idaho. The place is improved with a comfortable farm residence and outbuildings, a family orchard and ten acres in alfalfa. Mr. Davis and family are now in Portland, having moved there a month ago.

Firemen Hold Meeting
Hermiston's Volunteer Fire Department held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening in the library building. There was a fair attendance, and matters pertaining to the workings of the department were taken up and disposed of. Fire hydrants are to be put in the best of condition, hook and ladder equipments overhauled and the chemical engine put in readiness for emergency purposes. Hermiston is lucky in being almost immune from fires, but if one should accidentally come it will find the fire ladders prepared.

EULOGY TO UMATILLA, THE INLAND SEAPORT

(By R. G. Dykstra.)

The teachers of the Umatilla School are one hundred percent loyal to the profession and expect to keep up the pace in all worthy school activities. They were unanimous in joining the State Teachers' Association and while the present schedule will not include attendance at the coming session, they plan on taking up professional study in one of the state schools during the summer vacation.

Believing that the school should always keep in close touch with home life, and bring into its work such material as will make the work of the school real, and that the teaching should be based upon the life experience of the child, the school has brot into use many educational pamphlets and bulletins which assist materially in vitalizing home life and making the work of the school real.

If the home is the fundamental institute of civilization (and no one will refute that), the school should be looked upon as the supplement to the home and give the children the training that the home cannot give. Since we should provide the forms of education which the children crave and furnish to each one the line of study to which he or she is adapted, the use of various publications and bulletins assist materially in offering to the child the material in which he is interested.

Many bulletins, suitable for all the grades, treating of the subjects of agriculture, dairying, horticulture, etc., are read eagerly by the children and, in this way, assistance is given that will help to equip them for a life work and enable them to get the best out of their lives and to enrich the community in which they abide.

Thru the courtesy of the International Harvester Company of Chicago many educational bulletins and fine charts are loaned to the school and this agency with the co-operation of the Extension Department of the Oregon Agriculture College, is destined to create an interest in the rising generation of Umatilla that may some day realize that these sage brush plains and hills, once thought to be worthless, may yet prove to be rich and valuable. Only a few years ago it was a waste of sagebrush and sand, through which no sound emanated save the lonesome howl of the coyote and beating of waves of the mighty Oregon upon the basalt rocks as it rolled onward to the sea.

Today the wonderful achievement in many lines of endeavor reveals a few of the resources once unknown. Since there has been a marvelous increase in the control and adaptation of electricity, with a possibility of some day utilizing the waterpower, material could be furnished for electrifying all the Columbia railroads and near by cities. Thousands of acres of idle land, needed by the returning soldier could be irrigated by the construction of a dam below Umatilla Falls and at Wallula.

In this way industrial undertakings would have placed at their command the double provision of irrigation and electric power; and this section, once thought to be arid sagebrush tracts, would be transformed into a teeming, populous empire, beyond the comprehension of those unfamiliar with such conditions.

Dairying here is an industry yet in its infancy, but extended and systematized it would soon be bringing in an enormous revenue. So with the sugar beet, the sorghum and bee industry.

With these possibilities, rich will be the harvest for all who come to this land of Opportunity. Great will be the destiny of this fast growing inland empire, the future of which, as yet, we can but faintly picture.

Get Ready to Buy Stamps

Here From Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stillings arrived in this city last Saturday from Fremont, Ky., and are now comfortably located at the ranch home six miles east of the young man's uncle, H. J. Stillings, where they expect to remain indefinitely.

The young couple traveled by train five days and nights, and were delighted to reach their destination after the tiresome journey. They have become much taken up with the ideal climate conditions since their arrival.

MUST MAKE UP WAR SAVINGS STAMP QUOTA

Hermiston's quota of War Savings Stamps for the present year is \$3900 short and must be subscribed before the first of the year.

The W. S. S. committee have requested the gentlemen in charge of Xmas Red Cross Drive to see each of the heads of families that have not purchased their entire quota to raise this at once.

Do not consider that because you have purchased bonds that you have no interest in the W. S. S., as one is just as important and necessary as the other.

When the Committee calls on you Dec. 20th., be ready to complete your quota or still better purchase from the post office at once.

Masons Elect Officers

Hermiston Lodge No. 138, A. F. and A. M., elected the following officers Thursday evening of last week: J. H. Young, W. M.; A. W. Prann, S. W.; T. D. Worster, J. W.; F. B. Swayze, Treasurer; H. K. Dean, Secretary

Eastern Stars Elect

Queen Esther Chapter No. 101, O. E. S., elected the following officers for the ensuing year Tuesday evening:

Stella A. Hitt, W. M.; A. P. Garner, W. P.; Emma S. Johnson, Associate Matron.

Kathryn Garner, Secretary; A. R. Cressy, Treasurer; Nell Young, Conductor; Mable M. Jensen, Associate Conductor.

Have You Kept Your Pledge?

Have you kept your pledge to buy War Savings Stamps? Have you purchased as many of these baby bonds as you can this year? If not do so at once. Umatilla county has not yet reached its yearly quota and the time for making up the deficiency is short. Fulfill your pledge today.

Won't Joyride Any More

Four young people were caught in the net of the law Monday and haled to justice court. Two were boys 16 and 19 years old and two were girls 15 and 16 years old. The charge was that of taking C. C. Mason's Buick automobile from the corner of the Farmers Exchange and going on a joy ride from 10 in the evening till midnight.

Mr. Mason in the meantime missed his machine and instituted search, but without avail, and decided to wait for the return of the joyriders. One brought back the machine and confessed who the other members of the party were.

Mr. Mason then made a complaint in the justice court and the quartet was arrested. All pleaded guilty before Justice Dodd and the oldest boy was fined \$30, the next boy \$20 and the two girls \$15 each. The fine against the girls was remitted if they stayed at home two weeks day and night, and were not caught in such escapades again.

The younger boy did not have the money to pay his fine. He was not permitted to get it from his parents, but required to earn it and pay it all by his own labors.

The justice gave them a good lecture and informed them that they, being first offenders, were let off with light punishment, and that this was a warning to any further such pranks in the community. Any other young people who take machines in this manner will be fined or sent to jail with much more severe sentences. These violations of the law have been practiced more or less all year and the penalty hereafter will be much heavier.

INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Nearly Lost an Eye

Ora, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy, Minnehaha district ranchers, came mighty near having his left eye torn out last Saturday while playing buzz-saw with a string and button. While buzzing the button the string broke, thus releasing the button, which, still revolving, struck the eyeball, lacerating it so severely that the parents were compelled to take him to Pendleton to an eye specialist, who had to take a stitch to close up the wound. While uncertain as to the outcome of the accident, it is thought by the specialist that the sight will not be impaired.

Coming Home

George Prindle, a graduate of the Hermiston high school of the class of 1917, who has been in the service in the coast artillery at Fort Monroe, Va., has received his honorable discharge papers and writes home that after taking in the sights of Washington, D. C., he will journey to this city.

Had Both Legs Broken

Ed. Crandall, mechanical teacher in the public school at Venice, California, who two weeks ago had both legs broken while assisting in erecting a skeleton building for a movie film company, by being caught in a whirlwind that wrecked the structure, burying him and his companions in the wreckage, writes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crandall of this city, that he is getting along alright and will be well in a short time.

Due Next Thursday

The third installment on bonds of the Fourth Liberty Loan will fall due next Thursday, December 19. This installment calls for 20 per cent of the total amount.

Installation Postponed

The joint installation and annual banquet of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges has been postponed on account of the Flu epidemic for the present. Announcement will be made next week when the banquet will be held. M. D. Scroggs, W. M.

Transports Arrive

During the week more than a half dozen transports have arrived in the harbor of New York, bringing with them from the scene of battle in France about 10,000 heroic sons of the nation whose homes are scattered all over the United States.

ANALYZED CRAW OF CHINESE PHEASANT

District Game Warden Geo. Tonkin writes The Herald from Portland the following about his Chinese pheasant investigations in this locality:

"The China pheasant killed at Hermiston Nov. 15 showed that his principal food had been the root of the sweet clover. He had a craw full of small pieces that had evidently been torn off the live roots. The craw also contained one very small beetle."

"I had intended to shoot another on my last trip to Hermiston and to get one each month of the winter but will probably not be able to do so as some territory further away demands immediate attention."

"It was hoped that an examination of the craw of this bird during the late fall, winter, and early spring months would show that he did something during those months to offset the damage done to fruit and vegetables the remainder of the year."

"These pheasants, especially the roosters, are frequently found dead near telephone lines and sometimes near wire fences, where they have been killed by sudden contact with the wire. In all such cases the rancher will have an opportunity to study the food of the bird and I hope that they will do so. We have been told much about what the food consisted of while they were kept in captivity, but it is not the bird in captivity that causes the trouble at Hermiston."

The program of the Umatilla Basin Irrigation and Drainage School to be held by the Extension Service of the Oregon Agricultural College in Hermiston on December 16 and 17 has been definitely arranged and is given below. The subjects to be presented touch on a variety of irrigation problems which will be taken up from a local point of view.

December 16.

11 a. m. Selection and irrigation of land for irrigation. W. L. Powers, O. A. C.

Fundamental principles of modern water law. P. A. Copper, Oregon state engineer.

1:30 p. m. Drainage of irrigated lands. W. L. Powers.

Organization of reclamation projects. J. T. Hinkle, Hermiston, Ore.

Demonstration: Measurement and division of water.

7:30 p. m. Community organization for successful irrigation farming. F. L. Ballard, O. A. C.

Illustrated lecture: Irrigation practice.

December 17.

10 a. m. Development and future of irrigation in the Columbia basin. C. C. Clark, Arlington, Ore.

Economical uses of irrigation water.

1:30 p. m. Operation and maintenance of irrigation systems. M. D. Scroggs, superintendent of irrigation.

Demonstration: Methods of applying water to different crops. Field trip to experiment station, weather permitting.

Demonstration in the location of laterals may be substituted.

7:30 p. m. Practical results of irrigation experiments. H. K. Dean, superintendent Umatilla experiment farm.

Crops and crop varieties for irrigated land. R. W. Allen, demonstration agriculturist.

Livestock management of the irrigated farm. G. E. Cressy, Hermiston, Oregon.

General discussion and question box. Closing remarks. W. L. Powers.

In connection with the irrigation and drainage school Miss Lorene Parker, home economics agent in Umatilla county, will give the following program for the women of the project. A number of the subjects to be taken up by Miss Parker were planned for the Dairy Show but were not given on account of its postponement.

Monday, 2 to 4 p. m. Lecture: Dairying products, importance in the diet. Demonstration: Some dairy products dishes.

7:30 to 9 p. m. Need of clothing conservation. Preparation of old clothes for remodeling. Altering patterns. Clothing budget.

Tuesday, 2 to 4 p. m. Lecture: Planning family meals. Demonstration: Making of the Fireless Cooker. Use of the Fireless Cooker.

7:30 to 9 p. m. Cleaning and re-arranging old clothes. Removing stains. Simple tests for wool, linen and silk.

Organize Granges

R. C. Canfield has received notification from C. E. Spencer, master of the Oregon State Grange, that he will be in Hermiston on Friday, Dec. 20, and on the afternoon of that day will organize a local grange in the library building at 2 o'clock. Saturday, Dec. 21st, a grange will be organized by him at 7:30 p. m. in the school house in Columbia district.

Severely Hurt

Jane, the little five and a half year old daughter of Attorney and Mrs. W. J. Warner, met with what came near being a fatal accident Monday by accidentally falling from the auto school bus that brings the children to the Hermiston school from out Columbia district way. By a miracle the child escaped going under the wheels of the big machine, but as it was she received many bruises and had her clothes torn in the tumble from the swift moving bus. The accident happened on the homeward trip, and later the parents took the sufferer to Pendleton for treatment.

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