

There are still plenty of Bargains

Some extraordinarily good "buys" have been found in Hood River this Spring. There are probably no more bearing orchards to be had at at the "snap" prices some of these sold for. Nevertheless, there are still plenty of good bargains, that will look just as good as we look back at them next year, and the next, as these do now. Here are a few:

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 4. A fine big stock and grain farm at Trout Lake and another at Camas Prairie. Each a dandy and each priced at \$18,000.
 5. Fine ten acre orchard property in perfect shape. Excellent improvements and paying big return on the price. \$6500.
 6. Thirty acre orchard with a big crop on the trees. \$500 an acre.
 7. Seven room modern house on Pine St. Newly painted. An unusual bargain at \$2000.
 8. Big stock ranch in Upper Valley at \$10 an acre.
 9. Thirty acre place on West Side. Very fine improvements. Fourteen acres of dandy orchard. \$10,500.
- And many others. Come and see us.



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STANLEY STEAMER PERFORMS STUNTS

W. B. Earle, of the W. H. Wallingford Co., of Portland, has been here this week displaying a Stanley Steamer touring car. Mr. Earle, accompanied by Commodore O. C. Dean, who with

L. E. Fouts, is the local agent for the Stanley Steamer can climb Mount Hood and most Hood River men who have seen Mr. Earle making the demonstrator perform here, are ready to back him. The steamer car is truly a marvel. It can be stopped on the steepest grade his car laden with astonished passengers, negotiated a long flight of concrete steps leading up from the station. Commodore Dean declares that a

HOSTESS HOUSE FAMILY REUNION

How It Happened to Entertain Only A. E. F. Mother Who Visited Army of Occupation.

BIG CORPORAL DUTIFUL SON.

No Knightly Courtiers Ever Acted With More Gallantry to Lady Fair Than Did He and His Doughboy Pals to This Little White Haired Woman Dressed Exquisitely in Black.

By GRACE GOULDER (With the American Y. W. C. A. Overseas.)

Coblentz, Germany, March 28 (By Mail.)

It happened right here in Coblentz. A big corporal came into the Y. W. C. A. Hostess House and asked for the director, Miss Ruth Woodsmall, who comes from Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Could my mother stay here?" he began at once, trying his best to cover his excitement.

"Your mother?" gasped Miss Woodsmall. "How did your mother ever get here?"

"Well, she isn't here yet, but if she comes will you keep her?"

"Of course I will, but—"

She didn't finish, for the boy had smashed his cap back on his head and was out of the door on a run.

The corporal's visit remained a mystery for two days. Then one evening just at dusk a little white-haired woman dressed exquisitely in black appeared in the sitting room of the Hostess House, and the corporal was hovering behind her, trying to be beside her and back of her and in front of her all at once. He was carrying her coat—a big fur one. With them were three doughboys, pals of the corporal. They tried to keep in the background, but their eyes were glued on her face.

Everyone in the sitting room sat at attention. There are no English speaking men or women out of uniform in the Third Army area. Yet here was a woman in civilian clothes. Mothers are unlearned of with the army. But this was a mother, everyone knew. After awhile someone found out about this mother.

Had Been Interned During War. She and her husband, who were born in Germany, but had been naturalized, lived in San Francisco. Before the war they left for Weisbaden, Germany, that their invalid daughter might have treatment at this famous health resort.

They brought their other children with them. One was Walter, a small boy, and the other was Ralph, now Corporal Stepp of the American Army.

When the war was declared they sent Ralph back to America, because he was of military age and they did not want him to fight for the Kaiser. Then America entered the war.

Mrs. Stepp—Mrs. Anna Stepp she is—told this part of the story: "Until a month ago I hadn't heard from Ralph for two years and a half—even before America got in the war mail was held up. I didn't know whether he was in the army or not—but I was sure he was, because—well, because he is an American." Here she stopped a minute to smile up at him.

"After awhile we heard from some friends that he was in the army—and that he had come over here. That was all I ever knew. It's nearly five years since I have seen him!"

"Of course it was awfully hard—I couldn't get word to him and he couldn't to me. My husband used to tell me it wouldn't help Ralph any for me to cry. I tried not to—before the rest of them anyway. My daughter got worse steadily—she is no better. We couldn't get the proper food for her after awhile. And she hated to see me worried about Ralph, so I used to try to keep up before them."

"Last January my husband came to Coblentz about his citizen papers. An American soldier in Ralph's company who was in the office heard his name and asked him if he was any relation to Ralph. He didn't tell him Ralph was in Coblentz, but went after Ralph. He didn't tell Ralph his father was here. When they met they couldn't believe their eyes."

"Ever since then I have been trying to see Ralph. He couldn't come to Weisbaden because it was out of the American area, and I couldn't get through until today—more than two months."

They asked her if her Ralph had changed much in all that time.

"Oh, yes—very much. But do you know, I think it is because all that long time when I didn't know where he was or how he was—I got in the habit of thinking of him as he was when he was a baby—I kept seeing him as a baby and remembering the way he felt when he was little. Isn't that queer? And now look at him!"

And the corporal tried not to see the adoration in her eyes.

"Five years is a long time to wait to see your boy," she murmured, and kept her eyes on him. Again she had forgotten the people around her.

The corporal cleared his throat. "This is why I ask, if you could keep my mother, Miss Woodsmall, I didn't want her to come unless she had a good place to stay. Ah, ever—thanks awfully."

And that is the story of how the Hostess House happened to entertain the only known A. E. F. mother who has visited the Army of Occupation.

O. W. R. & N. Co. Time Table WEST BOUND

No. 11, Spokane-Port. Pass. 6:11 a. m.
No. 5, East Mail 10:15 a. m.
No. 19, Omaha, Kan. City 12:55 p. m.
Denver, passenger 3:00 p. m.
No. 1, Pendleton-Port. Local 3:00 p. m.
No. 17, Ore.-Wash. Limited 4:50 p. m.

EAST BOUND

No. 6, Salt Lake Express 12:55 a. m.
No. 2, Port-Pendleton Local 9:50 a. m.
No. 18, Ore.-Wash. Ltd. 11:35 a. m.
No. 4, Omaha, Kan. City 7:52 p. m.
Denver, passenger 8:18 p. m.
No. 12, Spokane-Port. Pass. 8:18 p. m.

Y. W. C. A. UNIFORMS TO CLOTHE STUDENTS

Suits Worn by War Workers Will Be Given to Penniless Students in Switzerland.

Official uniforms of the Young Women's Christian Association minus the Blue Triangle, the Association insignia, will be worn next winter by women students who have been stranded in Switzerland during the war and who, because of lack of funds, inability to re-enter their native country, a desire to finish their university courses or because they have no family to which to return, will remain there next year.

Elizabeth M. Clark, who has been in Switzerland for ten years under the World Student Christian Federation, has appealed to the National Student Committee of the Y. W. C. A. for clothing for the 300 foreign women students in Switzerland. The scarcity of clothing last year among these almost penniless students made it necessary for two girls to share one coat so that only one could go to classes or go out of doors at a time.

Four large packing cases of all kinds of used clothing, save hats, which is in good condition, have been collected hastily from women college students in the New England States, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Indiana by the Student Committee of the National Y. W. C. A. to be sent over in response to Miss Clark's appeal. This clothing will be dyed, cleaned and made over in Switzerland.

In addition to the clothing collected from students in colleges nearest New York a case of uniforms, which have been turned in by Y. W. C. A. secretaries who did war work, and the official gray uniform slacks is being sent. As uniforms are being turned in by war workers they will be claimed by the Student Committee, which will remove the insignia and prepare the uniforms so that they may be worn by these women who have been forced by world events to remain in Switzerland for several years.

QUEEN MARIE INVITES Y. W. C. A. TO RUMANIA

Extends Invitation to Overseas Workers in Paris.

Paris, April 21—Queen Marie of Rumania, following a conference with a representative committee of the American Y. W. C. A. held at the Ritz Hotel, Paris, has invited the American Young Women's Christian Association to come to Rumania and open work under her patronage.

Among the representatives of the Y. W. C. A. present at the conference were: Miss Harriett Taylor, head of the American Y. W. C. A. work overseas; Miss Mary Anderson of Hudson, Wis.; Miss Mary Dingman, head of the Y. W. C. A. industrial work in France; Mrs. Margaret B. Fowler of Pasadena, Cal.; and Miss Charlotte Siven, head of the Y. W. C. A. work in Italy. A notable guest at the meeting was Madame Cernari, wife of the secretary of the Rumanian legation in Paris.

Y. W. C. A. Provides Home For Actresses at Camp Dix, N. J.



Actresses who play in the Liberty Theater at Camp Dix, N. J., find a touch of home in the Players' House, which the Young Women's Christian Association, of which Mrs. John B. Rockefeller, Jr., is chairman, operates for them. Because of the distance from any town where they might stay, it was necessary to provide some sort of living accommodations for the actresses. The Y. W. C. A. built the house, supplying it with all conveniences such as sewing machines, washbasins and ironing boards. Camp Upton, L. I., has a similar house.

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