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"GRIFF" NOW OBSERVER ON NAVAL PLANE

Tells in Letter of First Trip—Geo.
Beyer, in Engineers, Writes
From Over There

Miami, Fla., Sunday, Feb. 10
Dear Mr. Stants and all:

Just a line to let you know of my
change of address.

I am now an observer with the U.
S. Naval Flying Corps and like it
very much. From the Radio School I
took a little trip to sea and then to
the air station at Miami and am now
flying. As we are in the navy, we
use the sea planes, and say, they do
skip along the water fine.

I had my first ride about a week
ago and since then I have had several.
So far I have been in the air about
thirty hours, a record of every flight
is kept, length of time up, altitude,
etc., so we know just what's been done.
My first ride was of about fifty
minutes duration and it was rather
exciting skimming along the water
and the first thing I knew the plane
began to leave the surface of the sea.
My, but it's great. We climbed up
about 3300 feet and then the pilot
pulled a stall, which very near made
me bite off the end of my heart. Here
is how it's done: flying along with the
planes parallel with the earth, then
you turn and start a loop, when the
planes are perpendicular with the
earth and you are dimming right
straight up, the engine is shut off and
down we dropped, tail first. Then he
did some funny little thing and we
spun down and landed on the water.
The pilot asked me if I was sick
and how I liked it. I told him I was
not sick and that it was O. K., so up
we went again. He did the stall a
couple of times more and the tail spin
and then flew down to Palm Beach and
back.

My work will be the dropping of
bombs, reporting by radio the damage

done, the spotting of artillery shoot-
ing and other things of a like nature.
I went for a swim in the bay today
and everything is fine here. All the
grape fruit, oranges, etc., one wants,
all that's necessary is the picking off
the trees.

My new address is U. S. Naval
Air Station, Miami, Fla.
Best wishes to all the people of old
Downers Grove.

Owen H. Griffiths

Somewhere Over There, Sun. Jan. 6th.
Dear Friend Jack White:

Received your most welcome and in-
teresting letter of Nov. 1st on Jan. 1.
I wish I could write you a little of
the way we're doing things, but it's
impossible.

I want to thank you for the papers
you have sent, I received several pack-
ages from you and I also get the
Downers Grove Reporter regularly, so
you see I keep up with what is going
on in D. G.

I received several nice Christmas
presents. One box I received from
Mrs. Blodgett contained among other
things a woolen helmet from her and
a scarf from Edith Haymond, some
tobacco from Rab Blodgett and Mr.
Swearingen, which I surely appreciate
more than I have words to say.

I had a great time Christmas. Two
fellows and I, (Fred Durland and Bill
Davison, both of them "Q" men and
both Masons) went to Paris, Dec. 23,
24 and 25. We were very lucky to
get those dates and we sure enjoyed
ourselves. Paris is a very nice place,
much prettier than London. The
streets are much wider and cleaner
and the buildings much higher than
in the English capital, but not as high
as in Chicago. There are also a lot
of pretty boulevards and places of in-
terest. We also took a trip to Versail-
les, here we walked on the widest
street in the world.

If I ever get back I sure will be able
to tell you a lot of interesting tales.
The weather here is very cold and
we have had quite a bit of snow and
we will be glad when warm weather
comes again. I am in good health

with the exception of an injured foot.
About a week ago a bench fell on it
and almost broke the arch. They
took an x-ray picture and found it
wasn't broken for which I was glad,
but I am still walking with a cane and
think I will be working again soon.
Hoping this finds you and all the
folks well and happy and with kind-
est regards to all, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Pvt. Geo. H. Beyer

SAVE THE HENS

Every laying hen sold from the
farms before the first of May means
a loss of about 30 eggs to the food
supply of the nation. These eggs are
valuable food, manufactured largely
from insects, weeds, grass, garbage
and waste. The eggs, therefore, are
almost wholly a net gain in human
food. Moreover, the hen is just as
good meat after she has laid these
eggs as before.

Save the hens is the message that
the United States Department of Agri-
culture is sending broadcast through
press notices and posters, and through
its county agents, especially in the
southern poultry-raising sections.

Novel Bed for Paralytics.

One of the great problems in certain
cases of spinal wounds with paralysis
is how to move the patient sufficiently
to make his bed and tend his wounds
without increasing his sufferings by
moving him. The new bed solves the
problem. Surrounding the bed just at
the edge of the mattress is a rectan-
gular framework of hollow metal pip-
ing. Connecting the two parallel sides
are broad bands of webbing stretched
across the mattress, and on these the
patient lies. The two short sides of
the framework, the one at the head of
the bed and the other at the foot, are
connected by a geared wheel with a
vertical steel post so that by simply
turning a handle at the head or foot
of the bed the framework, with the
patient lying on the webbing, can be
lifted off the mattress without his po-
sition being changed in the least.

This Is Our Winter of Test

SERVING food is a lo-
cal problem for each
community. Prices
and definite rules for
every one cannot be
formulated. It
is a duty for
each one to
eat only as
much as is
necessary to
maintain the
human body
healthy and strong. This winter
of 1918 is the period when it is
to be tested here in America wheth-
er our people are capable of vol-
untary individual sacrifice to
save the world. That is the pur-
pose of the organization of the
United States Food Administra-
tion—by voluntary effort to pro-
vide the food that the world
needs.
U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

NEED BIG HERDS

Europe's Meat Supply Must Come
From America.

Warring Nations Have Depleted Live
Stock at Enormous Rate, Every
Killing Dairy Cattle For Food.

American stock breeders are being
asked to conserve their herds and
herds in order to meet Europe's tre-
mendous demands for meats during
the war and probably for many years
afterward.

The United States food adminis-
tration reports that American stock
raisers have shown a disposition to
cooperate with the government in in-
creasing the nation's supply of live
stock.

Germany today is probably better
supplied with live stock than any other
European nation. When the Ger-
man armies made their big advance
into France and then retreated, virtu-
ally all the cattle in the occupied
territory—approximately 1,500,000
head—were driven behind the German
lines.

But in England where 2,000,000
acres of pasture lands have been turned
into grain fields, the cattle herds
are decreasing rapidly. One of the
reasons apparently is the declining
maximum price scale adopted by the
English as follows: For September,
\$17.75 per 100 pounds; October, \$17.25;
November and December, \$16.00; Jan-
uary, \$14.40. The effect of these prices
was to drive beef animals on the mar-
ket as soon as possible.

In France the number of cattle as
well as the quality have shown an
enormous decline during the war.
Where France had 14,807,000 head of
cattle in 1913, she now has only 12,
310,000, a decrease of 16.6 per cent.
And France is today producing only
one gallon of milk compared to two
and one-half gallons before the war.
Denmark and Holland have been
forced to sacrifice dairy herds for beef
because of the lack of necessary feed.

Close study of the European meat
situation has convinced the Food Ad-
ministration that the future problem
of America lies largely in the produc-
tion of meat producing animals and
dairy products rather than in the pro-
duction of cereals for export when
the war will have ceased.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT HELPS PAY FOR BREAD

There has been much misunder-
standing about the bread program in
England. It is true that the English-
man buys a loaf of bread for less than
an American can, but it is poorer
bread, and the British government is
paying \$200,000,000 a year toward the
cost of it.

All the grain grown in Great Brit-
ain is taken over by the government
at an arbitrary price and the imported
wheat purchased on the markets at
the prevailing market price. This is
turned over to the mills by the govern-
ment at a price that allows the adul-
terated war bread loaf of four pounds
to sell at 18 cents, the two pound loaf
at 9 cents and the one pound loaf at 5
cents.

In France, under conditions some-
what similar, but with a larger ex-
traction, the four pound loaf sells for
16 cents.

MAKING MEATLESS DAYS PERMANENT.

In the meatless menu there is a fer-
tile field for developing new and nour-
ishing dishes, according to E. H. Niles,
writing in the Hotel Gazette, who be-
lieves that the present shortage of
meat and fats will not end with the
coming of peace, but may grow more
acute and continue for five or six
years, thus making it worth while to
develop menus of grain, vegetables
and fish on a more or less permanent
basis. Meat can be replaced by cereals
and other protein foods, or may be
served in very small portions as a fa-
vorite for other food. In making up
meatless menus this author finds our
American Creole and southern cuisine
a broad field for investigation.



Saturday, Feb. 16th Matinee 3:30

EARLE WILLIAMS in "Transgression"

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"Tokyo, the Metropolis"

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Matinee 3:30 Admission 9 cents to all; War tax 1c

Evening one Big Show: 7:45; Admission 9 and 13c. War tax 1 and 2c.



Monday, Feb. 18th

Billie Burke in 'The Land of Promise'

Paramount Comedy—
"Toothaches and Heartaches"

Evening one Big Show at 7:45; Admission 9 and 13c
War Tax 1 and 2c



Thursday, Feb. 21st Matinee 3:30

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

in "Reaching for the Moon"

Ford weekly, Bray Pictograph, and a very good comedy

Special Matinee 3:30, Admission 9c to all; War tax 1 and 2c

Evening one Big Show 7:45; Admission 10 and 15c; War tax 1 and 2c.

A Special for the Children and Grown Folks
Washington's Birthday, Friday, Feb. 22

"Cinderella and the Magic Slipper"

Full Program will be announced later.

Special Matinee 3:30, admission 9c to all.
Evening one Big Show at 7:45; Admission 9 and 13c; War tax 1 and 2c

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Report of the condition of Farmers & Merchants Bank, located at Dow-
ners Grove, State of Illinois, before the commencement of business on the
7th day of February, 1918, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the
State of Illinois, pursuant to law.

RESOURCES

1. Loans and Discounts	\$194,055.58
2. Overdrafts	125.00
3. Securities	16,702.27
5. Banking House	14,800.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,650.00
6. Cash and Due from Banks	63,964.27
Total Resources	296,297.72

LIABILITIES

1. Capital Stock Paid in	\$ 25,000.00
2. Surplus Fund	19,000.00
3. Undivided Profits (net)	3,833.50
4. DEPOSITS:	
All other deposits	248,464.18
Total Liabilities	296,297.72

I, V. Simonson Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, do solemnly
swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and
belief.

V. Simonson, Cashier.

State of Illinois, County of DuPage, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Feb. 1918.

(SEAL)

William H. Blodgett, Notary Public