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"And The Star Spangled Banner Forever Shall Wave, O'er The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave."

WRITES FROM CAMP LOGAN

Camp Logan, Texas.
April 18, 1918.

Dear Walt:

Well at last I have a few minutes to spare so will let you know my whereabouts.

We arrived in this camp on the 6th and all the camp Grant men were put in a Provisional regiment. Last Sunday morning the 13th most of us were transferred to regular outfits. Us old "C" boys landed in the 130th Inf., and as they were out at the rifle range for a six day shoot, we had a nice little eight mile hike. We were assigned to Co. out there. Billy Shannabrook, myself, and two other "C" boys drew Co. E. Us D. G. boys are sure getting split up. Believe me I am glad Bill and I are together.

We did not like it very well here at first because we moved in where the old 8th colored regiment used to be and they did not have things fixed up at all. It was also pretty disagreeable out at the rifle range. The wind blows all the time and you have to eat sitting on the ground, or perhaps you can find a seat on a wood pile or a garbage can. Those seats are prized very highly so one has to get up in the front of the line if he expects to procure one of them. Of course the wind picks up a lot of sand which looks just like pepper on all your food. It does not add anything to the flavor as far as I have been able to see. We sure would like to meet the Kaiser right now because we are full of grit.

Well, Bill just came over and said I had better shake a leg if I did not want to miss retreat.

I have not seen a Reporter for several weeks. Would it be too much trouble for you to change my address to Co. E, 130th Inf., Camp Logan, Houston, Texas.

Must stop, with best wishes, your old friend,

Stephen Sacksteder.

LOCAL BOYS TRANSFERRED FROM GRANT

Camp Grant, April 18, 1918.

Friend Walter:

Here is a little dope on recent transfers of Downers Grove boys.

Two weeks ago Billy Shannabrook and Stephen Sacksteder were transferred to Camp Logan, Houston, Tex.

The following transfers take place tomorrow: Jos. Bales to the Quartermaster Corps, Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla.; Albert Sheridan to the Engineers Replacements at Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C. H. A. Drew to the Quartermaster Corps at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,
Harvey A. Drew.

LAND ARMY MAKES PLANS

Units of Women Plan to Camp and Hire Themselves Out to Farmers—Chaperons to be Provided.

If on a not far distant spring day a citizen of any of the Illinois Counties should happen to look down the road and see what seems to be an army rushing to meet him, let him not be afraid. It is a unit of the Woman's Land Army of America, armed with shovels and hoes.

The plan, endorsed by the Womens Committee, State Council of Defense, is to place women in units of from ten to seventy. These will camp near a large farm or group of farms and hire themselves out for day or piece work. Chaperons are in charge of the groups and an empty farm house usually can be obtained to live in. In this way the women plan to live in a suitable and inexpensive way, and the farmer has not the burden of supplying housing for the workers.

The Womens Committee states: "Preparatory training of at least two weeks, and preferably three weeks, is required before the woman farm laborer is allowed to work for a wage. For it takes at least that much training to get beginners used to the physical strain and for them to acquire an elementary knowledge of implements and work. Several experiments of this kind were successful in New York state last summer, especially for potato planting, fruit picking, and several forms of intensive agricultural work."

A joint war council of The Garden Association, the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association and the Woman's Land Army of America, all affiliated with the Woman's Committee, has launched the National Association called the Woman's Land Army of America.

RIGHT USE OF FLAG

It Should Never Be Permitted to Touch the Ground, nor Draped as a Decoration.

In these days when every household should have a flag, and should fly it upon every occasion offered, its correct use should be known to all. The following from the National Geographical Magazine, tells the proper usage succinctly:

"While there is no federal law in force pertaining to the manner of displaying, hanging, or saluting the United States flag, or prescribing any ceremonies that should be observed, there are many regulations and usages of national force bearing on the subject.

"In raising the flag it should never be rolled up and hoisted to the top of the staff before unfurling. Instead, the fly should be free during the act of hoisting, which should be done quickly. It should be taken in slowly and with dignity. It should not be allowed to touch the ground on shore, nor should it be permitted to trail in the dust. It should not be hung where it can be contaminated or soiled easily, or draped over chairs or benches for seating purposes, and no object or emblem of any kind should be placed upon it or above it.

"A common but regrettable practice at public meetings is to drape the flag like a tablecloth over the speaker's table and then place on the flag a pitcher of ice water, books, flowers, etc.

"The flag should not be festooned over doorways or arches. Always let the flag hang straight. Do not tie it in a bow knot. Where colors are desired for decorative purposes, use red, white and blue bunting.

"The flag should not be hoisted upside down, other than as a signal of distress at sea.

"International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of any other with which it is at peace. When the flags of two or more nations are displayed they should be on separate staffs or on halyards of equal size and on the same level.

"The flag should never be raised or lowered by any mechanical appliance.

"When the national colors are passing on parade, or in review, the spectator should, if walking, halt, and if sitting, arise and stand at attention and uncover.

"When flags are used in unveiling a statue or monument they should not be allowed to fall to the ground, but should be carried aloft to wave out, forming a distinctive feature during the remainder of the ceremony.

"Where the national flag is displayed with State or other flags, it should be given the place of honor on the right. Its use should be confined as much as possible to its display upon the staff. Where used as a banner, the union should fly to the north in streets running east and west, and to the east in streets running north and south.

"Old, faded, or worn-out flags should not be used for banners or other secondary purposes.

"When no longer fit for display, the flag should be destroyed privately, preferably by burning or other methods lacking the suggestion of irreverence or disrespect.

"A flag or an ensign at half-mast is the universal sign of mourning. Before being placed at half-mast the flag must always be raised to the top of the staff, and before it is lowered from half-mast it must likewise be hoisted to the top."

MACON COUNTY GIVES \$3,000

Appropriation Made by County Board of Supervisors to Maintain Headquarters for Defense Committee.


Macon County has appropriated \$3000 for the use of the State Council of Defense auxiliary in that county.

When a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Macon County was held this week, a committee from the Macon County Auxiliary Committee of the State Council appeared before the board and the question of financing the defense work of the committee was laid before the members of the board. The situation was presented by J. M. Allen and E. P. Irving, who explained the need of money to maintain headquarters for the defense organization.

The Supervisors were quick in their response, and there was no quibbling when it came to voting an appropriation of \$3000, according to a letter from Mr. Allen to Walter S. Brewster, secretary of the Counties Auxiliary of the State Council.

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NAVY ASKS FOR 100,000 MORE MEN

In order to prepare for all contingencies and be assured of an adequate force to man all ships launched, the Navy Department has issued a call for 100,000 men in the various branches of the Naval Reserve Force. A large number of these men are sent immediately to active duty at sea during the present war. It is very necessary that the Navy be prepared to meet the demands made upon it for armed guards on the Merchant Marine for patrol ships and submarine chasers, and it is the intention to always have ready a force of men to man all ships launched and put into service. The Navy has played a very important part from the beginning of the war, and has met every demand to date without fail. The present call is probably the most important that has yet been made, and to those who wish to serve, there is no better chance than is now offered. A few facts in regard to the expansion of the Navy may be interesting.

Upon the declaration of war, the Navy, including all reserves, consisted of about 50,000 men; at the close of the first year of the war, there were over 300,000 enlisted men serving in the regular and in the reserve service. All of these were voluntary enlistments and enrollments. On January 1st, 1917, 176 vessels of all types were in commission. There are today in commission 1345 Naval vessels, including battleships, cruisers, gun boats, destroyers, mine vessels, supply vessels, submarine chasers and converted yachts. By the end of this year, there will be completed 555 additional Naval vessels, and it is to meet the demand for crews for these additional vessels that this call is made. At the end of this year there will also be, according to estimate, a total of 850 merchant vessels, a certain part of which they will probably ask the Navy to man complete. Besides this, armed guards and radio crews have been furnished for about 200 vessels, and at the end of the year similar crews for all of the 850 vessels previously mentioned will have to be provided.

"A Stitch In Time Saves Nine"



For the Same Reasons

that it pays to have the dentist look after your molars and the jeweler your watch every so often, it will pay you to arrange for the expert periodical inspection and care of your motor car. By so doing, insipient troubles may be remedied, which if neglected, would cause wear and deterioration of parts, the avoiding of which might easily save more dollars than the proverbial "nine" quoted above.

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