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LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

LETTERS FROM JOHN POZDOL

(The following are the last two letters received from John Pozdol, the last one being received about two weeks after his death announcement here.)

Somewhere at the front in France
March 30, 1918.

Dear Father and Mother:
Just a few lines this evening to let you know that this leaves me well and happy, hoping it finds you the same.

Listen Dad I have written you two letters since I have been here but as yet I haven't heard from you.

I am at the front now and I like my present position very well. Stanley Baron and Johnnie Burek are somewhere over here but I don't know where they are. The last time I saw them they were both well and happy.

I received a letter from James yesterday and he is well and getting along very good.

And how is Mother and Frank and Frances and all the folks. Write and let me know about yourselves, I'm dying for news from home. If you don't hear from me for a while why don't wait for a letter but write often.

Well I will have to close for this time as I'm very busy so good-bye and God bless you.

With love to all, your son,
John.

Somewhere in France,
May 30, 1918.

Dear Folks:
I am taking this great pleasure of dropping you a few lines this evening to let you know that this leaves me in the best of health and happy hoping it finds you the same.

I heard through out that you had a little hard luck Dad, and lost a horse, what are you going to do, buy a car?

Yes, I heard about the kid Frank, leaving and going to stay with Mary.

Bill wrote and said he was going to make a tailor out of him.

How is Mother? Gee, in your last letter you never even mentioned how Mother was. I hope she is well and happy.

Well this about all I have to write this time so I will close with good-bye and God bless you.

With love to all,
Your son, John.

WILSON DAVID IN BROOKLYN WAITING TO SAIL

Brooklyn, N. Y.
July 4, 1918.

Dear Mr. Staats:
I am so full I can hardly think of anything to write but I am going to at least send you the Menu of our dinner. (This contained everything from turkey to corn on the cob.)

I expect to be going to sea any day but if you would please start the Reporter moving again, for all mail will be transferred to me now anywhere I go.

There are hundreds of troops leaving here every day for France and England, some need more training and yet some are sent right to the lines. I have also talked with several that have come back on a medical discharge, one had his hand shot off at the wrist, another had a bullet or a piece of shrapnel in his hip that had just been removed and he had crutches. I don't blame him. They told me that it isn't so bad in the trenches as people say. One fellow said the only thing that bothered and stayed with him was the cootie. The Germans he didn't give a darn for because he could get him out of the way quick.

I am going to try to transfer and get a printer's job on some boat, its easy there and they need them.

There are many destroyers and battleships lined up here in the Bay. Most of the officers I have talked to say that they think they are going over.

I hope I'm with them when they do it for they are drafting lots of me off from the Training ship for them. Please start the Reporter to the address below.

Yours truly,
Wilson,
Receiving Ship
Brooklyn, N. Y.

CHARLES RAY IN FNE NEW WESTERN PICTURE

Popular Thomas H. Ince Star Soon to be Seen Here in New Photoplay.

Booted and spurred, with chain and a wide sombrero, Charles Ray the famous Thomas H. Ince star, is the central figure of the story of "Playing the Game," his newest Paramount picture, which has just been released. This is a strong story of the Southwest. After a brief period along the Great White Way in New York, Mr. Ray, as Larry Prentiss, a dissipated son of a millionaire, who had left him a vast fortune, has been leading a wild life and one night at a dinner given to some friends, he knocks down and apparently kills Hickey Trent. In the belief that he is a murderer, Larry goes to Arizona to begin life anew.

While there Larry has many adventures, including holdups and other thrilling events, and he finally lands as a cowboy upon his own ranch, his identity being unknown to his employees. Here he meets and courts Moya Shannon the daughter of the manager, and after a series of highly dramatic occurrences, avows his love for the girl who naturally reciprocates.

"Playing the Game" is said to be one of the best pictures in which Mr. Ray has been seen in many months. It will be shown at the Dicke Theatre next Tuesday, July 16. Mr. Ray is capably supported by fine players, chief among whom are Doris Lee and Robert McKim.

THE NATION'S WANT COLUMN

The War Department is asking for volunteers of men having the following qualifications:

- Auto repairmen
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- Powdermen
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- Tailors
- Timbermen
- Concrete workers
- Construct. foremen
- Cooks
- Draftsmen
- Stationary engineers
- Lithographers
- Photographers
- Quarrymen
- Shoemakers
- Teamsters
- Topographers

Men who volunteer can not be released for the Navy or Marine Corps until after their volunteer offer has been acted upon. Volunteers should be men qualified for general military service. Applications should be received by this office not later than the 17th inst.

Local Board for DuPage Co., Ill.
Charles D. Clark, Chairman.

Advice for Letter Writers.
When sending a stamp in a letter instead of moistening one corner and sticking it to the paper, moisten a small spot in the center of the stamp and then affix it to your letter. The removal of a small part of the adhesive substance from the center in no way impairs the usefulness of the stamp; whereas it is often torn if the corner is fastened.

MICKIE SAYS

EDITORS IS SURE FORGIVIN' CUSSES! A GUY KIN DIE AN' BEAT 'EM OUTEN ELEVEN YEARS' SUBSCRIPTION AN' THEN THE EDITOR'LL SET DOWN AN' WRITE HALF A COLUMN ABOUT WHAT A FINE FELLER THE DECEASED WUZ AN' HOW EVERYBODY WILL MISS HIM!



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HELD REUNION IN HONOR OF TWO MARINES

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wolff, Sunday in honor of Mrs. Wolff's brother, Gustave Holz, and his friend, Joseph Zember, who have just returned from the Philippine Islands and Japan.

These two men have served with the U. S. Marines for the past eight years and are now on their way to France.

Among those present were the families of J. Oostman, C. Wolff, E. Mochel, J. Ferguson, C. E. Baker, F. Hagerman, of Wheaton, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Holz and Mr. and Mrs. H. Holz, of Chicago.

Refreshments were served at all hours and the guests departed hoping to have another such gathering soon.

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR LOWDEN

The State Institutions are confronted by a serious situation. A large number of the most expert in the various departments of the State Government have been requested for service in Washington. Many others have enlisted in the Army, and still others have been tempted by high wages to enter private industries. We have been glad in most instances to make this large contribution to the winning of the war. We realize that many branches of the State service must be inevitably crippled during the war.

There is one place, however, at which our losses on account of the war have reached the danger point. This is in the conduct of our State institutions. Other departments of the State Government must content themselves with doing the best they can, no matter how many men they lose to the Government. The Department of Public Welfare and Public Health, however, are in every essential a part of any sound war program.

Our people have become so engrossed in the war that they are forgetting the obligations of service at home.

Willing and anxious, as we all are to do everything that is possible to help win the war, we must remember that the State institutions may not be closed, and our people must realize that service in them is essential service, just as necessary and just as patriotic as service at the front.

It will avail us nothing to win battles for humanity abroad unless we maintain the obligations to humanity which these institutions impose upon us at home.

The hospitals for the insane, the correctional institutions and the homes for other defective and helpless members of society must be kept going. To keep them going, we must have men and women to do the work.

It must be made known that those who enter the institution service of the State will serve their country precisely as well and as usefully as though they enlisted in the Army, the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. or the Y. W. C. A.

In some instances, our entire Medical Staff, with the exception of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent have gone into the service of the Government, with the result that we have had to take whatever untrained help we could get.

The Nursing Service is as bad. Practically all trained nurses below the grade of Chief Nurse have gone. Young women are needed to act as attendants, clean, safe and profitable positions of essential service.

The situation is alarming and we must have the co-operation of the public if we are to keep the institutions going.

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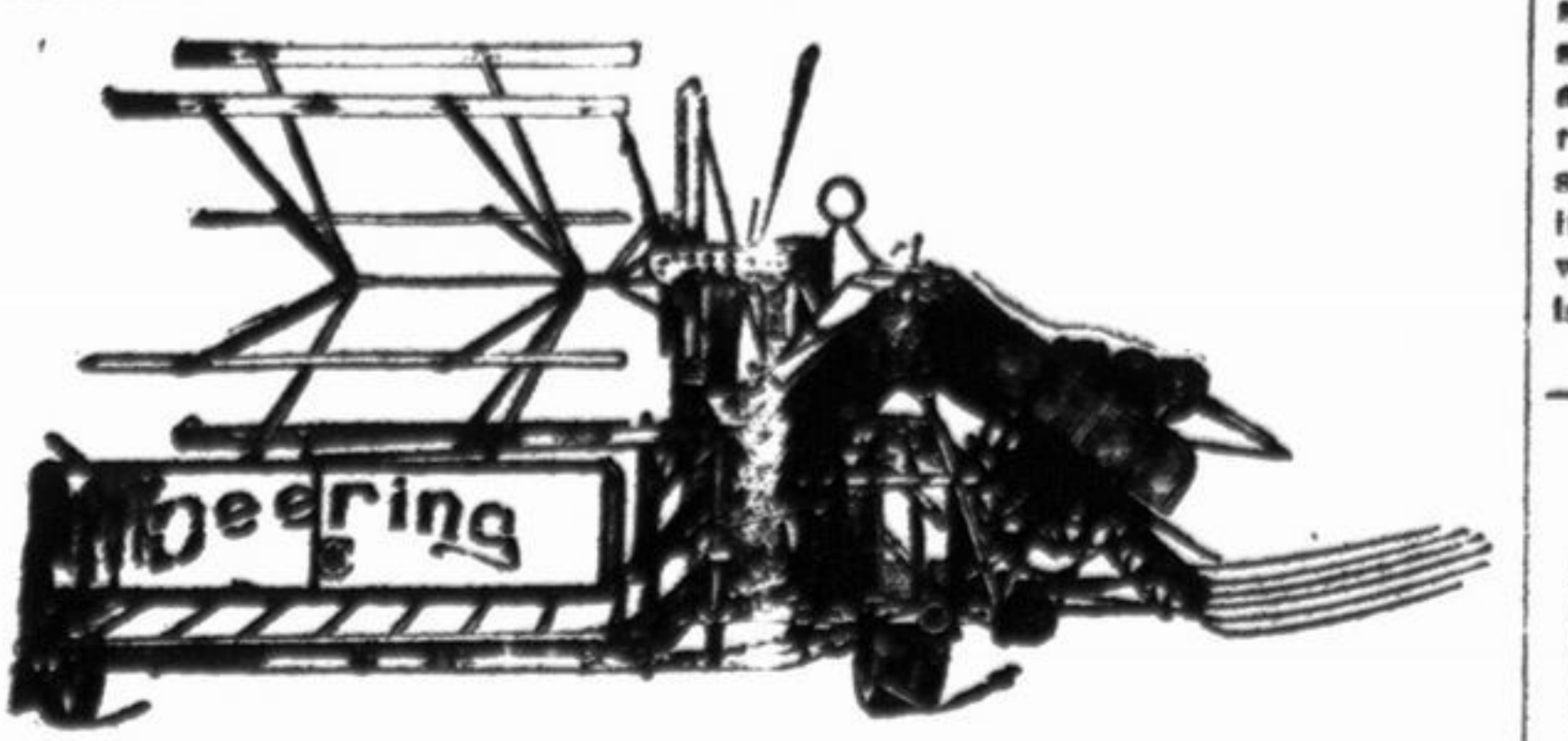
Coal Shortage == Prepare NOW

To worry about warmth for the coming winter appears, at first thought, to be unseasonable. But this war has taught us the lesson of Preparedness.

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Testing Pleurisy With Coins.
A novel method of diagnosing pleurisy is described by P. Lereboullet in the Paris Medical. The examiner applies his ear to the patient's chest, closing his other ear, while coins are clinked at the patient's back. The sound of the coins coming through a healthy, normally aerated lung seems distant and dull, while through an affected lung, through solid or homogeneous tissue a clear, silvery, metallic ring is heard.

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