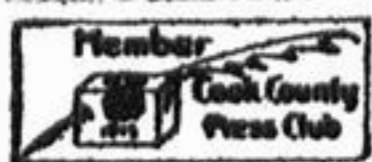


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LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

O. B. OSTEWIG TRANSFERRED TO FT. SNELLING

Fort Snelling, Minn., July 21, 1918.

Dear Friend:

I am located at Fort Snelling, Minn., for the present, but don't know how long I will remain as there are rumors around that they are going to move us again but we don't know where to.

We left Camp Grant last Monday at 11 a. m. in a special train via C. M. & St. P., to Savanna and up the west side of the Mississippi river, arriving at Ft. Snelling the next morning at 3 o'clock, but we stayed in the cars until 5:30 a. m.

This place is only about five or six miles from St. Paul and Minneapolis. The old part of the fort has two story brick barracks while the new part is composed of one story wooden barracks. We are located in the new ones but if we stay here we are going to move into the brick ones, as soon as the 25th Inf., which occupies them now, sails for over there, which will be very soon.

It is easier at this camp than at Camp Grant; we only drill 6 hours here, while in the depot brigade at Grant we drilled 8 1/2 hours. We have good feed and all we want, also fine water.

I like the army life fine, it makes me feel like a new man after he has been training a week or so.

Will close for this time.
Yours sincerely,
O. B. Ostewig,
Co. D., 18 Batt.,
U. S. G. N. A.

RALPH DEXTER "SOMEWHERE ON THE HIGH SEAS"

U. S. S. Kansas, July 20,

Downers Grove Reporter:

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading a bunch

of the Reporters sent to me and thought you might like to hear from the other branch of the service.

I have been on this ship now about three months and like it very much only I wish some of the boys from the Grove were ship mates with me. I am sorry but I can not tell you anything of the ship and what we are doing as all mail is strictly censored and even so it is against regulations, but I am somewhere on the high seas.

I have been rated quartermaster, 3rd class and am very glad of it as I expect to be transferred soon to a transport although we have seen quite a bit of excitement on this ship.

Give my regards to my friends in the Grove and tell the other boys I wish them luck.

Thanking you I am, as ever,
R. E. Dexter,
U. S. S. Kansas,
c/o P. M. New York

Carleton Nadelhoffer received word two weeks ago that his right hand man for the last twelve years, John Zalipu, had reached France safely. This week Carleton got a letter from John. It was written in French and he likes France first rate, but he longs to get back to his friend, Ford, the good "cats" and the good people in U. S. A. But he is coming back via Berlin.

Could Make His Own Way.
"Your hard-luck story is one of the most affecting I have ever heard."
"Thanks, boss. Then you'll give me a small donation?"
"No."
"But you just said..."
"Exactly. A man with your imagination and gift of narration ought to make a great deal of money as a promoter. There is no earthly excuse."

Salvationists Raise Silk Worms.
An annual silk camp for the cultivation of the silkworm has been established by the Salvation Army in a 10,000-acre mulberry forest near Lahore, India.

NEWSY NOTES FROM LISLE AND BELMONT

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LISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES

Bible school 10 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m. Subject, "Isaiah's Vision of Today."
Evening service at 8 p. m. The W. C. T. U. of Naperville will give a Medal Contest of a patriotic nature. Silver offering will be taken, proceeds to be given the local Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. DuMoulin motored to Joliet, Lemont and Lockport Sunday.

Pvt. Martin Riedy of Camp Grant visited his folks Sunday.
Mrs. Henry Grunhaus and daughter Evelyn motored to Prophetstown Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hofert of Downers Grove and are spending several days there with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stanton and family have gone to Lake Geneva for a few days.

Mrs. J. Lasanski was called to New York Thursday on account of the serious illness of a brother.

Mrs. Leppla and Mrs. Lena Klein of Aurora spent Wednesday with Mrs. F. Haumeaser.

Rosella Porter entertained her S. S. class Thursday afternoon. Eighteen girls were present.

MUST SECURE THRESHING RULES

The United States Food Administration Grain Threshing Committee for DuPage County has prepared a set of threshing rules. Each owner or threshing ring boss must secure a set of these rules before beginning to thresh and all must keep these rules where all who help thresh can see.

These rules, which are printed below, are printed on a cardboard and can be secured of the following Township Chairmen:

- Wayne twp.—D. O. Sayer, Bartlett, Ill.
- Blommingdale twp.—N. W. Lies, Wheaton, Ill.
- Addison twp.—Carl E. Kirchhoff, Bensenville, Ill.
- York twp.—J. J. Case, Elmhurst, Ill.
- Milton twp.—Wm. J. Yackley, Wheaton, Ill.
- Winfield twp.—Elmer Martin, West Chicago, Ill.
- Naperville twp.—Clarence Shoger, Lisle twp.—A. W. Kohey, Lisle, Ill.

Downers Grove twp.—Chas. K. Roe, Downers Grove, Ill.
Following are the rules:
Thresher crews, you can do this.

1. Use a tight rack for hauling.
2. Do not leave scattered grain and bundles in field.
3. Feed bundles head first and do not crowd feeder.
4. Be careful in scooping of grain and in hauling to granary.

Threshermen, you can do this:

1. Do not thresh when grain is tough, damp and unripe.
2. Be careful to keep the thresher's cylinders up to speed and the blower in proper adjustment.
3. See that the cylinder teeth are in good shape and properly adjusted.
4. Do not allow grain to leak on the ground around and under thresher.

All can do this:

1. Do not smoke while in field or around threshing outfits.
2. Working hours should be from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.
3. The ring boss (or owner) will enforce these rules and all are responsible to him.

At a meeting of the threshermen of DuPage County held Saturday, June 29, 1918, it was voted by those present to make the maximum charges for threshing grain this season as follows:

	Wt. per bu.	Price
Oats	36 lbs.	3 cents
Wheat	64 lbs.	7 cents
Barley	52 lbs.	5 cents
Rye	60 lbs.	7 cents

It is suggested by this committee that where wheat is ready it be threshed regardless of length of move, order in threshing, etc.

U. S. Food Administration Grain Corporation.

DuPage County Threshing Committee.
E. B. Heaton,
D. J. Abrams,
Geo. A. Keller.

No Happy Medium.
Said the almost-philosopher: "The fellow who used to hide his light under a bushel is now either unable to buy a bushel or has become so wealthy that he advertises that light with an outfit of star shells and skysearchers."

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MARY PICKFORD IN SUPERB PHOTOPLAY OF WEST IN 'M'LISS'

Picturization of Bret Harte's Famous Story Adds Another Picture to Film Successes of Queen of the Films.

Wild, untutored, but with a heart of gold, "M'Liss" the fifteen year old harum-scarum daughter of John Benson Smith, familiarly known as "Bummer" lives in a rude cabin on the outskirts of Red Gulch in California. "Bummer" Smith, a dissipated old man, is on the verge of delirium tremens and is solicitously cared for by his daughter, who exhibits for him the greatest affection as though he were the child and she the parent. To the children of the town, M'Liss is an object of ridicule and while they torment her, whenever she comes in personal contact with them, she fastidiously gives a good account of herself.

The only real friend and confidant of M'Liss is Yuba Bill, the tender-hearted driver of the used Gulch stage. One day he brings into her life two great factors—her first doll and the new school teacher, Charles Gray. M'Liss devotes much time and attention to the doll and she experiences the first great sorrow of her life when it is ruthlessly destroyed by some mischievous village boys. She becomes "different" and Yuba Bill tells her that she is "growing up." She goes to the school house and tells Gray, the teacher, that she intends to join his class and be "learned." Despite the attention paid to Gray by Clytemnestra Veronica McSnagley, known as "Clutie," a warm friendship springs up between M'Liss and Gray. "Clutie" is the daughter of a local judge and she sets her cap for the teacher.

On day Jim Peterson drifts into town on the stage. Jim and fellow conspirator, Clara Parker, have been the trusted servants of the late Jonathan Smith, who has devised all his wealth to his brother, the father of M'Liss. It is to investigate the affairs of "Bummer" that Peterson has come to Red Gulch. From Mexican Joe, the local "bad man," Peterson learns that Smith is a widower and he conceives the idea of getting the old man out of the way, and to have his confederate, Clara, claim the brother's fortune as his widow.

Under Peterson's orders, Mexican Joe kills "Bummer" within a few minutes after Gray has left the house, he having gone there to consult Smith relative to M'Liss's education. Yuba Bill arrives on the stage, finds Smith dying from a knife wound, and when Smith is asked who was with him last, he is only able to voice the name of "Gray, and dies."

Gray had been seen to leave the cabin by Parson Bean, and when news of the murder is spread about the Gulch, M'Liss hastens home and is informed by Yuba Bill that Gray is suspected as the assassin. She rushes to town to protect Gray, her faith in his innocence being absolute. Gray is arrested and immediately tried, Peterson being made foreman of the jury. During the trial Clara Parker appears and sets up a claim as Smith's widow, but M'Liss repudiates her.

After an unique trial, the jury, dominated by Peterson, returns a verdict of "guilty," and Gray is sentenced to twenty years imprisonment. Peterson is not satisfied with this sentence and he plots to have Gray lynched. Yuba Bill learns of the plot and suspects Peterson is behind the murder of "Bummer." With the aid of M'Liss, Yuba assists Gray to escape and simultaneously Peterson determines to leave the camp. He rides away and the posse pursues him in the belief that he is Gray. Peterson is overtaken, fights desperately and is mortally wounded. He reveals the truth about the murder and Mexican Joe is promptly arrested. Sheriff Waddle significantly drops a rope as he leaves the scene.

M'Liss rejoins Gray, whose innocence is thus established, and both are happy. "M'Liss" will be presented for the first time at the Dicke Theatre, next Thursday, August 1st. A fine presentation is assured.

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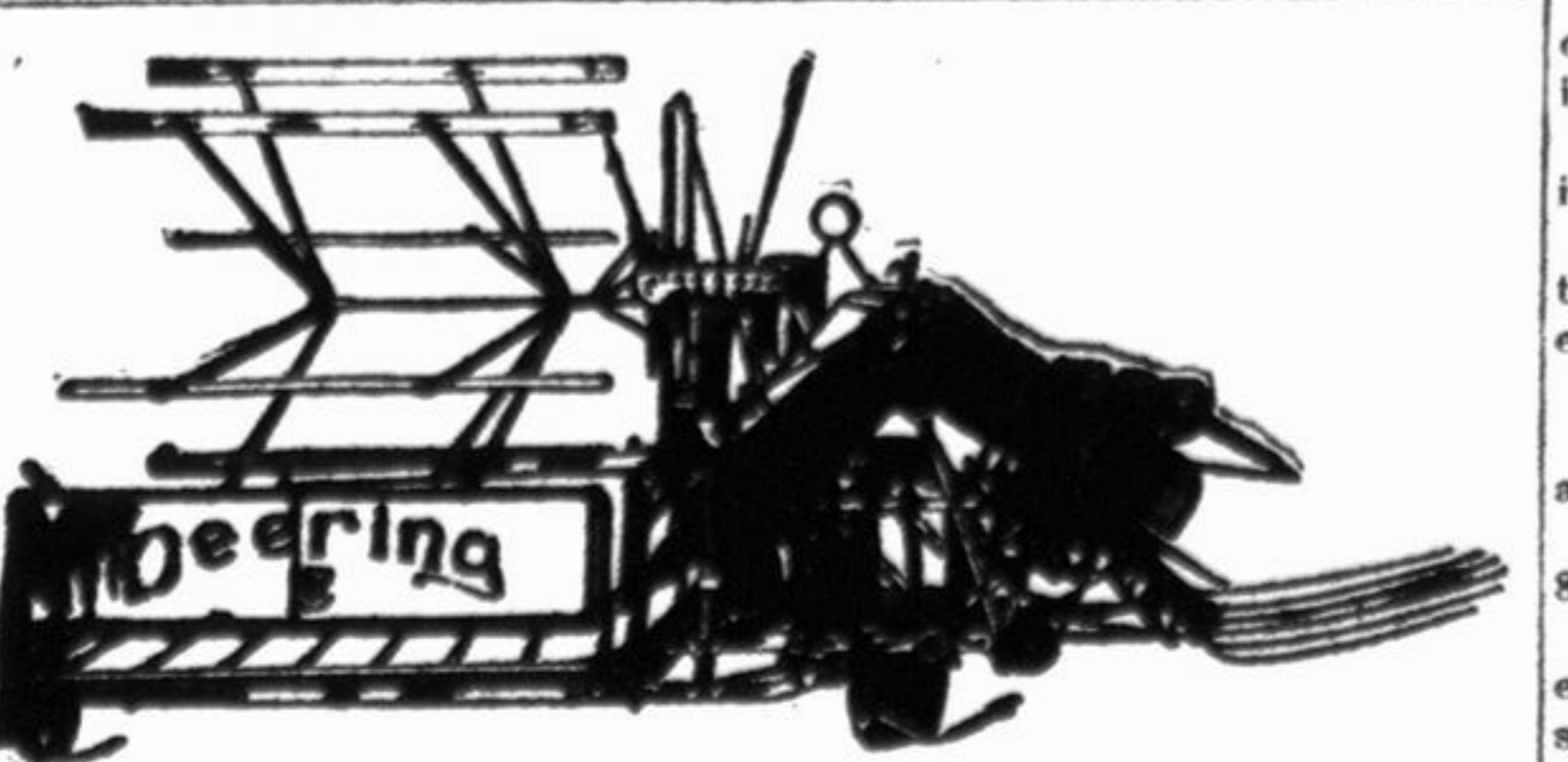
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