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PERSONALS

Mrs. Herbert I. Stoult visited over Sunday with her parents in the city.

Mabel Edwards had her tonsils removed Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Dietz spent Sunday at the Grove.

Mrs. William A. White of Chicago, is a guest at the Lancaster home.

Mr. Oscar Dewey is enjoying a vacation.

Dr. Washburn was a visitor in the village on Sunday.

The Jory family are now occupying their new home on Middaugh avenue.

Judge Slusser and wife of Wheaton visited their sons family on Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Mochel, July 22nd, a son.

Mrs. C. F. Davis entertained at a luncheon on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stone visited relatives in Chicago on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Parrish and daughter are visiting her mother, Mrs. Minnie Prince.

Rev. J. F. Jenness is spending the week with his family at Epworth, Heights, Ludington, Mich.

Mr. A. F. Bordwell has returned from his trip to Northern Canada

Mrs. John Zell and daughters visited friends in Forest Park on Sunday.

Miss Florence Stimson is visiting relatives in the East and will make an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanphere of Chicago, spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Rex Hawkins.

Mr. Herbert Hansen of Oakwood avenue is spending his vacation at home

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harper are spending their vacation at Burlington, Iowa.

An item of interest overlooked last week was a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tholin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Heinke and son visited relatives in Hinsdale over Sunday.

Miss Delia Haase of Clarendon Hills and Miss Gladys Rogers returned Saturday, after a delightful vacation spent at Saugatuck, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Snyder have been entertaining their son, Mr. Henry Snyder and daughters of Fairfield, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnstone have gone to Ft. Sill, Ark. to visit their son George, who is in training there. They expect to be away about a week.

Miss Eleanore Schnabele spent last Saturday with Mrs. George Ester at Naperville.

Privt. William Shannabrook is reported as being in the hospital with the Mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Littleford and family of Batavia, Ill. spent last Sunday visiting their parents.

Mrs. M. F. Elton has returned to Chicago after spending a week visiting her sister, Mrs. S. J. Dowle.

Mr. Samuel Hoffert returned on Tuesday, from a visit to his son Harold, at Fort Snelling, Minn. where he is training.

Mrs. Nina Hoffert and Miss Hazel Staats of the Telephone Office, visited Mrs. Hoffert's brother, Grant Reninger at Camp Grant last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Taylor, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dreuttel, leaves for Philadelphia next week to join her husband

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Puffer, of LaGrange, August 1st, a son, Mrs. Puffer will be remembered as Miss Claire Zollinger.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Britz and Mrs. Mary Bresnahan of Aurora visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shambo.

Theo. Dreuttel, Jr. Field Artillery, hiked from Camp Grant to Sparta, Wis. He will be home Sunday on a short furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter, nee Ethel Edwards, formerly of the Grove, now of Ridgewood, New Jersey, announce the arrival of a son, Robert Kingman.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gerwig and baby and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Staats, motored to Petite Lake Friday and spent the day fishing.

Mrs. A. E. Woods of Lincoln, Neb. spent several days at the home of her Uncle and Aunt Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Littleford and family accompanied by Miss Maude Littleford of Dallas, Texas, enjoyed a week end trip to Camp Grant Rockford by auto. They passed thru Lake Geneva and Beloit, Wis. From there they traveled along to beautiful Rock River to Oregon where they visited the estate of Gov. Lowden and the White Pine Forest a rare sight in Illinois. (for additional locals see page seven)

HERBERT J. STOUT GIVES DESCRIPTION OF TRIP ACROSS COUNTRY.

CO. A 56th. Infantry
Camp Merritt, N. I.
July 29th, 1918.

My Dear Wife:

Arrived here at last, some trip got here about 1:55 p. m. Left Camp MacArthur, Texas, Thursday morning about 10:00 a. m. on the road four nights and five days. I certainly enjoyed the trip and we all had a good time. The scenery along the way here was great.

Tell Dad we stopped at his home town, Cleveland, Ohio, about three hours and we all enjoyed the town while there. The Red Cross met us and gave us a good treat. Grape juice was served and also cookies, cigarettes and post cards.

At Pine Bluffs, Ark. the Red Cross was at the depot and they served us with iced-tea cookies and post cards. They even gave us the stamps for the post cards.

When we arrived at Memphis, Tenn. we stopped over an hour. We were about 8 blocks up town and they took all the boys over to the Y.M.C.A. and let us all have a good swim.

When we came into Cleveland the scenery was great. Lake Erie on one side of the road and the town on the other. As we pulled the boats in the harbor and the engineers in the yard gave us a good welcome. They started whistles blowing. Talk about some noise. The train pulled out of the depot and took us up from town and stopped at some station where the Red Cross gave us another treat. We were marched from the train to some building. It looked to me like some club or association and we wound up a road and the first thing we knew we were on the beach at Lake Erie, and so we had some fun swimming in the lake.

The scenery was lovely again after got out of Buffalo, where we struck the Hudson River. Here for miles the road winds and the Hudson on one side of us. Going through the tunnel and the bluffs way over on the other side of the river. It looked pretty. We passed a ship yards that was some sight, so we took the whole trip through that. That was some thing I will never forget.

We went through nine States, namely: Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, New York and New Jersey. So you see we saw some of the country and we all enjoyed the trip.

Pvt. Herbert I. Stout.

ANTHRACITE DISTRIBUTION IN ILLINOIS

TO COUNTY CHAIRMEN AND THE PUBLIC

You have all been advised that the exigencies of war have required a change in the distribution of the nation's supply of anthracite. It has been necessary to increase the amount sent to New England and the Atlantic Coast and correspondingly to curtail the amounts to be supplied to the trans-Mississippi and Midwestern states, including Illinois.

The Fuel Administration at Washington has had under consideration the division of the diminished supply for Illinois and has finally decided on a plan of distribution. It was thought wise to limit the distribution to that portion of the state which contained the greatest body of anthracite consumers, and which was farthest removed from the coal fields which are the sources of supply of bituminous in Illinois.

Accordingly the determination was arrived at to divide the total amount of coal allotted to Illinois on an equal percentage basis between the thirteen Northeastern Counties of the state as follows: Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Lake, Ogle, DeKalb, Kane, DuPage, Lee, Kendall, Will and Cook. All these counties will receive an equal percentage of Illinois coal based on their consumption in 1916-1917. It cannot be promised with certainty but, from the best information now available, it is believed that percentage will be approximately about eighty per cent of the amounts supplied during the basing period. If the deficit of coke is taken into consideration the net fuel power of the 80 per cent will be correspondingly diminished.

It is with great regret that the State Administrator is obliged to announce that anthracite will not be available for the other counties in the state. It will be a hardship to many to be deprived of their favorite form of fuel, and it can only be regarded as one of the additional sacrifices entailed by the war. The National Fuel Administration has felt keenly the responsibility of apportioning the supply of anthracite to meet increasing demands, and has given the best of its brain and heart power to the solution of the problem.

The result has not been arrived at without sympathy or regard for those who were to be deprived of anthracite, but after grave consideration and with the desire to have the effects of the shortage fall where they would do the least harm and on these, on the whole, best able to bear the deprivation.

The result is before us. The conservers of the nation's fuel have spoken. It is for us to accept their utterance loyally, and to patriotically give it our whole-hearted support. And the best form that support can take is to begin at once to take steps to supply the deficit by providing ourselves with substitutes for anthracite. Buy soft coal. Buy the best grades available.

But remember that all grades of Illinois coal must be burned this winter. There is not any too much to go around.

And be assured that you are as much a patriot, as surely contributing to the winning of the war, by your loyalty in the use of coal, and in your support of the commanders of the coal army, as if fighting on the fierce front of battle.

Very sincerely,
John E. Williams,
U. S. Fuel Administrator for Illinois

NO BAN ON SENDING PAPERS OR MAGAZINES TO SOLDIERS

Many people have an erroneous idea that the Government's ban on sending packages over seas includes newspapers, magazines and the like.

The War Department makes a special announcement that not only may printed matter be sent abroad, without a requisition, but that all kinds of papers and periodicals are most welcome at the front.

News of the world's events is hard to get in a country that speaks a different language, and the men in the trenches are practically cut off from the happenings outside their own sectors. So, altogether it seems the best way to let the boys know the folks are thinking of them is to keep the stream of new magazines, papers and letters going steadily over seas.

Canning Club Note

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