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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."



LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

WE'RE ALWAYS GLAD TO HEAR FROM AD WINTER

Berdorf, Luxembourg, Feb. 22, 1919. Mr. Staats, Dear Friend:

Just arrived back in the company from the hospital and with the mail I received, were several of the VERY welcome Downers Grove Reporters. To show you how well I now am I came the last 10 kilos on horseback with no saddle and a halter for a bridle. It was some horse. Jerry must have captured it and kept it prisoner for awhile. It ought to have several wound stripes and many service stripes on its legs.

I see by the paper that Congress is figuring on taking away our gold stripes. Well, they are welcome to them. We did not come over here to fight for gold service stripes or medals. Thank God, we had a higher purpose than that.

I also read in the paper we now have schools in the A. E. F. in order to improve our brain power. On the order of the Y. M. C. A. serving us hot coffee and cigarettes in the trenches I guess I sometimes think they put these things in the paper just to relieve the feelings of the folks back home. I ADMIT we did not come over here to go to school or to receive hot coffee or cigarettes. But it is better to tell the truth, and say we do NOT receive these things. It would make us feel better and in the end the folks will know it anyway.

The first signs of spring are in the air and it will not be long until summer is here. Luxembourg will be fairly decent place in summer time. But I would not care to live here. The Luxembourgers, I think, treat us better than the Froggies. I might be able to exist in Luxembourg, but never in France. The Aussies used to say, jokingly, the Kaiser must be a fool to fight for a country like France. I wondered because I was green then, but I soon ceased to wonder. The old U. S. A. is a wonderful place, and I'll appreciate it when I get back home.

I suppose some of the boys are getting married over here, but I figure it must be lads that never had a girl and are taking advantage of their chance. But these things I speak of are only small incidents in a soldier's life and we laugh at most of them. And if Uncle Sam wanted would all be there.

That's the one big thing a "feller" cannot do too much for that cause. Wishing you and all of my friends the best of luck.

Your friend, Ad. Winter.

MORE LOCAL BOYS REACH THE STATES

Three more Downers Grove boys have landed in "the States," bringing joy to the hearts of their relatives and friends here.

Alvin Buschman Heard From A letter was received from Alvin Buschman Wednesday informing his folks that he had landed and would most likely be home soon.

This was a great relief to the Buschman family as they had received no direct word from him in over two months. He has been in the hospital with influenza and received no letters since December.

Warren Wells Back After being in a hospital in France

since the third week in October, Warren Wells landed in Newport News on Saturday, the Red Cross has notified his parents. It is supposed he will be sent to a hospital near home for treatment and will be discharged when he is well enough. He is a member of the 108th Engineers.

Fred Edwards Back

Fred Edwards landed in Newport News Monday and wired home the good news that he was back home. He has spent many weary months in a base hospital in France and it is expected will be sent to Camp Grant for discharge. He was a member of the 149th F. A.

33d Division Holds Many Distinctions As Fighting Unit

The 33d Division which is to give its musical comedy "Liberty Bells" at the Theatre Albert I. on Monday night is distinguished for more important things than its ability to give an entertaining show. It has been one of the greatest fighting divisions in the American Army in France. Its record for prompt movement and vigorous action is one of which any organization might be proud.

Formed with Illinois National Guard elements as a nucleus, it trained at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, and when the orders to go to France arrived its 66th Infantry Brigade moved with such speed that it was in France sixteen days after leaving Texas.

The Division got into the fighting on the British front soon after arriving. The first battle of importance was that of Hamel July 4th where it fought alongside of British and Australians. An Australian colonel started to make a formal speech of thanks to the 33d but broke off into the vernacular and said, "Yanks, you're fighting fools, but I am for you." Another Australian remarked, "You'll do me, Digger, but you enaps are a bit rough."

It was the first American division to be decorated by the King of England, who, on August 12 decorated 19 officers and men who had taken part in the Hamel battle.

On August 9, the 131st Infantry of the 66th Brigade captured Gressaire Wood and Chipilly Ridge. Then the division was sent to Verdun where it was in the trenches for forty-four days. It participated in the attack on the First American Army on September 26th and captured the Bois des Forges. It fought continuously and with distinction from that day till October 8th when it was transferred to the Meuse sector near St. Mihiel where it remained till the conclusion of hostilities.

The 33d claims the honor of being the only American division which has fought with British, French and Americans. It has formed a part of five armies and eleven army corps. It has been a part of the army of occupation and is now wintering in Luxembourg.

The above clipping from an American paper printed in Albert was sent by Laurence Rehm to his brother John here.

It will interest local people as many of the local boys are members of this division.

Charm and Distinction.

Though the Hopi Indians are rated by Powell as of the same linguistic stock as the Shoshone, Ute and Comanche, it is known definitely that they are a composite people, with a language in which are found Tanoan, Piman and Keresan words. The Snake clan came from the North, possibly from the same stock as that which once peopled the great Mesa Verde rock houses. The Bear clan came from the eastward, undoubtedly of the people from which came the later-day settlements of the upper Rio Grande valley in New Mexico. Most interesting from a local point of view is the determination that the Water House (Patki) and Squash (Patun) clans came from the southward, from "the cactus country."

ST. PATRICK'S ENTERTAINMENT WELL ATTENDED

The entertainment given at the Dicke Theatre Monday evening, March 17th, was very successfully rendered. The "Welcome Orchestra" assisted in delivering strains of music suitable to the occasion.

The chairman of the evening was Martin Norpell, a freshman of St. Ignatius College, who very ably made the announcements which were as follows:

- 1. Star Spangled Banner.....Key
2. "Mickey".....Moret
Welcome Orchestra
3. Vocal Solo.....
Where the River Shannon Flows
Mr. Francis Wiley
4. Pretty Lassic Dance
Girl's Dancing Class
5. Vocal Solo.....
When Irish Eyes are Smiling
Mrs. Michel
6. Violin Selection.....St. Patrick's Day
Helen Wimmer
7. Vocal Solo.....Mother Machree
Miss Gwendolyn Griffiths
8. Recitation.....Kelley's Dream
Miss Lola Riedy
9. Vocal Solo.....The Shoogy Shoo
Miss Zita Norpell
10. Strains of Killarney
The Welcome Orchestra
11. Vocal Solo.....Irish Love Song
Miss Henrietta Riedy
12. Jig Dancing.....
A. Irish Washerwoman
B. McLeods Reel
Mary Bahrs
Martha Bender
13. Violin Solo.....
Believe Me of All Those Endearing
Young Charms
Miss Zita Norpell
14. Moving Pictures.....Irish Eyes
The Theatre was beautifully decorated with American and Irish flags. The ushers were Misses Margaret Dergan, Matilda Bender and Louise Barnacle.

LEON BRUNET WAS HOME ON SHORT LEAVE

Lieut. Leon Brunet was home the fore part of the week on a short leave of absence from his duties in the headquarters of the Eastern Department in New York.

He enlisted in the coast artillery corps on December 12, 1914 and was commissioned from the ranks.

Holidays seem to have played an important part in his advancement as on Christmas day, 1915, he was made a corporal, on July 4th, 1917, a sergeant and on New Year's day, 1918, battalion sergeant major. He was advanced to regimental sergeant major on August 18, 1918 and was commissioned first lieutenant in the adjutant general's department on December 18, 1918.

Lieut. Brunet has charge of the War Risk Insurance and Allotments and is now traveling around the eastern department straightening out tangles at army posts. He was here to attend the funeral of his mother who was buried Wednesday.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Bids will be received at Village Office up to March 29th for the condemned building on West Curtiss St. near Forest Ave. With the understanding that the successful bidder will remove all salvaged material from the ground.

W. C. Barber, Commissioner Health & Safety.

Chinese Logic. A merchant of Shanghai offered five pounds of tea for \$2 and ten pounds for \$3. When the tourist told him that was ridiculous, the Chinaman answered that the more a man buys the richer he is, and the richer he is the more he can pay.—Boston Transcript.

Has Any One

- Died—
Eloped—
Divorced—
Had a fire—
Embezzled—
Left Town—
Had a baby—
Sold a farm—
Had a party—
Come to town—
Been arrested—
Had twins or colic—
Sold a cow or lost an auto—
Laid in a stock of whisky—
Stolen a dog or his friend's wife—
Committed suicide, or murder—
Fallen from an airplane or—
Fallen into a coal hole or—
Fallen into a legacy?

That's News!

Phone or mail it to the DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER 37 N. Main St. Phone 188

MEN WHO WERE IN SERVICE TO GET TOGETHER

Downers Grove boys and men, who served the United States in the Navy, Army or Marine Corps are going to meet next Monday night in the G. A. R. Hall.

Plans for the meeting call for the start of an organization which will be merely temporary until the big bunch get back.

Those who are interested in the bringing together of the boys who served Uncle Sam desire to keep in touch with local men so that a real organization can be perfected when all are back.

Merely temporary officers will be elected as it would not be fair to the many still in France to elect permanently or adopt a constitution and by-laws without their having a say in the matter.

Notices will be sent out to all who have returned, so far as they are known, and every man who wore the uniform is urged to attend.

Monday evening, March 24th is the time and the G. A. R. Hall, over the drug store, is the place. Be there!

CURTISS STREET EYE-SORE SOON TO BE NO MORE

The old eye-sore on Curtiss Street will soon be no more. For years this old building just west of the creek has been the habitation of squirrels and hoppers and under the influence of the elements has been falling to ruin.

In this week's issue, W. C. Barber, Commissioner of Health & Safety, is applying for bids to wreck the building and carry away the debris.

It should be worth the while of someone to tear down this old structure as it contains enough fire wood to last a family for years.

We will be glad to write "Fini" when it disappears.

'19 BASKET BALL BANQUET FRIDAY AT M. E. CHURCH

D. G. H. S. is back to a pre-war basis. The food saving campaign put the quietus on "eats" of all kinds and the first, the 1919 Basket Ball Banquet, will be held Friday night at the M. E. Church.

A fine program and a finer menu has been prepared and about 200 are expected to participate at the table and later at a dance in the gymnasium.

Following is the program: The Tip Off.....Miss Hildur Swanson
Double Foul.....Miss Arthur Olsen
Unnecessary Roughness.....

Miss Irma Smith
Double Dribble.....Miss King
Naperville Out.....Brush Bush
Half Up.....Coach Curtiss
Delaying Game.....Richmond Shurtz
Traveling with the Ball.....

Delight Verdenius
Time Out.....Prof. Butler
Final Score.....Raymond Schultz

Friendship. Friendship is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of one another.—Spectator.

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE WILL CONTINUE A MONTH

Attention of the public is again called to the fact that the White Elephant Sale will again convene in the same place in about a month. This time the proceeds will be given to our Public Library. This will just about be the right time for folks to have a fresh supply of white elephants on account of the annual house cleaning and refurnishing. It makes the discarding of an unpopular article an easy matter if you can feel that it is going for a worthy cause. Here is where the white elephant sale does you a good turn. Call up 235-R if you have anything for sale. There will be sold at this time also some articles left over from the previous sale.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy at the death of our mother, Mrs. Emerance Brunet.

The Children.

Reporter Classified advertising pay big dividends.

MACCABEE HOME COMING WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

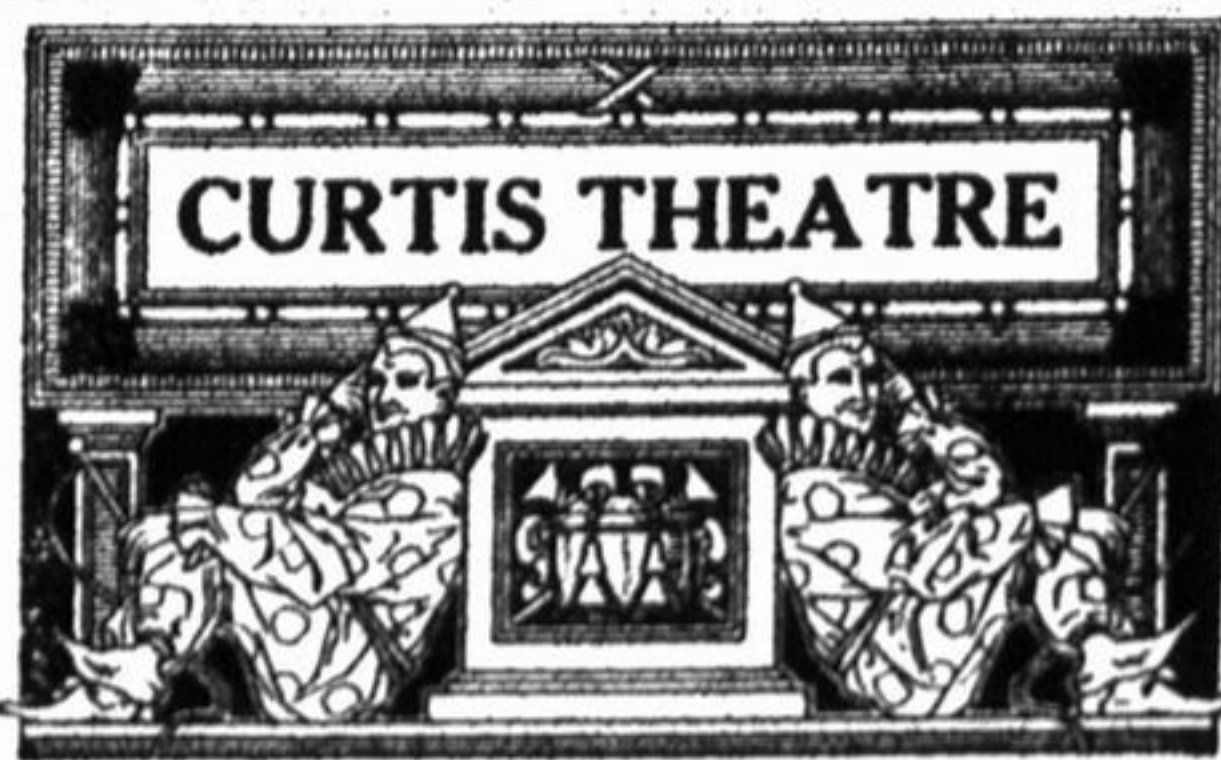
The Lady Maccabees wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every one who in any way assisted in making their home coming dance and reception to "the boys" the complete success it was. Despite the inclement weather a large crowd had gathered to welcome back those who had gone and returned.

At ten o'clock the grand march led by Lieutenant and Miss Mildred Whitney started things going. The distribution of favors and confetti added to the evening's enjoyment.

As to the music no greater compliment can be given those capable and able artists than to say "Fitzgerald's Orchestra played and that's nuff sed."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors, friends and the Masonic Lodge for their many kindnesses and for the sympathy both expressed and implied during the illness and after the death of our loving husband and father, Mrs. Robert Darnley and Family.



Direction of Hilliard Campbell.

Curtiss, Saturday, March 22nd. Program for Today WILLIAM RUSSELL in

"WHEN A MAN RIDES ALONE"

A Big V 2-reel Comedy — "Chumps and Cops" THE PATHE NEWS and SELECT VAUDEVILLE Prices, Children at the Matinee 5c. Adults 10c Night Prices, 10 and 20 cents

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1919

Vitagraph Feature—"Miss Dulcie From Dixie" and a HAROLD LOYD COMEDY

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1919

BEAUTIFUL MARION DAVIEES in "THE BELLE OF NEW YORK," a Select Feature and The Pathe News!

Coming! Coming! Coming! — The big picture you have heard about and are surely waiting to see — Stewart Blacton's "THE COMMON CAUSE." This is a moving picture spectacle that is quite worth while and it will be here for one day only, matinee and night. The date is Saturday, March 29, the place is The Curtiss and the prices will not be advanced.



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