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LETTERS FROM DOWNERS GROVE SOLDIER BOYS

ARTHUR COE IS ANXIOUS TO GET BACK

March 20, 1919.

Dear Mr. Staats: As it is a bad day as usual, I will take time to drop you a few lines. But in this case it happens to be snowing instead of raining. It must be out of the ordinary to have a snow-storm here this time of the year. But it is probably "Father Winter's" last gasp. I don't think we will do any flying today as the clouds are hanging very low, using the aviation slang, the ceiling is low. Ever since the armistice it seems that our friends in the States have thought we were all coming home immediately as most of us have been getting very little mail. Its our own fault no doubt. We accepted certain "official" rumors and thought we would sure be on the way home by Christmas. It looks like it would be next Christmas.

I have been receiving the Reporter quite regularly for which I am certainly grateful. I think the Reporter has greatly improved. It is really a new newspaper. News is a scarce article here. As we are in a training area we, of course have some work to do. We are attached to the Eighth Army Corps, composed of the 6th, 81st, and 29th Divisions. The 77th was here before the 29th came in but they have gone home. The latest "official" rumor is that we are going next month some time but we are just as apt to replace some outfit in the Army of Occupation. The paper says the 42nd Division is going to sail in April. They certainly did wonderful work over here. It would be quite an honor to go home with them.

Have a few duties to attend to now so will close. Many thanks for the Reporter and best regards. Yours truly, Arthur G. Coe. 180th Aero Squadron, A. P. O. 706, A. E. F., France.

ED. BOYDSON NEARER HOME BY 200 MILES

On the way home, March 9th, 1919. Dear Mother: I wrote before we left Minneton and said that we were going to move. Well, now we are about 200 miles nearer home. We are this far, at least, if we never get any nearer. We had some time moving this time. We turned in everything but the clothes we are wearing and a few necessities, enough to make up about a 75 pound pack. All our trucks, cars and motorcycles are a thing of the past, so now that we are here, here is some place to, all we have to do when we get orders is to have an inspection, go thru the delouser, and we need it, and a thousand other things then get on the boat and the ocean. We left Minneton March 6th at 8:00 p. m. and got here at St. Louis at 1:00 p. m. the 7th. We got on the train and it was raining, in 2d class we got to Tours, arrived there at 2:00 p. m. we went over and stayed at the Hotel Green all afternoon and had coffee and a meal and got on the Bordeaux local at 6:00 p. m. the 7th. All we did all the way down was eat and smoke most of the fellows were in the rear seat 40 of us in private rooms. I don't think we had the officers baggage but took out the baggage and we

had the compartment to ourselves. Eat sleep and be merry in a 3d class compartment is easy enough if one has the disposition and we had.

I had a can of tomato soup among varied other eats and I heated a canteen of water on our lantern and had hot soup. Incidentally the canteen was covered with soup so this morning I cleaned that off, with mud, for inspection. We stopped at Portiers from midnight until 4:30 and while I was there I took two blankets out of the pack and a cushion off of the seat, put on my overcoat, for it was cold then I layed down on the floor and went to sleep. Got an hour's sleep out of the mess and when I woke up we were on our way. When the sun came up it was warm but it sure was a cold night. We don't mind a little thing like that though. One little thing that we heard and all laughed over happened when the train reached Minneton. You know the Captain thinks he can talk French but 90 per cent of it is English. The French conductor came by when the train stopped at the platform and the Captain said to him "Where are the cars, Monsieur?" just like that. I thought I would die when the conductor looked at him and let out a lot of French. Right away the Captain called for the sergeant interpreter.

These quarters here are all right if a fellow is hard boiled enough and I'm that. I'm located in the stable of a big chateau and next door to an 1800 pound ox but he is o. k. More so than some people I've met. The next thing is when we will get out of here. I don't know. Chances look pretty good for the 2nd service stripe March 30th.

I am feeling fine and nothing makes me sick now. As for being exposed to wet and cold that's the best thing what I do. There is a lot of it here. It rained ten times yesterday. Well the old burg has probably changed a lot but I'll recognize it all right. While I was in Paris I was walking along the Boulevard Courcelles and a fellow stopped me and asked a Metro direction. He was a civilian but spoke English but no French. I asked him what he was doing here. He was a correspondent for a Des Moines, Iowa, newspaper and was with the Peace Commission. It seemed strange to me to see an American civilian who could not speak French running loose around Paris.

A travelling commissary truck came up here yesterday and I bought some chocolates and matches. Then last night we had our regular issue, four packages of peppermint wafers for a change, tobacco and cigarettes. I'm always well supplied lately. Just before leaving Minneton we got paid too so I am just naturally fine that's all.

Well, here's hoping I get home pretty soon. We will be mustered out at Camp Grant most likely. We find lots to laugh at that and there are lots of these fellows that are so soft that I forget my troubles which are minus, watching them try to get by.

I was bawled out this morning for my old stunt at inspection, that is having my cap on the side of my head, but there were twenty others got it too. Three N. C. O's. busted last night and one doing 30 days at hard labor but still we smile. We are walking the chalk mark tres bien, well I guess this is enough for now so lots of love and Au Revoir. Edgar. E. C. Boydston, Co. D, 15th Ry. Tel. Bn., S. C., American Ex. Forces. 1st Army Corps. A. P. O.

Herodes' Subnormal Son. Herodes, to overcome the extraordinary dullness of his son Atticus, educated along with him twenty-four little slaves of his own age. He gave each the name of the letter of the Greek alphabet. His son, in order to play with them, had to learn the alphabet to call their names.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County, Illinois, at a special meeting held at the Court House in Wheaton, on Monday, the 31st day of March A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to call of Chair.

Meeting called to order with Chairman Boger presiding. On roll call, all members present. Minutes of last preceding meeting read and declared approved.

All bills and communications on file read and claims referred to the proper committees.

On motion of Supervisor Miller, the Bid of Otto & Porter for contract on County Road Work on Section J 157 D, Route 1, was accepted upon their furnishing a good and sufficient bond approved by the Board. The Clerk was instructed to return the certified checks for bids of Hydraulic Stone Co., and Beckman and Deicke Co.

On motion of Supervisor Biermann, the recording fee for all discharge papers of soldiers filed for record is to be paid by the County, at 75 cents each.

On motion of Supervisor Miller, the clerk was instructed to draw County Warrants for per diem and mileage of Supervisors for the year last past.

On motion of Supervisor Miller, the Board adjourned to 1:30 p. m. On reconvening for the afternoon session, the following report of Committee on Fees and Salaries was on motion of Supervisor Fix declared approved:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors: Your Committee on Fees and Salaries would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit: Lawrence Hattendorf, Deputy fees, 112.00; Frank Yeakey, 16.00; A. L. Spencer, 40.00; Geo. F. Leineke, Clerk hire 60.00; A. A. Kuhn, Fees making Assessor's books 1283.88; L. Ellsworth, Per diem, attending court 36.00; Geo. F. Leineke, Expenses for March 47.27.

Respectfully submitted, William J. Yackley, Chairman. The following report of Committee on Claims was on motion of Supervisor Fix declared approved: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors: Your Committee on Claims would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

Engineering & Contracting Co., Advertising for Bids, 24.75; Alexander McNair & Co., Blue prints 5.78; E. L. Gates, Expenses 21.30; R. M. Garbe, Auto hire 70.00; C. B. Bowman, Petty cash 46.75; Lewis Ellsworth, Postage and expense 12.15; R. R. Yates, Supplies 39.25; Edwards Sanatorium, Care of T. B. Patients, 325.00; John F. Hesterman, Auto hire and express 88.17; Lawyers Co-operative Pub. Co., Lawyers report, 1918 F 5.00; Coldwell Lawn Mower Co., Repairs 2.59; Aurora Office Outfitters, Supplies 13.07; G. F. Leineke, Board for prisoners 159.0; R. R. Yates, Supplies 25.60; Metropolitan Supply Co., Supplies 10.36; Western United Gas & Electric Co., Gas and electricity 44.20; Naperville Clarion, Printing 34.25; City of Wheaton, Special Assessment No. 98-2nd Inst. 280.75; Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Repairs .75; P. F. Pettibone & Co., Supplies 307.62; A. D. Miller, Committee work and expenses 6.60; N. W. Lies 13.70; A. W. Kohley, 8.80; George Fix, 7.25; George Boger, 15.25; Wm. Hammerschmidt, 12.50; John F. Hesterman Pauper bill, 156.40; John F. Hesterman, Co. Treas., Almshouse expenses 1439.22; County Farm expenses 132.84; Acme Chemical Co., Sweeping compound 25.25; Chas. D. Clark, Filing Cases 7.60.

Respectfully submitted, Charles H. Biermann, Chairman. On motion of Supervisor Fix, the Clerk was authorized to issue a County warrant for \$50.00 in favor of C. B. Blodgett, to defray the expenses in the estate of Joseph Anderson.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, the following resolution was adopted:

It is with deep sorrow and regret that the members of this Board of Supervisors learned of the sudden death of Frank H. Cramer which occurred at his home in the Township of Downers Grove on the 14th day of February, 1919.

For nearly eighteen years Mr. Cramer, in part represented the Township of Downers Grove on this Board. The several members of the Board knew him personally during the whole or greater part of the period of his service; it is with satisfaction, therefore, that the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County, Illinois take this public occasion to express their personal appreciation of his sterling character as a man and as a citizen and to his earnest and patriotic Americanism.

We express our sympathy to his widow and family for the personal loss which we have all sustained.

It is Ordered by the Board that a copy of this testimonial shall be engrossed and given to the widow and family and that a like copy shall be spread upon the minutes of this Board.

Adopted by the unanimous action of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County, at its meeting held on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1919.

George Boger, Chairman. Attest: A. A. Kuhn, Clerk.

On motion of Supervisor Kohley, the following resolution was adopted: Whereas, James E. Kennedy has passed the span of life, and Whereas, the deceased was for two terms a member of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County, representing the town of Winfield up to the time of his death, and

Whereas, his association with the Board of Supervisors has been congenial and harmonious,

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County, now in session assembled, that we

bow in humble submission to an all

wise Providence in the death of James Kennedy; that we mourn the loss of a capable and companionable associate; and that we extend to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy; and that the Clerk of the Board be instructed to forward to the bereaved a copy of these resolutions.

George Boger, Chairman. On motion of Supervisor Fix, the Board adjourned.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The Congregational Ladies Aid Society will hold an Easter Bakery sale in the basement of the church on Thursday, April 17th, opening at 10:30 a. m.

Fancy onion sets and early seed potatoes at Lehmann & Michel's. adv.

Large variety of garden seeds in bulk at Lehmann & Michel's. adv.

All kinds of vegetable and flower seed, 3 cents per pkg. at Lehmann & Michel's. adv.

Full assortment of Poultry, Garden and Field fencing at Mertz & Mochel's. adv.

Mrs. John L. Moody, head of the Camp Fire work in Chicago, will meet with the Camp Fire Girls of Downers Grove in Library hall on the evening of Monday, April 14th. Parents and friends of Camp Fire girls are invited.

Pulverized sheep manure, the ideal fertilizer for garden and lawn, \$2.25 per 190lb sack, at Mertz & Mochel's. adv.

Pansies. Now is the time for transplanting. Large assortment in colors, of good, healthy plants. Phone 136-J. C. V. Wolf, Florist. adv.

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Wanted—Three men who wear size 10 and 11 shoes which we will sell at half price. There are not many such to be had. Lehmann & Michel. adv.

Barnard's Perpetual Green mixed lawn seed, 30 cents a pound. Fancy Kentucky Blue Grass, 35 cents per pound. Pine Tree mixed lawn seed, 20 cents a pound. Less 2 cents per pound in 5lb lots at Mertz & Mochel's. adv.

Just think of being able to see Wm. S. Hart and "Fatty" Arbuckle in the same show! It hardly seems possible, does it? Still it's a fact for everybody will have the opportunity of seeing both of these great stars at the Dicke Theatre, Saturday, April 12th.



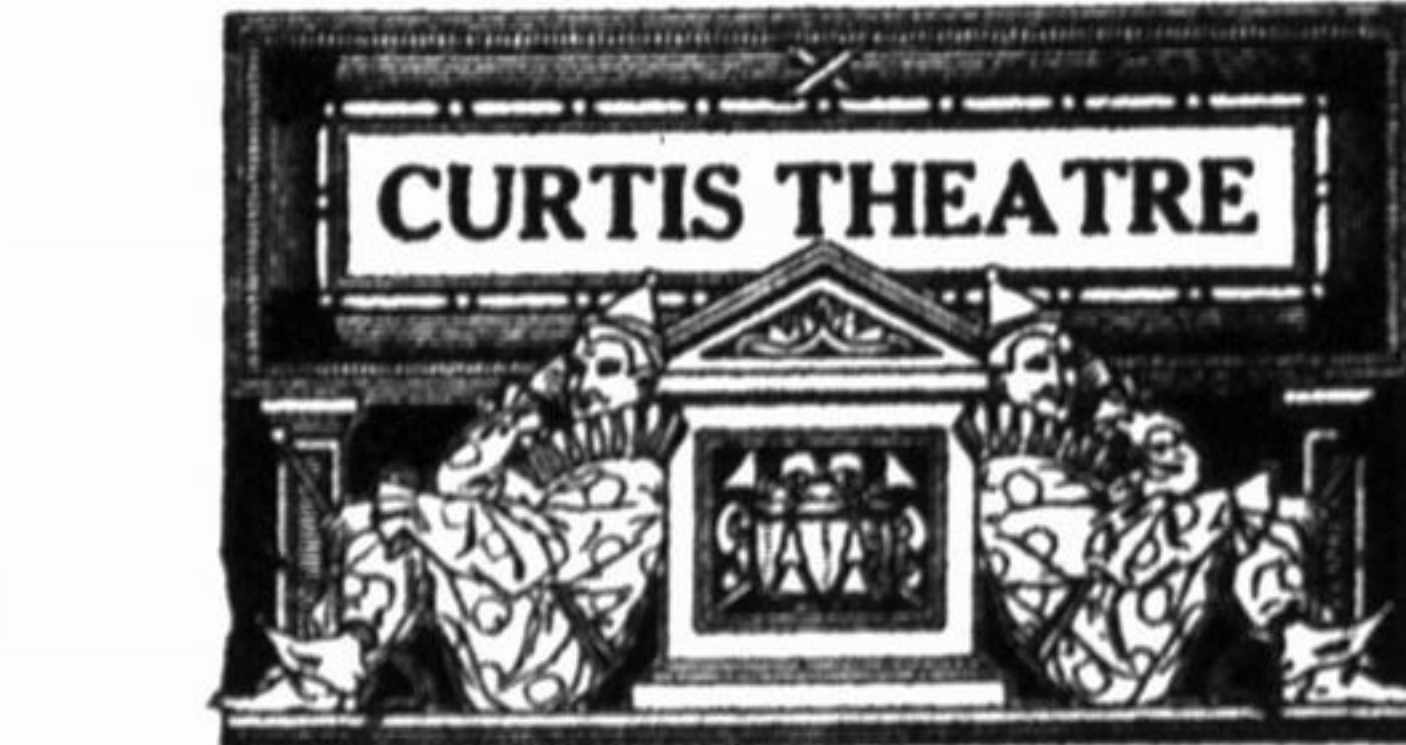
Watch the Dicke Theatre advertisements as they appear in this paper every week. You will have the chance of seeing some mighty fine pictures in the next two months. The Dicke Theatre never shows poor pictures, but we believe the bookings for the next sixty days to be exceptionally good. adv.

"Boots!" Just the name puts your imagination to working overtime, but no creation of your imagination can compete with the picture itself. Don't fail to see it at the Dicke Theatre, Tuesday, April 15th. Two good comedies are booked for that date also. adv.

As you well know, there are very few actors, either in pictures or on the stage who can surpass John Barrymore. We would suggest that you see him in his latest great picture "Here Comes The Bride" at the Dicke Theatre, Thursday, April 17th. You will find the picture to be all, and more than you expect. adv.

A sure and unerring sign of Spring is the annual exodus of hoboes from Chicago west. They never start until the cold weather is no more and they've been going thru here fast the last week.

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