

Letter from England Tells of Courage Of British People

The following letter written by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare of England, a brother of Mrs. Donald McWilliams of Winnetka, to his mother, telling of his work, and the general morale of the English people and their acceptance of the present crisis. Mrs. McWilliams, with Mrs. V. G. Tellis, who was Blanche Mason, an old resident of Highland Park, and Mme. Marina Welkensky are the three international ladies who speak over WAAF every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Darling Mother:

I was so delighted to get your letters. I am glad you stood the voyage and that everyone was so kind to you. Since you left I have been made chairman of a new organization called the Children's Overseas Reception Board. We have been working from 9 in the morning till 10 or even midnight most nights and we have had applications in respect of 200,000 children anxious to take advantage of the magnificent offers from families in the Dominion and America to receive them and maintain them for the duration of the war. I must say the American people are a most astonishingly warmhearted race. It is very touching to think that they are so interested in our problems that they will take our children and relieve our anxiety in that respect.

We have been seeing some of them off at the ports of embarkation. It is a thrilling sight to see hundreds of children carrying their little suitcases, proceeding up the gangway onto the ship. I was rather moved when the last party went off, 300 children. They lined the top deck, and as I went off in a tender they all gave me three cheers, stoic though I am, and indifferent as I pretend to be to human affairs, I found a stray tear rolling down the cheek.

On another occasion, when we had overcome every difficulty and had 400 children standing on the quayside ready to embark, suddenly 40 airmen, who were due to sail in the same ship, climbed over the railings and immediately the whole quayside was in confusion. Every child tried to climb onto the back of every airman and finally all 400 children got on the backs of these 40 airmen. All their luggage labels were torn off and we were forced to get the police to rescue the airmen.

With regard to the war itself. We are full of good cheer and good heart. We are now in the front line of the outpost of civilization itself. We rely on nothing but our own strength and resolution. We control our own destiny. Nobody can let us down and we shall give a very good account of ourselves. If the Germans try to invade us by sea, as they will, we shall meet them on the beaches; if they invade us from the air with troop carriers and paratroopers and gangsters dressed up as Nuns or Baptist Missionaries, we shall be ready. It is a great consolation to think that your children and those of their generation are living in the most momentous times, as important as any that are recorded in history. For us to have the opportunity, by our conduct and our actions, to alter the course of the world for hundreds of years is not only a thrill but it confers a sense of responsibility that should keep us all out of mischief. You remember the classic remark of Mordecai to the perplexed Esther "Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Do not worry about our safety—if we stop a bomb, we stop it, and if we do not stop it, well, we shall live to wreak our vengeance on the Boche. The morale of our troops, of the Air Force and the Navy is marvellous.

All my love,
Affectionately,
GEOFFREY.

County High Schools Present Educational Revue Nov. 13 and 14

"On Our Way," an educational revue, will be presented in the Waukegan Township High School gymnasium through the united efforts of the public high schools of Lake county on November 13 and 14 at 8 o'clock. The following high schools are cooperating in this project: Lake Forest, Highland Park, Zion-Benton, Warren, Libertyville, Grant, Antioch, and Waukegan. The revue consists of dialogue, acting, singing, dancing, and dramatic sketches. Both tap and ballet dances are included.

The pageant is being presented during American Education Week, November 11 to 16, to show the citizens of Lake county what our high schools are doing in a practical way to fit the young people for life and their responsibilities as citizens. The production is on a non-profit basis; any surplus resulting will be used by the various schools in carrying on their program of education.

Each school has been assigned one or more parts of the revue, and Highland Park High school will present the Christmas scene and furnish the principal actors in the Patriotic Finale. Miss Elyse Rinkemberger of the local school will assist in the dramatic direction of the production, and Mr. Walter Achenbrenner will help with the musical numbers. Each school is also to furnish members of the singing chorus, and orchestra, ticket salesmen and young ladies to act as ushers at the performances.

The tickets will be on sale at our local high school after November 1, the advanced prices being twenty-five cents for unreserved seats and thirty-five cents for reserved seats. At the door the prices will be thirty-five and fifty cents.

British Civilian Need Small Arms To Defend Homes

Faced with the threat of invasion, British civilians are in desperate need of small arms for the defense of their homes.

The American committee for the Defense of British Homes, G. Snydham Cutting, chairman, 10 Warren St., New York, N.Y., has been formed to accept gifts of small arms and ammunition to be forwarded immediately to a British civilian committee.

To Meet the Need

Types of guns and binoculars urgently required by British civilians are:

Pistols and revolvers .32, .38, .45, and .455, all makes and ammunition. Rifles .30, .303 and 44.40 calibre sporting rifles. All metric calibres from 7.MM to 8.MM. All military types, such as Mauser, Lee Enfield. Shotguns—10 and 12 gauges only. No shotguns with Damascus barrels. Ammunition No. 4 buck to No. 00 buck, rifled slug and pumpkin balls.

Binoculars—6x and 8x. Cash contributions for expenses of the committee will be gratefully accepted.

It would be much appreciated if from 150 to 500 rounds of ammunition of military type (not soft nose) accompany each firearm. Each container should be labeled with the make of the firearm, number, calibre, catalog number of ammunition. If possible, arms should be cleaned and oiled before sending direct by express from the donor to the American committee for the Defense of British Homes, 10 Warren St., New York City, N.Y.

To the Committee for Defense of British Homes, 10 Warren St., New York City, N.Y. I am shipping you..... to be forwarded to British Civilians for the defense of their homes.

Anyone wishing further information may get in touch with Mrs. Geo. W. Childs, H.P. 677 local chairman of British War Relief.

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"Humor Is the Salt of Life," says an old proverb.

Happiness in life is the goal for everybody. However, happiness is a relative condition. There are probably as many definitions for the word happiness as there are people in the universe, depending on the outlook of the individual whether the aim is material or spiritual happiness. Since material happiness, particularly at the present time, seems to possess a rather unstable character, it appears necessary to consider qualities which make for greater spiritual happiness.

Certainly one of the fundamental qualities and essential materials in building a foundation for spiritual happiness is a keen sense of humor. There is always a little spark in everybody. If it is kept alive, nourished and developed from early childhood, it no doubt will bring untold dividends throughout life. In times of distress and deep felt concern for our future it is singularly important that we do not lose sight of this.

That there is a distinct need and longing for the comfort of humor is shown clearly in the constant demands from the children for "something funny."

The following list of books is a compilation of wholesome humor, of nonsense and fun, offered by the Children's department as an aid in building the road to happiness.

"Mr. Popper's Penguins," Atwater. What happened when a mild little painter with a taste for polar exploration, was presented with a penguin.

"Castle Number Nine," Bemelmans. What happened to Baptiste, the perfect servant, when he went to serve Count Hungerburg-Hungerburg.

"Pigtail of Ah Lee Ben Loo," Bennett. "Seventeen laughable tales and 200 comical silhouettes."

"To and Again," Brooks. Delight-

ful nonsense tales relating the adventures of Mr. Bean's farm animals.

"Tom Sawyer," Clemens. Real boys and their many pranks.

"Padre Porko," Davis. Exploits of the wise, benevolent pig of Spain.

"Andy and the Lion," Daugherty. A modern picture-book version of Androcles and his lion.

"Three Policemen," Du Bois. "Life on a fabulous island where everybody is so busy that they never do anything wrong."

"Father's Big Improvements," Emerson. Humorous account of modern accommodations.

"500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins," Geisel. Nobody could explain how this happened.

"Royal Mimkin," Gall. Unusual and amusing adventures of ordinary Mr. Tid.

"These Plummer Children," Govan. Life in a small southern town told with genuine humor.

"Wind in the Willows," Graham. Animal adventures told with rare charm and humor.

"Peterkin Papers," Hale. An irresponsible family, and a lady with common sense.

"The Curious Lobster," Hatch. The lobster, the badger and the bear explore the world.

"Benjie's Hat," Hunt. Trials and troubles with old hats and new hats.

"Ben and Me," Lawson. "A new and astonishing life of Benjamin Franklin as written by his good mouse Amos, and as seen from his point of view."

"Story of Ferdinand," Leaf. Appraisal.

"Winnie-the-Pooh," Milne. Clever, delightful nonsense.

"Little Old Woman Who Used Her Head," Newell. How the little old woman solved her many problems.

"Honk the Moose," Strong. Two little Minnesota boys discover a moose in the stable, and what happened then.

"Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine," Stockton. Amusing tales of Mrs. Lecks, Mrs. Aleshine and Mr. Craig, castaways on a lonely island.

"Penrod," Tarkington. Penrod, his dog, his friends and troubles for many.

"Mary Poppins," Travers. She blew in with the east wind and left when the wind changed.

"Paul Bunyan and His Great Blue Ox," Wadsworth. The story of a super lumberjack.

"What Happened To Inger Johanne," Zwilgmeyer. Fun and mischief.

Do You Remember

There are radio quiz programs and many other forms of quiz games and features, but the following school quiz will be of interest to those former students of Deerfield Shields High school as a "remember way back when" in connection with the Golden Jubilee to be celebrated at Highland Park High school, beginning Nov. 7.

Do you remember:
—70 instead of 60 was failure?
—Spelling and singing were required subjects?
—the orchestra was "doing well" with ten musicians?
—the basketball team wore knee breeches?
—all the boys practiced military drill on the girls' field?
—the library had 1,000 volumes instead of 9,615 as they now have?

—the cafeteria was on the third floor?
—Greek was on the curriculum?
—when the streetcar ran by the front door of Shields?
—when the entire library was housed in the Reserve room?
—when the teachers had to report themselves tardy?
—when there was a greenhouse where the lobby of the auditorium is now?
—when there was a tennis court where the shop is now?
—when there was a horse-drawn bus for Deerfield?
—when the place where the lower office and Miss Chester's room was a wood shop?
—when there was a Girls' Blue Cross organization that studied first aid and drilled on the fields?

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