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THE BOYS SEND THANKS

Red Cross Gifts to Boys at the
Camp Fully Appreciated

The local Red Cross has received several letters from "our boys" at Camp Custer, to whom they have lately sent sweaters, wristlets and other comforts for camp life. The following letter was received by the local chapter from Albert Goers, at Camp Custer:

Camp Custer, December 3, 1917.
Dear Friends:

"Received your letter; also the sweater, wristlets, and scarf, and must give you my heartiest thanks for these most thoughtful articles. I do not know how to thank you and the Red Cross for the presents I received from you. They certainly come in handy when we stand at retreat and reveille because it is cold standing there for so long a time.

"I like the life of a soldier quite well; also the manner in which we are drilled; it is most beneficial to each of us. It develops better muscles and endures body. We have long hikes and strenuous exercise to go through each day, but it all benefits us.

Some of the weaker boys cannot stand the heavy duties. So far I have not fallen down in anything that has been assigned me. Today we had range shooting and shooting in trenches. Last week we tried scaling a wall ten feet high, at a rate of 12 men in 40 seconds—not so bad for new fellows. Best record ever made was 8 men in 23 seconds, and those are men that had practiced for some time.

"I am sorry to say that a number of soldiers have sickness, such as mumps, measles and fever. We have mumps at our barracks and of course are quarantined for a certain length of time, and this makes the one bad feature of this new life. We can't even receive company or talk to anyone outside of our own barracks—that is tough luck. If we could even go to a Y. M. C. A. and spend the evening it would not be so bad, but on the whole it is all right out here, and we get lots to eat and warm places to sleep, and even get a \$1.00 per day for that; ha ha—some wages; it makes me laugh. I was used to \$6-up to \$3.25 per day, but this has them all beat.

Once more thank you very kindly for the gifts I received; remaining a thankful friend."

ALBERT GOERS.

Co. E, 338th Inf., Camp Custer. John Aland, who went from this township, also writes that he has received his box, sent by the local chapter, and sends his heartfelt thanks and appreciation, saying in part he never thought he had as many friends until he had been placed in the army.

"I am enjoying the very best of health. This certainly is a great life. It is marvelous what training has done for us young fellows. If one could see a group of boys when they first come and then again when they have drilled two weeks, they would hardly recognize them as the same men. However, there are a good many classes. You will find some who can't do the work, some who can but don't try, and they are the ones who have to be made to do things."

Taxes Due

I now have the tax roll for Farmington Township in my hands for collection of state and county taxes, and will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during banking hours, until January 10th, to receive your taxes, R. H. MARSH, Township Treasurer.

Willard Service Storage Batteries for sale. Also batteries recharged. W. H. Lee & Sons.

Doing His Best

In the scramble for coal among the dealers our manager here of the Farmington Lumber & Coal Co., Ralph G. Hogle, has made every effort to keep Farmington people supplied, and has made almost weekly trips to Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland in an effort to secure coal for this village, and we will say that he has succeeded—much better than have the dealers in most of the other towns. No one, as far as we know, has been entirely out of some kind of fuel.

In an interview this week Mr. Hogle has the following to say regarding the coal situation:

"We are getting about a car of coal a week, when our contracts call for six cars, and for this reason we are having many difficulties in regard to distribution. Prior to September 15th all orders for such grades of coal as we had stocked in our bins were filled completely. This left us with many unfilled orders for Pocahontas and Anthracite coal in furnace sizes, and from this time on we endeavored to distribute coal from each car received in lots of one ton or less to each customer regardless of priority orders. This rule will be continued from now on until such time as shipments increase, and in order to supply everyone in Farmington it will be necessary to accept orders from customers who are out of coal—that is we will not be obliged to deliver any coal where we know consumer has fuel.

"Everything is being done to secure coal for all, and we have been assured of a reasonable balance of the winter, contingent on strikes and transportation facilities. It is imperative that consumers conserve their supply, and farmers are urged to burn wood whenever possible. Do not order coal unless you are entirely out, and this will help us to give the needy families of our community their just portion.

Death of Dr. S. D. Holcomb

A telegram received by Dr. E. F. Holcomb Tuesday night announced the death of his brother, Dr. S. D. Holcomb, of Redford, who passed away at Crystal River, Florida, Tuesday morning, December 11th, aged 60 years, 10 months and 9 days. He had gone to Florida a couple of weeks ago in the hope of benefiting his health, which had been poorly for some time.

Dr. Holcomb was born in North Pelham, Ont., on February 2, 1857, and came to Michigan in 1880, and had practiced medicine in Oakland and Wayne counties for the past 38 years, until last February, when his health failed.

Besides his wife he leaves to mourn, one daughter, Mrs. Alvin Houghton, of Redford; two sons, Drayton F. and Clayton E., both at home in Redford; also three brothers, Dr. A. T. Holcomb, of Novi; Dr. E. F. Holcomb, of this village; and B. C. Holcomb, of North Pelham, Ont., together with a host of warm friends all over this vicinity.

Dr. Holcomb was a mason, and a member of Redford Blue Lodge, Northville Commandry, Knights Templar, and the Mystic Shrine, of Detroit.

The family left Crystal River with the remains Wednesday morning and

You are urged to buy Christmas seals and double the number ever yet sold. The demand for funds is greater this year than ever, and if every person in the state would purchase even one seal the anti-tuberculosis association would have a goodly sum to work with. Do your bit.

Read the liners.

SUBSCRIPTION TO ADVANCE

Renew Before January 1st at the
Old Price of \$1.00 per Year

No use of our telling you that everything on earth has advanced in price, but it has, and the price of the Enterprise has been held down for the past six months at an actual loss to us, but the time has come when, if we continue the publication of the paper in its present form as to size and quality, the subscription price MUST be raised to \$1.50 per year.

While we have seen for about a year the step would have to be taken sooner or later we have held off in the hope that possibly things would drop back to a normal basis again, and that we would not have to make the advance, but our hope is in vain and we must advance the first of the year.

Those who desire to do so may pay one or two years in advance at the old rate, but not more than two years' subscription in advance will be accepted at this rate.

Those who are in arrears may also pay up and have their subscription advanced one or two years at \$1.00 per year, providing it is done before January 1.

We sincerely hope that the subscribers of the Enterprise will take kindly to the increased price, and we think that when they stop and consider the present cost of almost every commodity they are buying today, they will certainly realize that we are only doing what is right and just.

School Notes

Leona Becker has been absent during the past week.

John Fishel, of Detroit, is a new pupil in the Sixth grade.

Joseph Gidley has returned after a month's absence, on account of sickness.

The First and Second grades have been making Christmas bells and trees this week.

Lucille Tredway is a new member of the Seventh grade, and Clinton Tredway of the Eighth.

The primary room is going to have their Christmas party a week from this Friday afternoon, December 21.

The Fifth and Sixth grades are enjoying the story of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," for morning exercises.

On the Friday before Christmas, the pupils of the high school will give their Christmas program. The exercises will consist of songs, readings, a scene from a play, and selections by the orchestra.

The line-up for the boys' basketball team of the high school is as follows: Leo Gidemeister, center; R. Catherman, right forward; Theron Panline, left forward; Leo Hendryx, right guard and captain; H. Catherman, left guard; Hinman Nichols, sub forward.

Looks like a good run of sleighing.

Farmington stores will be open every evening for the next two weeks, beginning Monday.

Will Ross, of Northville, who has been working on the D. U. R. freight car here for some time past, has enlisted for four years' service in the U. S. navy, and left Thursday morning for Chicago, where he takes his final examination, after bidding his friends in this village farewell.

DISLOCATED HIP BY A FALL

Mrs. Jane McManus in a Serious
Condition at the Home of
Her Daughter

Early last Sunday morning Mrs. Jane McManus, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Forest Pierson, attempted to get up for something, when she fell and dislocated her left hip.

Physicians were called and the dislocation righted, and Mrs. McManus, who is 83 years of age, made as comfortable as possible, but the setting did not hold, and owing to her advanced age it was deemed impossible to reset the hip.

Everything possible is being done for her comfort, but her age makes it improbable that she will recover from the injury.

CHURCH NOTES

Salem Evangelical

Rev. A. C. Stange will preach next Sunday morning at 10:45, eastern time, in the Farmington German church.

The Farmington Ladies' Aid meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the parsonage.

Baptist Church

Rev. J. W. Salton, Pastor. Rev. E. Halliwell will speak next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on, "The Wise Men of Farmington, Who They Are, and Why They Are Considered Wise."

Sunday school immediately after the morning service.

At 7 o'clock in the evening, "The People's Popular Bible Class" will take up again the study of the word. The lecture will be on the books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, "The Dispensation of the Nation Ruled by Kings." This is a part of scripture which is a complete muddle to most people, but by means of a large chart it will be made very plain, and also interesting. Everybody Welcome.

Methodist Church

Rev. James Priestley, Minister. The lecture given last Thursday evening on "North Africa" was greatly enjoyed. The beautiful pictures of the fine buildings of modern Algiers, Oran, Tunis and Constantine; the splendid French roads and railroads in Algeria; the monuments and museums all show what France has been able to do with her North African colonies.

Another series of stereopticon lectures will be announced soon. The Missionary society held a most interesting meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. William Hendryx. The attendance was good and a lunch was served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Roos.

Sunday morning was bitterly cold, and yet a fair sized congregation gathered to listen to the sermon on "Forgiveness." Next Sunday morning, the last of the series on the "Lord's Prayer," will be given. We shall look for you Sunday morning.

The attendance at Sunday school was not large last Sunday morning, but it was fine for the severe weather. You will be there Sunday, of course.

The evening service at 7 o'clock you cannot afford to miss. The pastor's message will be a personal word for you. Come and hear it for yourself.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening. The chapter next week will be the 7th. Come and take your part and get your blessing.

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Sheriff Green's Death a Shock to
the Community—No Motive
Known for Act

Miss Margaret Christian, a Red Cross worker, was horrified Monday morning about 10 o'clock upon entering the supervisor's room in the court house at Pontiac to find the body of Sheriff O. H. P. Green lying upon the floor with a bullet hole in his head. She ran from the room and notified County Clerk Babcock, who notified the officers at the county jail, and the remains were taken in charge by them.

Examination of the body disclosed that the hole in the head was made by a .38 caliber revolver, which was found beside the body, one chamber being empty, and that the gun had been held close to the head, as the hair around the wound was burned off. The gun was one belonging to the sheriff's office equipment, making it conclusive that Mr. Green had taken his own life.

County Clerk Babcock is said to have talked with Mr. Green, only about 20 minutes before the body was found, and nothing unusual appeared during their conversation, the sheriff appearing in his usual genial mood.

Sheriff Green was 61 years of age, being born in Orion township, having served as postmaster of the village. He served as undersheriff under D. I. Oliver for four years, and was considered as a very efficient officer, not only in Oakland county, but throughout the whole state. He leaves a wife and daughter.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

News Items Taken From
Other Papers in and
About the County.

About all the young men in the neighborhood went hunting on Thanksgiving. They secured a nice bunch of rabbits, but a bigger bunch got away.—Orion Review.

Dr. and Mrs. Cavell entertained a club of Farmington Red Cross ladies and their husbands at a six o'clock venison dinner Thursday, the guests numbering 18.—Northville Record.

Chas. W. Smith, of Lapeer, former speaker of the state house of representatives will become a candidate for the office of Lieutenant-Governor for the State of Michigan at the election next fall.—Oxford Leader.

A Woodward avenue resident has removed his supply of nice dry wood from his wood-shed to his cellar, but still insists that it is no reflection upon the character of his neighbors, but is owing entirely to the somewhat peculiar condition of the wood and coal market.—Birmingham Ecceentric.

The fuel situation is acute, to the extent that a fuel commission publishes the following recommendations that might be applied to other communities as well: That families curtail the use of fuel to the limit of their ability by closing portion of their homes not urgently needed, that farmers use wood instead of coal, and that they put wood on the market if they have any to spare; also that churches, schools and public buildings use fuel as sparingly as possible.—Milford Times.

Carl and Herbert Wack, of Clarenceville, were arrested late Monday afternoon at their homes in that place. They were placed in the county jail, a charge of highway robbery being lodged against them. The officers say the men are two of the gang of three who held up and robbed Walter H. Otten, Detroit, last Thursday night at Clarenceville while he was waiting for a car. The officers state that the identity of the third man is known and that it will only be a short time until he is picked up.—Press Gazette.

Plymouth village will vote at a special election next Monday on the establishment of a commission form of government.

The remains of Earl Adams, a former resident of this place, who died at Ann Arbor hospital following a stroke of apoplexy, were brought to W. H. Heeney's undertaking parlors Tuesday, December 4th. Burial was made last Thursday at East Farmington cemetery.

LITTLE WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Choice Dairy Butter. Don Button, phone 4213. 7c

WANTED—Men to cut wood. Albert Sulkowski, phone 44W3, Farmington. 7c

STATIONERY—Let us print you some nice stationery. Good work and reasonable prices.

TO RENT—House on Shiawassee street in this village. John Power. 7c

FOR SALE—Visiting cards—either printed or engraved. Best of work and prices right. Ask the Enterprise man.

LOST—A pair of child's rubber boots, Tuesday evening. Will finder please leave at Ely's garage.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Buick 5-passenger car, taken in exchange, and in A-1 condition. E. S. Grace, Farmington. 2c

FOR SALE—Large sheets of blotting paper; also Bristol Board, Cards of all kinds, either printed or plain. Call at the Enterprise and see what we have.

BIRTH CARDS—We will print you a neat card announcing the birth of your baby, and furnish the envelopes for mailing. Cards and envelopes 25 for 50 cents. Enterprise office.

AUCTION SALE—I will sell at Public Auction at the Irish farm at North Farmington Siding on Orchard Lake Division of the D. U. R., on Friday, December 21st, at one o'clock sharp, the following property: Six 2-year-old Heifers and one Bull, eight good A No. 1 grade Holstein Cows, 20 tons of hay, 100 bushels of Oats, 30 tons of Eusilage and one Silo; also two horses. Clyde Seeley, owner. H. G. Kyle, auctioneer.

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