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AUTO TRIP OVER BATTLE FIELDS

Lieut. Harley Warner Gives Interesting Description of Underground City

Rath, Star and myself started out one day recently in a Dodge touring car for a little trip over the lines struck St. Mihiel, Conflans, Elain, Verdun, Danilars, Metz, and went into Argonne; it sure was a great little trip—slept in dugouts, or wherever we would be when night came; walked through miles of trenches



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and barbed wire, and ran across a great many shells, bombs, grenades, and hand grenades around the trenches.

Two nights we stopped in Verdun; slept down in a deep cellar, but we raked up a little stove, and really made it quite comfortable. Verdun, however, is certainly in ruins; you can't imagine what a wreck it is. Perhaps you can get some idea of what it is like if you can think what Ann Arbor or any large city would be after 169 days of continuous bombardment, and it seemed wonderful that the Huns would never capture it, after the shelling they gave it.

Since the beginning of the war the French have built another city a hundred feet or so beneath the surface. Here they have steam heat, electric lights, movies, hospital, reading rooms, accommodations for 80,000 people, and supplies for three years; it is called the "Citadel," and during the bombardment the soldiers were safe down there. In fact, could not even hear the noise; they could send 30,000 hp. in case of a raid.

Miles of barbed wire is spread all over the city, which shows that the city was not going to be surrendered until the very last moment.

The last day we had trouble with our car, so we were towed twenty-five miles behind a heavy truck, and came the remaining 40 miles into camp on three cylinders. Could have gotten millions of souvenirs, but unable to carry them back. I did bring, however, a boche rifle, bayonet, hand grenade, helmet, 7 1/2 inch shell, lock, etc. Sent the helmet to you yesterday by mail—just an ordinary steel one.

Our group has bombed Conflans probably thirty times, so was very much interested in seeing what damage we had done—a great plenty, that's sure. Lived on "canned Willie," bread, sardines and water on our trip, and I have never seen three men that were more dirty than we were when we returned to camp; shaved or nothing for five days, but it was worth that sure.

The helmet referred to arrived here last Friday evening, and has 24 bullet holes in it, and is very much prized by Mr. Warner.

I wish to announce to the voters of the Township of Farmington that I will be a candidate at the Republican Township Caucus for Township Treasurer. 9p ARTHUR G. LAMB.

Skate Into Air Hole

Rome Hosner and Howard Hallet, each 12 years old, were drowned in Uper Straits lake last Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, having skated straight into an air hole within a few rods of where they put on their skates. The bodies were not recovered until Monday morning.

The boys were seen to go onto the ice by George Garlick and a companion, who happened to be there at the time. On looking around a few moments later the men could not see anything of the boys and assuming something had happened they followed the tracks straight to the hole.

Going for help they worked all night without success for the recovery of the bodies, which were finally recovered next morning in some 20 feet of water directly underneath where they went into the water.

Lloyd Hosner and Frank Hallet, parents of the boys are well known in this village, the former living on the Waiked Lake road only a short distance from the scene of the accident, while the latter works on the W. C. Ward farm on the shores of Orchard Lake.

To Get Car Out of Mud

The United States Tire Co., in "Suggestions for the Motorist," which has been printed in a number of the Metropolitan papers, has this one from a motorist who guarantees it to be the best means for extracting your machine when it is helplessly anchored in the mud.

I have always stored away somewhere in my car a stack of old newspapers. I don't take up so much room but that I can always find a place for them. When I strike a mudhole and the wheels begin to fly around in that exasperating way which tells me that I am firmly and definitely stuck, I get out my bundle of papers.

"Taking a newspaper, I fold it in half horizontally across the page and proceed to the task of working the paper between the tire and mud. This is a simple matter and is accomplished by feeding in the paper while the wheels are being revolved. I feed the paper in lengthwise. Usually only a few will have been worked in when the tires will begin to grip and the car start forward. If a few won't do the work, keep on feeding in the papers until good traction is gained."

The Progressives

About 25 members and friends of the Progressive Bible class of the M. E. church met last Monday evening at the home of P. E. Perkins on Powers avenue and were delightfully entertained.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the pastor, each member answering roll call with a New Year's resolution. The program of music, charades and jokes was immensely enjoyed by all.

Miss Hope Perkins then read the pastor's New Year's address from the Enterprise, after which refreshments were served. They will meet with Mrs. F. L. Cook next.

Shocked at Condition

Mrs. Harry Aldrich and sister, who live on the Sarmento farm, went to New York the first of last week to see their brother, who had just returned from overseas.

Upon arrival there they were most terribly shocked at the condition they found him in; being blind and badly wounded in both legs and arms, with very little chance for his recovery, according to report.

A telegram to the home here gave the above information, and are told.

It surely is a sad case and they will have the sympathy of the community.

Republican state convention called to meet at Lansing Tuesday, February 18th, for the purpose of nominating candidates for state offices. Oakland county is entitled to 31 delegates.

WILL LOSE RIGHT HAND

Accidental Discharge of Gun While Out Hunting—Just Returned From France

Julius Herman, living in Franklin, will lose all but the thumb of his right hand as the result of putting his hand over the muzzle of a gun as he was climbing over a fence while out hunting Tuesday.

Mr. Herman, who had only just returned a week ago from France, where it is reported he had been for over a year on the battle front, went out hunting on Tuesday and in attempting to climb over a wire fence put his hand over the muzzle of his gun, resting the stock on the ground for a support, and in some manner the gun was discharged, blowing his right hand except the thumb, off at the wrist.

He was taken to the hospital at Detroit, where it is reported as doubtful if the thumb could be saved.

School Notes

Report cards out Monday.

John Westfall re-entered school Tuesday morning.

Harley Gathman re-entered school on Tuesday morning.

Clara Shear was absent several days last week with neuralgia.

Eva Lacy is absent from school this week on account of illness.

Prof MacDougall praised the Physics class on their lesson Monday.

Final examinations for first half of year are to be given next week.

Avery Reading absent from school on account of sickness last week.

Miss Galbrieth teaches drawing to the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades.

Winifred Walling was unable to attend school several days last week because of sore eyes.

Mrs. Ralph Hoge is teaching the First and Second grades this week, while Miss Power is ill with a cold.

The Seventh grade entertained the High School last Friday morning. The Seniors will have the floor this Friday.

Miss Eva Hullett is teaching in the intermediate room during the illness of her sister, who is suffering with the flu.

Club and Society Notes.

The New Idea club met with Mrs. Arthur Lamb Wednesday afternoon and tied off two comforters for the Red Cross.

Eastern Star regular next Friday evening, January 17th, instead of Wednesday evening as announced last week. No work.

The Rebekah Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. William Major, 178 Oregon street, Detroit, next Friday, January 17th. All day session—pot-luck dinner.

The annual meeting of the Clarenceville Cemetery association will be held at the residence of Frank Botsford, Clarenceville, on Tuesday, January 14th, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Ladies' Library will be open from 2 o'clock until 7, on Saturdays, commencing the 1st of January and continuing until April, on account of heating the room. Those holding new books are requested to get them back on time so all will have a chance to read them. The allotted time for new books is one week.

The Priscilla club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Manley Newman about 15 being present. The afternoon was spent in a program consisting of music, recitations and a grab-bag, after which refreshments were served. A jolly good time was had by all. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Henry West, January 21st.

Try a liner—It will pay you.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Newspapers Taken From Other Papers in and About the County.

One year ago the 12th of this month the severest storm ever known to the oldest inhabitant swept over this village, the mercury registering 20 degrees below zero.—Oxford Leader.

Over 14,000 burial permits have been issued by the Board of Health of Detroit during the past year, Grand Lawn cemetery receiving early in the month number 14002.—Redford Record.

Eddie Cicotte, known to fame as the pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, is said to have bought the Wilbur Papp farm near New Hudson, which he will change into a country home.—Milford Times.

Oakland county ranks first in the state in the number of new standard school buildings erected since 1914.—Oxford Leader. And you might add nearly last in the sale of W. S. S.—South Lyon Herald.

Druggist Cobb had a close call one afternoon last week when the automobile he was driving on North Woodward Avenue near the Lone Pine road skidded and crossed the two D. U. R. tracks, turning turtle. Mr. Cobb was pinned under the car but was unhurt. It took five men to turn the machine over.—Birmingham Eclectic.

W. J. Thompson of the Alceium theatre left Northville Sunday for Rochester, Minnesota, to put himself under the care of the great Mayo Brothers, if those world-famous surgeons decide that they can do anything for the injured limb that has made him a cripple for many months past. Every one who knows Mr. Thompson admires the persistent pluck with which he has worked under accumulating handicaps that would have completely discouraged ninety-nine out of a hundred people, and everybody is sincerely wishing him the good luck of a speedy recovery.—Northville Record.

A county school commissioner is to be chosen at the April election this year, and we should like very much to see A. L. Craft retained in that position. Mr. Craft has been county school commissioner for two terms of four years each, but the office is not in any sense a political one, and when the right man is found it is good policy to retain him. Mr. Craft is the right man, for under his administration the schools of the county have been greatly improved and stand today among the highest in the state. The present school commissioner of Wayne county has held the office for 22 years without opposition; in Washtenaw county the commissioner has served 18 years without opposition, and there are many other counties in the state where the school commissioners have been in office continuously from 12 to 18 years. We believe that people generally will endorse our opinion of Mr. Craft's fitness, for this is his old home town when he was attending high school, and he has many friends here.—Holly Advertiser.

Class Re-Organized

The Invisible Sunday School class of the M. E. church met Tuesday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Benson, re-organized and formed plans for the organization. The following officers were elected: President—Binman Nickles. Vice-President—Charles Russell. Secretary—Howard Stamann. Treasurer—Howard Lord.

After the business meeting the evening was spent in games and music, after which light refreshments were served. A fine time was had by all present. Hereafter they will spend the second Tuesday evening of every month together.

This is the Sunday school class that has the "pep." Look out for the Invidious, for they are going to "do things."

Woman's World and Enterprise both for \$1.75.

ITALY'S EFFORT IN WORLD WAR

Military, Financial and Industrial Contributions Equal to Allies.

ENLISTED 5,500,000 SOLDIERS Created Huge Industries—War Bill, \$12,000,000,000.

By D. FELICE FERRERO, Director Italian Bureau of Public Information.

The blood and treasure of Italy were freely spent in the successful effort to put Austria-Hungary out of the war. While Italy's efforts were not confined to the Italian front, her contribution to allied success was greater here than in the other places where her troops fought the battle for civilization. Her financial and industrial efforts have been equal to her military effort, and in all these directions Italy has not lagged behind her allies.

Italy's soldiers have gone far afield. They contributed largely to the glorious victory on the Balkan front. A large contingent in France first gave powerful aid in the defense of Rheims, then took part in the advance of the allied forces.

Italy had 5,500,000 Under Arms. Since the beginning of the war Italy has called to the colors little less than 5,500,000 men and has suffered a loss of almost 1,500,000 of them. Of that loss nearly 500,000 died in battle, and 100,000 from disease. Over 550,000 are totally incapacitated, either by blindness, loss of limb or tuberculosis. At the present moment the strength of the Italian army is 4,025,000, including the class of men born in 1900, who have been called to the colors recently. It may be said, then, that the nation's manpower has suffered a permanent loss of nearly a million.

But Italy has inflicted an even greater punishment upon the foe. In Austria-Hungary alone she has taken approximately a million. The Austrian loss in killed and wounded is, of course, unknown to us, but even the most conservative estimates make it far greater than ours. In the June offensive on the Piave alone over 200,000 Austrian dead were left on the field.

Aside from their achievements in other theaters of the war, Italy's soldiers have fought through fifteen fierce offensives on the Isonzo and the Piave, inflicting terrible losses on the foe in each. These campaigns were carried on in mountainous regions and under the most wretched conditions that taxed to the utmost the genius of the military engineers and the endurance of the troops.

Over 50 miles of roads have been constructed on the mountains of Italy and of Albania, and 1,000 miles of aerial cable railways (Teleferiche) have been built to carry food, ammunition and guns over deep ravines.

Economic Difficulties. The magnitude of this military effort can be fully appreciated only when one takes into consideration the economic structure of the nation and the nature and number of its population. One must remember that out of 38,000,000 inhabitants in Italy at the beginning of the war only 17,000,000 were male. This peculiar disproportion is caused by emigration, which was largely composed of male adults. Out of those 17,000,000 only 9,000,000 were adults economically productive. Consequently the subtraction of the mobilized forces has had an acute reaction on the economic life of the nation. It is estimated that on an average only 100 adults remained in each town or village to provide for the needs of some 800 children below the age of fifteen.

Furthermore, the traditions of Italian family life render the work of their women an economic factor of less importance than in some other countries. Though it has been utilized to the utmost and is becoming more available as old traditions give way to war's necessities, it can do but little to help. On the contrary, the scarcity of native troops to Italy's colonies compelled the government to reinforce them with troops from the mother country. This has helped come to Italy through the co-operation of workmen of neutral or allied countries. Italy, on the other hand, sent a large contingent of skilled workmen to France, thus enabling her to release valuable elements for war. Furthermore, nearly 600,000 of our male adults residing in America gave to this great nation their contributions to her economic and military efforts.

And yet Italy, lacking labor and industrial development, lacking almost entirely coal and raw materials, has by this time emerged as being able to create at least from nothing a powerful organization of war industries. Financially Italy Responded Well.

CHURCH NOTES

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

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

Methodist Church Morning 10:30 Evening 7:30 Sunday School 11:45 E. C. C. Benson, Pastor

Morning—"Is the Church of God in Danger, or What is Stable and What is Unstable in Religion?" Evening—"Man's Etiquette and God's Manners."

The Queen Esthers spent a very profitable evening in their "Mission Study" at the parsonage Wednesday evening, January 8th.

Bible study at the M. E. parsonage Thursday evenings at 7:30.

The W. H. M. S. will meet with Mrs. Sam Lock Tuesday afternoon, January 14th.—Mrs. Truscott has charge of the program.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Charles Collins on Thursday afternoon, January 16th. All are cordially invited.

Card of Thanks We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors, friends, singers, Rev. Gullen, and for the floral offerings furnished in our late bereavement.

Earl Wolfe and Children. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wolfe. Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps. Mrs. Clara Phelps.

LITTLE WANT ADS

WANTED—Woman for general housework. Mrs. J. Chapman, Grace Stop. 10p

FOR SALE—Range, 6-hole, in good condition. Inquire at Schroeder's Meat Market. 1p

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

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

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.

NOTICE—Oddfellow dues are now payable at Henry Lee's store, during the absence of C. R. Ely. 9c

FOR SALE—Hard Maple body wood, \$5.00 per cord, delivered. L. C. Harger, phone 6612, Farmington. 9c

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.

FOR SALE—Highbred Heifer; Dam and Grand Dam heavy producers of Quality Milk; also quantity of hard wood 4 foot length. Peter Haves, Old Farmington road, near Junction, Route 1.

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Taxes Due Having received for collection the tax roll of Farmington Township, I will be at the Farmington State Savings Bank on Fridays and Saturdays, during banking hours, until January 10, 1919, to receive same.

R. H. Marsh, Township Treasurer.