Bacon

tail—starting with when we left New York. I'll just hit the highlights now, and then I'll have something to talk about when I get home. I won't be able to write letters so fully when I get to England because they will be censored so. I hope this goes all right without being censored.

We certainly picked a good time to come to Iceland—with the U.S. taking it over. We were out with all the British Monday watching our ships and planes sail in here. Yesterday we were down at the dock watching some of the marines land.

We were sort of down in the dumps yesterday. They brought in 14 people—4 Red Cross nurses who had been in lifeboats 11 days. They are in pretty bad shape—their feet are so bad, I guess they'll be all right in time. They are going back home on one of the American boats. One of them is Marion Blissett the girl from Ford Hospital—her home is in Kalkaska, so I think maybe I can send this by her.

Admiral Makes a Visit

Thursday, July 10

The admiral came to see us yesterday, so I had to stop—you should see us entertaining the Admiral and the American consul and his wife in our hut with underwear drying all over the place. The American consul's wife has been very nice to us—loaned us clothes, taken us shopping and had us to tea. We've met all sorts of people, Colonels, Generals and such and everyone has been so nice to us.

I'm sorry this letter rambles but there is so much to write and it is hard to concentrate. Woogie suggested that we make an outline like you do when you write a theme.

I'll be in England by the time you get this. We are standing by today for word to leave—of course we've been standing by for a week, but we think it will be soon. You don't have to worry because the trip from here to England is very safe.

Several boats have turned back because of the terrible fog and then on the Monday before we were hit the Germans started picking off the boats so they sent 5 more Cornett's. The girls who were in the Hospital were in the same convoy and their boat was hit the Tuesday before us. We certainly were lucky we were in the lifeboat only two or three hours. The other boats in the convoy are supposed to go right on and not stop and pick up survivors, but the Captain of the Danish boat stopped anyway—he had a lot of trouble after they got here because he did stop. I know 34 people that are mighty glad he did stop. I never thought when I left home I'd be visiting Iceland. This isn't a cozy country. It doesn't get dark at all at this time of year.

Residents Resent English

I guess I started to say the people here are very resentful about the English (it remains to be seen how they will be toward the Americans). They try to act dumber than I think they really are. They won't cooperate any more than they have to.

The Red Cross will have to completely furnish us with uniforms but I'll have to wait and see how much else they'll get us. Later I'll write and let you know about some other things I'd like. Maybe Kate can get me a couple of dresses and some good shoes later on.

Mother, the nurses here have been so nice to us and they're crazy for American candy. We had a box of Fanny Farmer's one girl saved, and they were crazy over it. I wondered if Daddy could send a 5 lb. box of Mary Lee's to them and you write a note and thank them for being so nice to me. Say in the note that the candy is for all the nurses.

We saw a Scotch paper when we went up to lunch and it told about 3 other nurses and the nurses being saved from the Narsden (that's the Dutch freighter we were on.)

You'll probaly have letters from me in England long before you get this but this will be longer. I'll keep this open until I'm sure we're leaving so I can add to it from time to time if anything comes up.

Plans To Leave London

Saturday, July 26

I don't think I'll be in London much longer. As soon as we get our uniforms we're going out into the Country to work in an English hospital. The other girls have already gone—just the six of us went out to dinner at Simpson's (which is very old) and to my first movie on Tuesday. Wednesday we all went to lunch at the American Eagle's Club (where no women have ever been allowed except the women who work there), and then to Noel Coward's play "Blithe Spirit." After the play we went back stage and met Mr. Coward and all the cast. Something we got a big kick out of was the way they served tea during the intermission. All very fancy—really quite silly we thought.

Well, it's been a full week with very little shopping accomplished—we finally got our uniforms tonight and now we can look fairly respectable. Tomorrow we're going to Westminster Abbey to church, have dinner at 20 Grammercy Square where the Marines live (this is special for us—no women are usually allowed in Marine barracks like that—just the eight of us who were on the Maarsden are invited) and then to the London Zoo with some of the boys.

In the afternoon we went to a very fancy tea at the Royal College of Nursing—me and Elizabeth—the Queen was there, too. She didn't stop to talk to us all, as she came in—just Miss Madley, but she said she would talk to us later—and she did, too. We helped form the Guard of Honor as she left.

Tell everyone hello, and to write,

Fran.

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lancaster entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fossen of Fergus Falls, Minnesota over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson and children Joyce, Lois and Bill of St. Clair Shores spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Precord of Alpena are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Monette at the Henry DeHanke home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Poole of Detroit called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowman Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Elsenlord and son and daughter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hedley Sunday.

Mrs. Myron Carrier and Mrs. Lou Manzel attended the Maccabee picnic at the Old Homestead Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond and son Floyd were Bay City callers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hipp of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowers and daughters Virginia and Shirley of Dearborn were callers Sunday at the Robert Bowerman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Button returned on Monday from their trip to northern Michigan. In Saginaw they visited Dr. Aaron Button and family. They also were at East Jordan, Charlevoix and Fife Lake where they visited Mrs. Button's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ney Smith.

Miss Marie Walling and Mrs. William Burnett attended a reception in Toledo Saturday which followed the marriage of their aunt Mrs. Pearl Thorley and Frank Decker of Chicago. Mrs. Decker has been a frequent visitor at the Walling and Burnett homes here. They will reside in Chicago after a short trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trombley spent several days last week at Brown Cty.

Mrs. Reynolds Bacon and sons Jabe and Tom spent Sunday n Empire. Rennie Bacon who has spent the summer there, returned home with them. They also were accompanied by Bobbie Coppens of Empire who will spend two weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland and sons of Orion and Mr. and Mrs. John Westfall of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall.

Mrs. Mamie Mahaney has returned from Canada where she has been staying for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Muether spent Sunday in Wixom with Mr. Muether's sister Mrs. Byrd and family.

Mrs. T. H. McGee is visiting in Saginaw this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Auten entertained at a family birthday party Sunday. Four anniversaries were honored, those of Mrs. Florence Youngs, Mrs. Harold Westfall, David Youngs, and Mr. Auten.

Mrs. Julia McDermott who has been in Pontiac General Hospital was removed to the convalescent home on Farmington Road Saturday.

Miss Paulette Gambee expects to be the guest of Miss Florence Garchow this coming weekend.

Mrs. John W. Hunt and children John Jr., Betty, Marjorie and June returned Friday night from a three weeks' vacation at a northern Michigan lake resort. Mr. Hunt joined them for the last two weeks.

Mrs. M. B. Pierce and son Edgar attended the golden wedding celebration of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Tupper at the Redford Calvary Church Tuesday night.

Miss Cynthia Pierce has returned from Hessel, Michigan where she spent last week.

Mrs. William Hallatt of Indianapolis is visiting her grandson Jack Eagen at the Albert McDonald home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Garlick of Novi and Henry McFarland of Detroit spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pagel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lapham and sons Byron, Harry and Johnnie attended the funeral of Mrs. Lapham's brother Frank H. Dohany in Detroit Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mason have returned home from their vacation at Pentwater.

The Frank Labadie family came home Sunday after a vacation in the northern part of the state.

Mrs. Florence Bachelor spent Sunday with her son Mark Bachelor and family.

Misses Willidene and Marguerite Rueffer of Evart are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hunt and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Darling are back from their recent trip to Sault Ste. Marie.

Miss Nellie Appy of Seattle is visiting her cousin Max Hulett and family.

Joyce Heeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Heeney, underwent an appendectomy at Mt. Carmel Hospital last Thursday.

Mrs. V. L. Fletcher and son Louis and Mrs. Louis Mayer of Chicago spent a few days this week with their sister, Mrs. William Hogarth.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl K. Whitman on Brookdale have been spending several days at Grand Traverse Bay with Mr. and Mrs. John Grant of Valleyview.

John Hulett has returned from his vacation at Middle Straits Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Detroit entertained 35 guests from the National Time and Signal Company of Detroit on Saturday at a picnic lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Henault, 35339 Nine Mile Road.

Members of the Indian Bowling League of Detroit and their families held their annual picnic at Orchard Lake Farm Sunday through the courtesy of L. H. Sprague.

Mrs. Belle McDermott and Mrs. Phebe Ross called on Mrs. Ross' sister Mrs. Grace Quinn at the home of her daughter Mrs. Ralph Wright in Gregory Sunday. Mrs. Quinn who has been ill is improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis are in New Hampshire on their vacation.

The baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Walden Henke on Sunday, August 3, has been named Cynthia.

W. B. Gambee attended the American Legion state convention in Grand Rapids last week and was installed as district commander.

Misses Genevieve and Margaret Greene have returned home after a vacation at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goers and family spent Wednesday at Put-in-Bay.

Mrs. Lyman Sprague spent last week in Toledo visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Fawcett, Sanford Fawcett, and George Fawcett and daughter Betty Ann were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Straud Ridings.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual meeting Monday night, August 25, at the Legion Hall. Election of officers will take place. Plans for the Legion Gala Day are now being made.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wood and children and Mrs. Belle Haywood of Chicago spent Saturday evening at the Homer Elsenlord home.

Howard Catherman who has been in Pontiac General Hospital was taken home Tuesday.

Albert Fawcett was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinkopf.

Stuart D. Ruelle, son of Mrs. W. Allen Nelson, has left for Jefferson Barracks, Missouri where he will be in training in aeronautic mechanics in the army.

Miss Anna Thayer spent Tuesday in Detroit and had lunch with her sister-in-law Mrs. Bert Thayer.

Donald Wilson of Pontiac spent three days with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bond last week.

The Andy Hewitt family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ridings were Sunday dinner guests of the Vershel Ridings family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson and daughter Sara and Mrs. Nelson's father William Fitzpatrick were Sunday dinner guests of her sister Mrs. L. Orlick and Mr. Orlick of Wixom.

James Eastman and Miss Anna Thayer spent Sunday at Union Lake with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Fawcett and daughter Alice Ann visited in Jackson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Ruelle were Monday evening guests of the former's mother Mrs. W. Allen Nelson.

Miss Greta Wendt is spending her vacation at her home near Northville. This coming weekend she expects to accompany her family to Mackinac Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stephens and sons Russell Jr. and Donald are in St. Ignace visiting Mr. Stephens' father.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lake and daughter entertained as their guests at a picnic dinner Sunday, Mr. R. C. Reighard, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Reighard, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dinius and son of Delt, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. William Johns and family of St. Clair, Michigan.

Tom Dwyer and Miss Peggy Dwyer are spending a week's vacation with friends in Stonington, Illinois.

Mrs. Noel Triaca of Flint spent Thursday and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster.

Mrs. Elmer Murphy returned to her home in Millington Saturday, after a visit with her sisters, Mrs. Ulysses Grace and Mrs. Emma Greschover. She also visited her daughter, Mrs. Vaughn Blair and family at Royal Oak.

Miss Shirley Lake has returned home from a week's visit in Delt, Ohio.

Mrs. E. C. Callan and children Sally and Judith, are visiting this week with friends in Canada.

Mrs. Noel Triaca of Flint and mother, Mrs. Reed Webster, were guests at a luncheon Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wayne Wagner in Highland Park, honoring Miss Mildred Jones, formerly of Clarenceville. Miss Jones is to be married August 29.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Sarah Knapp

The Farmington Fire department responded to a call at the home of Irvin Knapp when his truck caught on fire endangering farm buildings. The fire was successfully extinguished with little damage.

Garry Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Graham spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Barth Schlusler announce the marriage of their daughter, Fern, to James Wiekle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wiekle of Walled Lake. The ceremony was performed May 17 in Bowling Green, Ohio. The young couple will reside on Orchard Lake avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebration honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hire, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp and Mrs. Edith Graham motored to Webberville Sunday to spend the day with Graham Giegler and family.

Herman Grimmer returned home after a tour in the western states last week.

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Engineers Yield to Pressure

Webber said some county road commissions are building 20 or 30 miles of blacktop highway each year, but that because of restricted revenues available for construction, these roads are often too narrow, winding and unsafe for fast driving as compared with the state trunkline blacktop; constructed to a standard pattern at a higher cost per mile. Public pressure on the road commissioners and engineers for a surfaced highway, as a means of attaining dust control, snow removal service and faster driving, has lead many counties to build an inexpensive type of blacktop that is serviceable, yet dangerous for the motorist who mistakes it for a state trunkline he warned.

To obtain a thorough elimination of physical hazards in rural county roads and to bring about a blacktop county roads and state trunklines involves a long-range program that will cost considerable Webber declared. He said present weight and gas tax funds available to the county road commissions are used almost entirely for maintenance and repair operations. The commissions average $270 per mile per year for this work, he said, basing his estimate on revenues in 1940 after approximately $8,000,000 was deducted from the total to meet obligations to cities and villages and to pay off indebtedness.

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WCTU to Have Meeting At Cass Benton Park

The regular monthly meeting of the Farmington Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held on Tuesday, August 26 with a cooperative lunch at 1 p. m. at Cass Benton Park. The devotionals will be led by Mrs. Lloyd N. Way and discussion topics on temperance will be led by local members. Everyone attending bring her own dishes and silver.

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