

American Legion



Notes

By F. W. Lewis

You missed a breakfast fit for a king. If you failed to attend the meeting Sunday morning at the Legion Home. Guests were Bob Plettenberg, Frank Russell and Mr. Haggerty, Navy Aviation Cadet. Bob Plettenberg certainly looked fit and ready to do his part in this war.

same must be made within 120 days after entry into active military service, except that one who is an insurable risk may secure insurance at any time during service. Insurance is on the 5-year level premium term plan and may be secured in any amount from \$1,000 to \$10,000 in multiples of \$500. No person may have more than \$10,000 of either or both Government (converted) life and National Service Life Insurance. This insurance is a valuable one by death of the insured, but premiums may be waived for total disability of six consecutive months or more occurring while insurance is in effect and before reaching the age of 60 years. Beneficiaries are limited to wife, husband, child (including adopted child), step-child and illegitimate child, parent (including parent through adoption), and persons who stood in loco parentis to the insured for not less than one year prior to entry into active service) brother or sister (including those of the half blood). A step-child or illegitimate child cannot be paid unless specifically designated by the insured as the beneficiary. (To Be Continued)

SERVICE NOTES

Following are several letters, received this week, from Farmington men in the service of their country. Some of them were addressed to the Enterprise, one to the Blue Star Mothers, and another is a letter from a soldier to his mother. We reprint them here, feeling that we all enjoy hearing from Farmington service men, and we are always glad to have news of them. Camp Shelby, Mississippi Dear Mother: I have finally found a free hour so will try to write you a letter. Things are really getting tough, and we are working very hard and long hours, so it boils down to the fact that we have not much to write, but I shall write as often as I can, so don't worry because we are getting in shape and that takes time and work. I am putting on a little weight and eating very good. Of course there are some things that even we can't get such as coffee, butter and pork. We get fresh milk only once a week, but on the whole we are getting enough to make up the difference. This is a very damp climate at this time of year, and colds are very prevalent. I have only had a couple so it isn't too bad. I am getting tougher than nails. Anyway I feel like it, but it won't hurt me, because you really feel good when you find a lot of work and then get to bed and sleep good, then wake up all set to start all over again. Well, this is, I guess, enough of me. I had a good Thanksgiving dinner, but in the Army holidays are not observed. We just keep on with routine work and this is a part that we have to do. I received the gifts that you and the family have sent, and believe me they were nice. I enjoyed every present, and I was "king" of the company for the time being. The tie was perfect and it is part of our uniform. The slippers will be fine for resting the feet after hikes and also the handkerchiefs came in handy, as well as the many other things. But I want to thank you for the Bible, for it is a nice gift for us to read and to read, but time doesn't permit us to do much reading. Mother, you are going to have to thank everybody for me, because I just haven't time to write to each one. One of the packages I received was from the "Blue Star Mothers" and it was very nice. It had the things in it a fellow needs, but you will have to write them or, being one of the mothers, you can express my thanks and any boys thanks that received a package from them, in your own way. So, mother, thanks for everything, and thank everybody for me. Wish all my friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and to you a special Christmas greeting and best wishes for a happy New Year. Maybe in 1943 we can finish this business but if it takes longer, we will win, don't ever worry, because every fellow here is going to go down fighting. Now don't worry about me, and I will write as often as I can. With Love, Private Johnny Price. December 3, 1942 To the Editor: Just a line to let you know that I am still receiving the paper over here in the country of the "Green Hills." It sure is good to read all the news from the old home town. I believe I even read all the legal notices. Also it is somewhat possible to follow some of the other fellows in the service on their journeys around the world. So I'll say thanks again, and wish you a Merry Christmas along with all the other folks, a message that would be great to deliver in person. Smooth Sailing in the New Year. Sincerely, Cpt. Alvin (Lee) Taggart. December 24, 1942 Dear Editor: Again I want to thank you for sending me the Enterprise, and also to inform you of my change in address. I am now at Camp Canabell, Florida. It really is swell to hear the news from home each week. The Enterprise has much more news than my friends can hope to give me in their letters. The weather is swell, and the food is fine. What more can a fellow expect in the Army? Thanks again. A home town soldier, Corporal John Pedson. December 7, 1942 To the Blue Star Mothers: It is just a year ago today that the yellow invaders bombed our shores. That is the reason your club was formed, and the reason your sons are in the service of our Country fighting for the free-

dom we all love. I received the package today, and it meant much more to me than what was in the package. To me it meant that the mothers of the boys in service are doing their part to make camp life more pleasant for the boys. I surely appreciated the gift and am sure the rest of the boys will, too. I hope this note expresses my appreciation. Thank you so much for your kindness. Sincerely, Private Calvin Hopkins. Private Robert Cairns, stationed at Fort Lawton, Washington, wrote this week, sending his best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, to all his friends in Farmington. Homer Eisenlord, Jr. wishes to thank the Blue Star Mothers of Farmington for the lovely box they sent to him at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He says he greatly appreciated their thoughtfulness, and that the box contained just the things a soldier would want. Camp Butler, North Carolina December 20, 1942 To the Editor of the Farmington Enterprise: I am writing this letter in hopes you will publish it in that way I can thank the many people who have sent me Christmas greetings. I would like to send Christmas card to each, but here the supply has been exhausted. Though Christmas may not be merry in homes that have someone in the armed forces, wherever possible the government is doing its best to make a happy Christmas for those away from home. Here in Camp Butler each company has a tree in its day room. In our company we have our tree decorated simply but very pretty with tinsel, lights, bits of cotton for snow and a string of lights. Our day room is decorated with pine boughs, holly wreaths and branches. Both the holly and pine are gathered from our "back yard." As for entertainment, in a group of fellows from every State in the Union. It is easy to select some with all kinds of talent. Christmas Eve we will have a program in our ample theatre. In this program the 11th Regiment choir and band will have a part. Then on Christmas day our regiment will have a show at the Recreation Hall. Of course our mess hall will be exceptionally popular with the extra "choirs" they will have for us. The weather has been trying to do its part to give us a "White Christmas." Though all of us would rather be home with the ones we love, we will have an enjoyable day. I hope everyone back home may enjoy Christmas and that soon the world will regain the true Christmas spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Sincerely, Private F. Henry Mahoney. Auxiliary, Ruth M. Kripko, WAAC, has been transferred from Des Moines, Iowa, and is now at Wilmington, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. George Houz of Farmington Road have heard from their son, Private Ralph Houz, who is stationed in the Solomon Islands, and he says everything is fine with the boys over there. Mrs. Dav's Ryall heard from her son, Jim, in New Guinea. He says he is in the hospital, completely tired out, and looks a sight, not having had a shave in nine weeks. Henry Dehanke, Jr. is attending Flight School in Atlantic City, New Jersey, according to word received by his parents. Auxiliary Barbara M. Ryall, WAAC, is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Private Homer Eisenlord, recently transferred from Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, to Camp Sheridan, Illinois, was visiting friends and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Eisenlord, Sr., for a few days this week. He also called on Mr. and Mrs. George Houz and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McIntyre. Cpl. Oliver Thompson of Hanco, Texas has returned after a fourteen day furlough. Pfc. Dan Davis of Kiptopeke, Virginia, spent Christmas with his parents. Wood was received Monday that Bill Harter had arrived safely in England. Prices Retail prices of 58 farm food products rose less than 1 per cent last week, according to monthly, while payments to farmers for equivalent products rose more than 2 per cent.

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USUAL SCHEDULE TO BE IN FORCE NEW YEAR'S DAY New Year's Day will be celebrated at Fort Custer with the usual schedule of training for troops and work for the officers. It has been announced by Col. George T. Shank, post commander, in compliance with the instruction from the War Department. In furtherance of the War Effort all holidays, except Christmas, in 1943 will be observed by the Secretary of War. In addition civilian employees were called upon to forego travelling during the December 18 to January 10 period. In order that transportation facilities might be available to furloughed employees. Annual leave of civilian employees of the War Department was restricted only when the leave was to be used to travel. In announcing the restriction, the War Department pointed out that the military schedule realized by the gravity of the situation and were restricting furloughs to 10 per cent and that if men under arms could accept this inconvenience, civilians should be willing to make their contribution. Need for extra money at the holiday season, especially for furloughs and Christmas presents, is recognized by the Army which ordinarily pays its personnel once a month on the last day, so to meet this need Col. George T. Shank, commanding Fort Custer, has ordered the post finance officer to make three partial pays to the enlisted men during the month of December. On a partial pay a soldier may draw that portion of his pay that he has earned for during that month. Partial pays will be made here on December 10, 21, and 30. The next regular payday will come on January 31, 1943, when the pay will include all amounts due in December and January, less any partial payments. Payments must be submitted in advance of the day on which they are to be paid in order that they may be made up. Partial payments require four days' work by the finance officer while a regular monthly payroll requires about two weeks. Enlisted men are paid in cash, while officers are paid by check. Suggestions from Army personnel relative to new techniques, weapons, military doctrine, and organization, which have been always welcomed, are to be especially encouraged, company commanders at Fort Custer have been instructed by the War Department, it has been announced by Col. George T. Shank. Suggestions which are found worthy of consideration will be forwarded through military channels to the Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, Air Force, Services of Supply, defense commands, department, theatres, task forces, and overseas bases. After further screening, meritorious suggestions will be forwarded to the particular agency most directly concerned. No credence should be placed in, telephoned notification of death or injury unless official notification is received from the Adjutant General of the War Department has announced in explanation of Army procedure after cases were reported of false announcements of soldiers' deaths. In one case, a mother was notified by telephone, "This is West-ern Union and we have just received a message that your son was killed on the rifle range at Fort Meade." The distraught mother got in touch with the Maryland post and found her son alive and uninjured.

TOP FLIGHT PICTURES SHOW AT THE CIVIC On Wednesday and Thursday this week at the Civic Theatre, Tom Brown and Ruth Terry will appear in "YOUTH ON PARADE" and Preston Foster is featured in "Little Tokyo, U. S. A.". Each lady attending will be given a free oven test dish on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday evening if she attends the theatre before eight o'clock. There will also be a color cartoon and war news. A special feature is the Big New Year's Eve Midnight Frolic. You can go in the Theatre at nine o'clock, see the regular program, and for just the one admission price you paid to get in stay in the midnight show, and see a complete different show. On Friday and Saturday, beginning at 1:30 p. m. there are two good movies showing, Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in "I MARRIED AN ANGEL" and Barbara Stanwyck in "Gambling Lady" with Joel McCrea as leading man. In addition this program will feature chapter one of the new serial, "G-Men vs. The Black Dragon" and there will be a news reel and color cartoon. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 3, 4 and 5. Ginger Rogers, Henry Fonda and Charles Boyer appear in "Tales of Manhattan". This is the story of a tall, coat which changes the course of the lives of its wearers and the people who know them. It seems to have supernatural powers of distinguishing the genuine from the false and producing appropriate results. It is new when Charles Boyer wears it to a party given by his friend, Rita Hayworth, and when her husband, Thomas Mitchell, shoots him. It helps to break up the prospective wedding between Ginger Rogers and Cesar Romero and transfer her affections to Henry Fonda. It bursts its seams on the night Charles Laughton gets his big chance to conduct his own symphony. It is rehabilitated sufficiently for Edward G. Robinson to wear it to his class reunion. The coat plays an important part in a jewel robbery and falls with the loot on a share-cropper's field—a gift from Heaven. The second picture on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, stars Irene Dunne in "Lady in a Jam". Miss Dunne is pictured as a rich young lady who squanders her inheritance, and is suspected of insanity. The story tells of her efforts to regain a fortune, and how she eventually does, as well as a husband.

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