

American Legion



Notes

By F. W. Lowrie

The Seventeenth District meeting was attended by members of the Groves-Walker Post, with Charles Willard, James Nourlan and F. W. Lowrie as delegates. This meeting was held in Milford, Michigan, on Friday, March 5. The next regular meeting of the Groves-Walker Post will be held March 18. A pot luck dinner will be served and an interesting program is being arranged. This party is in celebration of the 24th anniversary of the American Legion. The American Legion was formed March 17, 1919.

The Otter Lake Billet party, sponsored by the American Legion Posts of the 17th District, will be held in Auburn Heights, Saturday night, March 27, at 8:00 o'clock. Funds being raised by the party will help care for the children at Otter Lake Billet.

Another new member joined the Post on March 4. He is Charles Stewart, formerly of Buffalo Bill

Post 347, LeClaire, Iowa. Welcome to our midst.

The Post is missing the 100 mark in membership. Let's Buy More Bonds—keep adding to the scrap pile—and conserve all items that are hard to replace.

SERVICE NOTES

March 4, 1943

Farmington Enterprise, Farmington, Michigan Dear Sir:

I receive the Farmington Enterprise every week. I enjoy very much reading of activities of Farmington and of my friends in the service. I have been in the Army Air Corps for three months. In that time I have been to Fort Custer for five days, then to Atlantic City. I was on the train for 24 hours on that trip. At Atlantic City I had examinations and vaccinations of various types. This took seven days. I had 15 days of drill, the manual of arms and calisthenics. I was at Atlantic City for six weeks. It is a small city during the winter, with a population of about 100,000 people outside of soldiers.

It snowed once while I was there and some of the great snow. I was in that time at LaGuardia Field, New York City. LaGuardia Field is about 250 miles from Atlantic City. I was there 27 days. In that time I had three courses of airplane mechan-

MAN BEHIND THE GUN



Marine Private Carl Hume, left, back from Guadalcanal, tells how his 37-mm. gun moved down 61 Japs with canister before he himself was wounded. William Robson, right, and script-writer, Ronald MacDougall, get material for realistic radio show, The Man Behind the Gun.

ics of eight days each. Manhattan is about five miles from LaGuardia Field. I was only able to go there on Sundays (my day off). I went to Rockefeller Center, Central Park, to the top of the Empire State Building, and to numerous theatres, mainly Radio City, the largest and most beautiful theatre in the world. I saw the world premiere of "Random Harvest" there, along with the famous Rockettes.

Central Park is very beautiful, even in the winter. It is a zoo in the park on one side of it. Times Square is ten blocks long with motion picture theatres and stage shows bordering it. There are always more people in Times Square than any other place in Manhattan. If you just aim yourself in the general direction, you will get pushed there by the crowd. There are a lot of English and French sailors in New York, along with many Canadian air men.

I have been to the famous and original Stage Door Canteen. It is a very small place, not large enough to hold all the service men comfortably. The girls there are beautiful and friendly. At times famous stars of stage, screen, and radio perform for the benefit of the service men. I also have seen radio broadcasts in the R.K.O. building of Rockefeller Center.

On February 19, I left LaGuardia Field by army truck. It took about one hour to get to Newark, New Jersey. Casey Jones School of Aeronautics, here in Newark, is much larger than the Academy of Aeronautics at LaGuardia Field. I go to school from 12 midnight to 8:00 a.m. six days a week. After going to school all night we have physical education from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Three days I have drilling and three days calisthenics. I go swimming three times a week in the Y.M.C.A. bath about two blocks from the barracks I live in. I have to walk five blocks to school. I will graduate in about three months, and will probably get my first furlough soon after.

The population of Newark is about 500,000 and about 450,000 are in the service. The food in the army is very good. For the last six weeks I have been eating out of plates, but starting today we are going back to regular metal sectional trays.

When an enlisted man is going to school he is not paid regularly because he moves too often. I have been paid once. That was on

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Just a short line to let you know that I get the Enterprise every week, and really enjoy it—I find that I am just like Jim Barrons, in that I read the paper much more thoroughly these days than I ever did before. It really makes me feel good to read about the good old town, and even more so about the other boys in the service.

Being here in the same city, Bill Pelto and I used to get together a lot, and really talk over old times, but of late our time off has been changed a little, so we have trouble seeing each other. I guess that to have a really good time like we used to, we shall have to wait until this mess is all over. The way things are going, that may be sooner than any of us think. Let's hope so.

I don't want to take up too much of your time, so I'll stop here, thanking you again for the paper. Thanks a million to you for the Mothers, too, for your fine work. Keep it up, gals. We love it.

Best regards,

Private Tom Bacon.

Verona, New Jersey March 7, 1943

To the Editor: I am now writing a long overdue letter to you thanking you for the Enterprise which you are sending me. I want you to know that I appreciate it and fully enjoy reading it every week. My first spot that I fix my focus on is the Service Notes, to see what boys are talked about and what they are doing.

Then I read over the rest of the paper to see what the folks and people are doing and all the general news itself.

I suppose I ought to tell you what I am doing so I will attempt it. I am in the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Command, Coastal Defense, of the New York Region. It is very interesting work.

Sincerely yours,

Private A. Ray Cooks.

Private Lyle Cook of Keesler Field, Mississippi, who has been ill, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cook on Power Road, that he has fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Dickerson of Hanes had a telephone call from their son, Walter R. Dickerson, Electrician's Mate, Third Class, who was in Newport News, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fflood have received word from their son, Private John (Jack) Fflood, that he is stationed with the Army Air Corps in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Private Donald McIntyre has been transferred from Buckley Field, Colorado, to Aloe Army Air Field in Texas.

Pvt. Ruben W. (Bud) Tilley, Camp Santa Anita, Calif., who has been ill, is much improved.

Lieut. Glenn C. Jensen has arrived here from Fort Monmouth, N.J. and is visiting at the home of Mrs. Jensen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Grant, on Valleyview. Mrs. Jensen will return with him next week.

GIRL SCOUT COLUMN



The Girl Scouts of America celebrate their 31st anniversary week from March 12 through March 18. This fine organization was founded by Juliette Low on March 12, 1912. This organization aims to bring to all girls the opportunity to learn to serve the community through working and playing together. It is open to girls from seven to eighteen years of age, who wish to join and who voluntarily accept the promise and laws. There are over 600,000 Girl Scouts in the United States.

The Girl Scout Promise is: "On my Honor, I will try: To do my duty to God and my Country; To help other people at all times; To obey the Girl Scout Laws."

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METHODIST YOUTH GROUP GIVEN AWARD

The Youth Rally of the Detroit District, held Saturday night, was attended by 600 Methodist Youth. The Sub-District of which Farmington is a part, had the largest percentage of attendance, and Farmington had the largest group in the Sub-District with 20 attending. Farmington was awarded the first prize, a silk banner in the Methodist youth colors, blue and gold, with the National insignia on it and bearing the National motto, "Christ above all."

Speaker at the Youth Rally was Dr. George P. Howard, missionary to South America.

The monthly fellowship supper was held Thursday evening under the sponsorship of the Intermediate League, directed by Mrs. Edna Louns. Speaker was Mrs. Peter Petersen of Farmington who is head of the schools at the Michigan Children's Hospital.

Next Sunday, March 14, the first broadcast of the Methodist Radio Parish will be given from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. over radio station WCAR, Pontiac. Bishop Raymond J. Wade will be the speaker for the first broadcast. The Methodist Radio Parish will be a regular Sunday feature over WCAR. Rev. Bushing will speak at the Children's Village on Sunday evening. Robert Chapman will teach the Peace class in his absence.

Maccabee Circle Sponsors Card Party

Golden Circle 1078 of the Maccabees will sponsor a card party, Friday, March 19, at 8:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

Mountainier Loyalty

Loyalty for the home state reached a new high this week in camp. In the course of interviewing men for officer's candidate school, an officer of Co. A, 62nd Bn., asked a West Virginia man to name the capital of the United States. Without any hesitation, the man replied: "Charleston, West Virginia."

Bonnie Hickey is now making her home with Rev. and Mrs. Howard Busching. Bonnie is now attending Redford Union High School, but will transfer to Farmington High School at the end of the marking period.

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