

American Legion



Notes

By F. W. Lowrie

Well, here's good news! A-Feather Party will be held Monday evening, December 21, at the Farmington Town Hall. Due to the shortage of meat it is necessary for everyone to attend this party and secure their Christmas dinner.

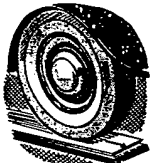
Sorry to learn that Santa Claus is ill and in Mt. Carmel Hospital. Best wishes are extended for a speedy recovery.

You should have attended the Christmas Party at the High School on Tuesday evening, December 15, for you missed a very enjoyable time if you were not there. A great deal of credit is due Mrs. Haskins for her efforts in behalf of the community. From every Club in and about Farmington a familiar face could be seen. This spirit is one that Christmas really stands for.

Editor's note: The series on service men's insurance and beneficiary payments will be resumed just as soon as space permits.

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly reported last week that Mrs. Frank Carlee was the winner of the quilt, which the Edgewood School Club gave. Mr. Carlee held the lucky ticket on the quilt.



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Especially desired at this time are men who play tubas, French horns, flutes and saxophones. A total of 22 vacancies in these four instruments exists and a total of 318 musicians in all fields are needed for immediate duty.

Applicants will be interviewed by a Navy bandmaster who will pass musically on the individual's ability.

Physical qualifications are those of the Naval Reserve. In respect to vision, the weaker eye may register only 6/20 provided the stronger eye passes the 16/20 vision requirement.

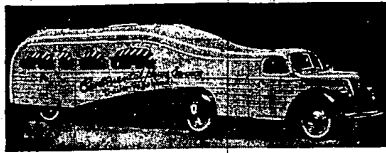
Yeoman Leonard L. Lewis of the Royal Oak Navy Recruiting Station urges all eligible applicants to investigate this opportunity to "serve their country in the field in which they are best fitted."

The Royal Oak Station is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., including Saturdays.

MACCABEE NOTES

Mrs. Bertha Spaller of Powers Avenue has been hostess to two affairs of the Macabees in the past few days. There was a Potluck at her home on Thursday, December 3 and a regular meeting on Thursday evening, December 10.

"TRAILER VAGABOND"



By WARREN BAYLEY

PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS—ANN RUTLEDGE

This is the last of 5 columns written during the past 3 years on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Although the material for this story was gathered some weeks ago, I have purposely held up its release until this time that the other columns dealing with Lincoln's various homes and memories could be published. Today's column deals with Lincoln's love for Ann Rutledge, one of the great romances of all time, which ended in Ann's death just a short time after her engagement. As it marks a turning point in Lincoln's life, it is important.

Ann Rutledge was the daughter of a tavern-keeper in New Salem, Ill., where Lincoln resided some 6 years before he met her. As those years were prominent among the many lean years that the future President endured in his youth, it is small wonder that the love affair was so ideal. For the beautiful Ann was not only a devoted girl, but the penitence and cuffed frayed grocery clerk, instead, she fell madly in love with the half owner of the most prosperous store in the small community.

This man, one John McNeill by name, returned her affection, though she was greatly opposed by the residents of the countryside for McNeill was well thought of and was the wealthiest man in the town. Lincoln's adoration was self contained and known to no one.

Shortly before Ann and McNeill were to have been married, he sold out his interest in the local store for some \$10,000 cash. That night he called Ann into the sitting room of the tavern and made a startling confession. His name was not McNeill but McNeil. He explained to his fiancée that he and his father had been in business in New York State and that the business had gone broke, leaving a considerable amount of outstanding debts. He had left his home, changed his name and gone

into the world to make enough to clear up the debts and provide for his father and mother. He asked that Ann believe that his only motive in changing his name was to conceal his identity until his mission was fulfilled.

In those days changing your name was a clear admission of shoddiness. But Ann was in love and love is forgiveness. So she agreed to keep her faith. The following morning McNeill left for New York to pay the debts and bring his father and mother back to New Salem.

As the weeks went by and no word was heard from McNeill the beautiful Ann began to fade. Daily she called at the postoffice to ask about the incoming mail, Lincoln in the meantime had been appointed postmaster. Each day he saw the girl he loved turn away with disappointment written upon her face. None of her letters were ever answered—she never heard from McNeill again.

Lincoln in the meantime began to press his suit. After weeks of ardent wooing Ann agreed to marry him. But a new engagement would not heal a broken heart. Ann continued to fade and a short time later took to her bed and passed away. Lincoln was beside himself with grief. Two years after her death he remarked to a friend that when he was alone he was so overcome by mental depression that he did not dare carry a pocket knife.

Ann Rutledge was buried in the cemetery in New Salem where her grave was unmarked until 25 years after Lincoln's assassination when her remains were moved to Petersburg and a monument erected with one of the most inspiring inscriptions upon it that I have ever read.

This ends the story of Lincoln's love for Ann Rutledge with one exception. Within a week after her death John McNeill or McNeil returned from New York with his parents as he had planned. He had taken ill in Ohio and was sick unto death. No letters from Ann had ever reached him.

GIRL SCOUT COLUMN



Eager to do anything they can to help in the war effort, the Brownies of Troop Four have been learning how to make minor repairs on their own clothing, so as to free their mothers for more urgent tasks. They have learned how to sew on buttons, and they are now practicing darning. This is an important part of the Brownie program of helping in the home.

The Victory Fund drive was completed at Thanksgiving time, and Mrs. Edward Faulkner, chairman, reports that \$10.10 has been turned in. In this drive, each Girl Scout and Brownie was supposed to buy an extra Defense Stamp. In addition to the amount purchased regularly, and this Stamp, bought through some sacrifice on the part of the Scout, was turned in to a National Headquarters, the money to be used for relief work following the war.

Troop 7, under Mrs. Clarence Rigney, is planning a candle light fly-up, and investiture for two Thursday evening. They are planning a Christmas party and gift exchange, the date to be announced later, and are working on a Christmas play.

They have been collecting books and jigsaw puzzles which will be turned over to the U.S.O. Committee what you have to this collection. The girls will be around to pick them up.

The Senior Girl Scouts have been doing a fine piece of work in giving their time to rolling bandages at the Red Cross Surgical Dressing Unit. They are soon getting their veils, of which they will be very proud.

Troop 5, under Mrs. Warren Joy, is embarking on a most interesting new study. They plan to make a thorough study of Farmington, its history from the time it was founded until it exists as the City that we know. They are becoming acquainted with the

LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown and son, Frank, attended the funeral of Mrs. Frank Durling in Lancaster, Mich.

Santa Claus will be at the program of the Methodist Sunday School on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett and Danah were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mass.

Mrs. Tracy Conroy and Mrs. Walter Coon entertained eight guests at a baby shower in honor of Mrs. Richard Gault.

Mrs. Walter Sledge of Jackson,

Mrs. Robert Bakeman of White Pigeon, and Bob and Dick Stone of Ann Arbor were weekend guests at the home of their brother and uncle, W. Allen Nelson.

See "The Christmas Broadcast" at the Methodist Church hall on Wednesday evening, December 23, at eight o'clock. You are invited.

Mrs. Howard A. Ruelle will leave on Friday to join her husband, Private Howard Ruelle, who is stationed at Long Beach, Calif.

Mrs. W. A. Nelson was a luncheon guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pieuch of Detroit on Wednesday.

Mrs. Lansing E. Goerner and her granddaughter, Mary Ellen Goetz, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nelson.

Come to the Christmas program of the Methodist Church School on Wednesday evening, December 23, at eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jensen spent Sunday in Detroit as guests of Mrs. Orla Mikosell and Mr. Powder and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham entertained at a family dinner Sunday in honor of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Durham. The guests were Mrs. Frank Horton, Howell; Mrs. Roy Alexander, Lansing; Mrs. Fred Newman and family, Brighton; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Drake, Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Manley Newman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Tuck Road received word from their son, Private Charles G. "Jerry" Miller, who is located in North Africa.

Walter Durham left Thursday for Fort Custer where he will be inducted into the army.

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SERVICE NOTES

Private Earl Stirling has completed his Boot Camp Training in the U.S. Marines at San Diego, California, and has been stationed at a Navy Air Base for the present. Earl was a member of the 1940 graduating class of Farmington High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Stirling of Eleven Mile Road. He left Farmington for the Marine Training Base on October 1 of this year.

Private Gordon C. Mathews is located at Blythe, California, at this time.

Edward H. Shafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Shafer, 29224 East Street, has been promoted from Private First Class to Corporal. He is located at Camp Rucker, Alabama, where he is squad leader of a pioneer and ammunition platoon.

Private Carl O. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hunt of 22909 Power, has arrived at Camp Wolters, Texas, to begin his basic training as an infantryman. He has been assigned to a battalion stressing rifle training.

Private Edward A. Fink has transferred with an Army Bombardment Squadron to Blythe, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Terreault received a lovely letter this week from Harry Kutschke, "somewhere in England."

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ryall have received official word that their son, Private James Ryall, was critically wounded in New Guinea on December 3, where he was stationed when the folks last heard from him. We join with Mr. and Mrs. Ryall in hoping that some good news will soon be received.

Following are interesting bits taken from a letter written by Corporal LeRoy Taggart to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Taggart, on November 26, from

his post in Northern Ireland.

"Well, here I am again after another week well as far as letter writing is concerned. All is well and we are still in the same place.

"Today is Thanksgiving Day and although this old world is still in a turmoil, I guess we still have plenty to be thankful for. We are in good health and are not in the thick of the battle, and if we were we would be fighting for what we believe is right. We had a review this morning and there were a couple of short talks by one of the officers and the chaplain, and we were reminded of the founding of our country and the motive for which it was done. And also the sacrifices that were made, that we might worship God as we believe. All of which has been so little appreciated, and a war has to come along to get the people to realize it. Also when one sets away from there for some time he can really appreciate the good old U.S.A. The people and the weather, etc., all have their faults, but they are still better than any found elsewhere.

"We had a swell dinner today—pork chops stuffed with dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, gravy, pudding, ice cream and coffee, and it really tasted good. I believe it was even better than the one we had in Lake Charles a year ago with all the turkey and trimmings.

"Everyone in the hut just received mail or a package at mail call, so everyone is happy. Floyd got a long letter from the God-dard Smiths, a card from 'Grand-ma' and a package from the Blue Star Mothers. I received a package from them also. Thank them for us. We also got the sweaters you sent a short time ago, and they are swell. I'm sorry I discouraged you about sending them, for they are just the thing.

As ever, Lee."

Private Charles Erwin, known to all his friends here as Russell Erwin, has written his parents that he is now located at Camp Roberts, California.



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