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FARMING IN FRANCE.

A Ferguson Township Boy Tells of Old Time Methods in Vogue.

Somewhere in France, July 2. Dear Cousin:

Received your letter several days ago and will now try to answer it, but it is a pretty hard proposition, as the censorship is so strict that one cannot say very much or it will be cut out.

We had a very pleasant voyage over the "big pond." We were on the water twelve days and I was not at all seasick. In fact, I think the salt water breeze did me good, as I never felt better in my life.

In England we traveled in third class coaches, which resemble our day coaches. Here in France we traveled in box cars or horse cars that were marked "forty hommes" (men) or "eight chevaux" (horses).

Their shoes are made of wood, or leather uppers and wooden soles. They have nothing but brown bread, which is made from rye flour.

Believe me, I miss my Fatima cigarettes. It is almost impossible to buy American cigarettes and chocolates here.

I had a box from mother the other day containing cigarettes, tobacco, chocolate bars and fudge, and believe me I was glad to get it.

WILLIAM H. ROYER, 106th Field Artillery, A. E. F. Ferguson Township Boy Writes of Life in France.

Somewhere in France, July 12. Owing to the strict censorship of all mail it is not any easy matter to write an interesting letter.

No doubt you people back home had a glorious Fourth. We were supposed to have but were called upon to take a long hike which sort of spoiled our vacation.

This is sure home life. Plenty to eat, plenty of fresh air and plenty of exercise, which is enough to insure good health, which we all are enjoying at the present time.

enough to keep us in good fighting condition.

This little battalion of ours, which is made up of two companies, is going to show the folks back home how to work when it once gets the chance.

At this writing our company is all together with the exception of a lieutenant and two corporals, who are away going to school.

Today we received our issue of tobacco and cigarettes, which was almost as good as pay day.

Just before I sat down to supper I received six letters from home. They were more appreciated than the supper, although that was very good.

Breakfast—Oatmeal, bacon, eggs, bread and butter.

Dinner—Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, bread and butter and coffee.

Supper—Beefsteak, browned potatoes, tomatoes, bread and butter and coffee.

The boys have on their gas masks and I am writing with mine on, which is quite a difficult task.

Private RALPH I. DUNLAP, 107th Machine Gun Battalion.

Interesting News of Men in the Service.

Just one hundred and eighty-eight men who have been in training at State College the past six weeks left Monday morning for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Dr. S. M. Huff, who last week received notice that he had been commissioned a major in the Pennsylvania medical reserve, has received notice to report to Fort Niagara the last week in the month.

Dr. M. W. Reed, who some time ago offered his services to the government, received his commission as a captain last week in the Pennsylvania medical reserve.

John W. Harper, who has been at an officer's training camp in New York, came home on Sunday on a brief furlough.

Ogden B. Malin, who recently completed his training at the Aberdeen proving grounds, in Maryland, has been transferred to Fort Hancock, N. Y.

James Cook has been notified that he has been accepted for Y. M. C. A. work overseas and will arrange his affairs so as to sail on or about September 23rd.

Some days ago Harold Bucher, of Watsonstown, who was wounded on the head and arm while serving with the 103rd engineers in France and had been sent home as an instructor at Camp Humphries, visited State College and while there was met at the Nittany Inn by Supt. D. O. Etters.

He also told Supt. Etters that his son had been taken prisoner by the Germans on December 23rd, but early in the year had managed to escape with several companions and make his way back to his company.

Among the American soldiers invalided home is Ira Cowdrick son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cowdrick, of Niagara Falls, formerly of Belleville. He was driving a truck to the front line when a shell exploded nearby, blowing off his gas mask with the result that he got a bad dose of gas.

CASSIDY.—Major Robert A. Cassidy passed away at his home in Canton, Ohio, at ten o'clock on Monday morning following a month's illness as the result of a general breakdown.

Mr. Cassidy was born in Blairsville, Indiana county, in December, 1839, hence was in his seventy-ninth year.

He then decided to try his luck in Belleville and there being no railroads at that time took the stage at Tyrone which traversed the Bald Eagle valley.

After his discharge he returned to Belleville and became associated again with W. W. Brown in his newspaper work.

Mr. Cassidy early in life became a member of the Methodist church and his enthusiasm in church work was of the same character as that displayed in his vocation in life.

Socially he was one of the most companionable of gentlemen. Well read, with a most lucid memory he could converse intelligently on any topic of conversation.

About fifty-eight years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Johnson, of Boalsburg, who survives with the following children: W. C. Cassidy, who for years has been a resident of Belleville.

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KAUFFMAN.—Mrs. Sarah Kauffman, wife of H. A. Kauffman, died at her home near Zion on Monday of chronic heart trouble, aged 56 years, 1 month and 3 days.

DANNLEY.—Brief mention was made in last week's "Watchman" of the death of Mrs. Margaret Dennis Dannley, at her home in Pine Grove Mills, last Wednesday afternoon.

She was a daughter of John and Susan Bloom Dennis, early settlers of Potter township, and was born near Tusseyville on October 24th, 1829.

She was possessed of a sweet, sunny nature, the kind that is a pleasure to associate with.

She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom survive, as follows: Mordecai, Charles and John D., living in Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Moore, of State College; Mrs. John Fortney, of Boalsburg; Mrs. S. S. McCormick, of Hurlersburg; Misses Susan and Sadie, at home.

Funeral services were held in the Reformed church at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

MATTEN.—Rev. John A. Matten (a notice of whose death appeared in the "Watchman" three weeks ago) was active in the ministry of the Methodist church for a period of thirty-three years.

By winning from the South ward on Tuesday evening the North team tied the former for the championship in the Red Cross league.

BIRTHS. Bathurst.—On July 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bathurst, of Belleville, a daughter, Mary Louise.

RIPKA.—Following an illness of almost a year with a complication of diseases Mrs. Sarah Gentzel Ripka, wife of Daniel Ripka, died at her home in Spring Mills last Sunday morning.

Surviving her are her husband and four children, namely: Mrs. J. E. Kustaborder, of Bellwood; Mrs. Joseph Conder, Benjamin and Elmer, of Spring Mills.

Winkelman.—On July 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Winkelman, of Walker township, a daughter, Mary.

Johnson.—On August 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, of Belleville, a son.

Dahl.—On August 8, to Dr. and Mrs. Walter Dahl, of Minneapolis, a son, Thomas Clayton.

O'Brien.—Early in August, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. O'Brien, of Snow Shoe, a son, W. D. O'Brien 2nd.

Marriage Licenses. Eugene M. McCracken, Williamsport, and B. Lorraine Steel, Howard.

National Forests to Receive More Stock for Grazing. The national forests this year will be open to 500,000 more sheep and nearly 250,000 more cattle than in 1917.

Troubles of Their Own.

Harry C. Valentine and his family were in a mess of trouble Tuesday morning. They had not been occupying their home on Curtin street regularly and on Monday evening were chagrined at the discovery that their rugs, carpets, wall paper, etc., had all become moulded for want of sufficient ventilation.

Next morning the fire was lighted and no sooner had a good pressure been attained than a number of the steam pipes bursted literally flooding the house with hot water and steam.

—J. E. LeBarre returned home last Saturday on a business trip through the eastern part of the State and was not feeling very good as the result of being the victim of an unusual theft.

—In last week's paper we mentioned the fact that Mrs. Joseph Undercoffer had been the victim of an accident at Olean, N. Y., while transferring from one railroad to another.

—By winning from the South ward on Tuesday evening the North team tied the former for the championship in the Red Cross league.

—Mrs. Walter R. Hosterman was taken to the Belleville hospital a week ago, ill with typhoid fever.

—The condition of Henry Haupt, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks at his home on south Allegheny street, has become extremely critical.

—S. A. McQuiston has been confined to his bed for the past ten days and his condition on Wednesday night was such as to alarm his family.

—Read Green's advertisement of their one cent sale in this week's paper, then speak of it to every one you meet.

BIRTHS.

Bathurst.—On July 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bathurst, of Belleville, a daughter, Mary Louise.

Harter.—On July 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harter, of Spring township, a daughter, Mary Margaret.

Ross.—On July 7, to Mr. and Mrs. William Ross, of Belleville, a daughter.

Shoop.—On July 7, to Mr. and Mrs. William Shoop, of Spring township, a daughter.

Justice.—On July 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Justice, of Spring township, a son, Samuel.

Mulbarger.—On July 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mulbarger, of Spring township, a daughter, Margaret Evelyn.

Tressler.—On July 15, to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tressler, of Belleville, a daughter, Romaine Katherine.

Miles.—On July 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur B. Miles, of Belleville, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

Winkelman.—On July 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Winkelman, of Walker township, a daughter, Mary.

Witmer.—On July 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Witmer, of Belleville, a son, Eugene.

County Correspondence

Items of Interest Dished up for the Delectation of "Watchman" Readers by a Corps of Gifted Correspondents.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

J. C. Dunlap, of McKees Rocks, was home over Sunday.

J. F. Kimpfort was housed up this week with stomach trouble.

C. M. Trostle is planning an auto trip to Harrisburg next week.

Fred Goss, of Pittsburgh, is spending a week here with his mother.

Don't miss the Harvest home picnic at Pine Hall tomorrow (Saturday).

Mr. Bloom, the junk man, is now collecting scrap with a big auto truck.

A little girl arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Porter recently.

J. Homer Decker, of State College, greeted old chums in town on Monday.

Rev. L. V. Barber was busy making pastoral calls in this section last week.

Boiler inspector Joseph Rishel spent several days in this section recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kline, of State College, were visitors in town over Sunday.

H. L. Dale and wife, of Oak Hall, spent the first day of the week at the A. F. Fry home.

James Graff came from Pittsburgh and is spending a few days at the A. C. Kepler home.

S. E. Ward and family and William McBeth and sister spent Sunday with friends in Tyrone.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meyers were Sunday visitors at the L. H. Peters home at Fairbrook.

W. H. Roush came over from Altoona to spend a few days with his family on Main street.

Mrs. Mary Stamm and daughter Miriam, of Philadelphia, are here trying to keep cool during the hot weather.

A beautiful service flag was unfurled in the Presbyterian church on Sunday in honor of Arthur Burwell and Ralph Dunlap.

William Grove, an engineer on the Pittsburgh division of the P. R. R., with his wife and children, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. George Woods and son George came in from Pitcairn to spend the hot weather at the Dr. G. H. Woods home on west Main street.

Marcellus Sankey, wife and sister Edith motored up from Potters Mills to spend Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Sarah Hess, and found her condition substantially improved.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bierly spent Sunday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wertz, at Houserville.

Mr. Wertz is a Civil war veteran and is now eighty-seven years old.

Mrs. Wertz is one year younger and both are exceedingly spry for their years.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bailey, of the Buckeye State, are visiting relatives in Centre and Mifflin counties.

Mr. Bailey is the youngest and only living brother of the late County Commissioner J. G. Bailey.

He is the kind of a man that one would walk across the street to shake hands with.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Dannley were Hon. John T. McCormick, Mrs. Charles B. McCormick, Mrs. Emma Meek, J. B. Heberling and sister, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller, of Millheim, and D. C. Krebs and wife, of College township.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Musser motored over from Clearfield to spend a few days with relatives hereabouts and to visit Mr. Musser's aged mother.

Mr. Musser is connected with the State-Centre Electric company and went from here to Millerstown where the company is erecting a new electric plant.

STATE COLLEGE.

The Pine Hall Reformed Sunday school will hold their picnic in the Johnson grove on Saturday, August 17th.

There will be various sports and games. The big feature will be a baseball game between the State College team and the soldiers located at State College.

The Ferguson township band will furnish music. Everybody is invited. Bring your families and enjoy a day in the woods.

Don't forget to stay for the festival in the evening.

The "Golden Rule" Sunday school class of the Pine Hall Reformed church gave a farewell reception on Friday evening, August 9th, at the home of Mrs. Annie Garner, State College, in honor of one of its members, Dr. Morris Neidigh, who left for Camp Meade August 14th.

The evening was spent in playing games and singing. Ice cream and cake were served by the class.

Rev. S. C. Stover was present for the occasion. The following were present: Rev. S. C. Stover and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fishburn, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goss, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Neidigh, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Corl, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Corl, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Albright, Mrs. Annie Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Osman, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Neidigh, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Tate, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bodle, Mr. N. C. Neidigh, Mrs. Fred Tussey, Miss E. Mary Fishburn, Mayme Hoy, Ethel Ralston, Margaret Longwell, Bertha Corl, Emily Neidigh, Helen and Dora Neidigh, Elsie Breen, Lele Bodle, Eleanor Tyson, Gladys Bodle, Luella Garner, Edna Dreibleis, Helen Ralston, Ruth Ralston, Grace Hoy, Deborah Fishburn, Isabell Tussey, Mrs. Edna Deter, Harold Deter, Geraldine Osman, Oscar Witmer, John Hoy, Curtis Corl, Charles, Fred and Clarence Corl, Albert Corl, Walter Dreibleis, Gordon Tyson, John Neidigh, Billy Osman, Harold and Ralph Albright, Lawrence Tussey and Russell Fishburn.

Dr. Neidigh makes the fourth member from the "Golden Rule" Sunday school class now in the U. S. service.

The others are Justice Neidigh, Clayton Corl and William Mechley. He has the best wishes of his many friends.

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