

BOYS FROM OVERSEAS WRITE HOME.

Boalsburg Boy Writes from Luxembourg.

(From Private N. R. Young, Infantry, U. S. A., to his mother, Mrs. W. B. Young, at Boalsburg.)

Flaxweiler, Luxembourg, Feb. 11, 1919.

Dear Mother and all:

Just a few lines to tell you I am in the best of health and hope you are all the same.

Well, we are indeed having ideal weather here at present, mercury reaching but little below freezing. We have had but little snow so far; at present we haven't over three inches and it is a good thing for the climate here is very damp, more so than in America, and these houses are not steam heated by any means. Practically all these houses are built from stone and therefore they are rather cold. In a great many houses the men are obliged to sleep on the floors and if it were very cold they would freeze to death. Being able to speak a little Dutch I finally managed to get myself a feather bed, and it is a peach, and the lady of the house has even been so kind as to put a hot brick in my bed. Well, I must say that there are few men in Uncle Sam's army getting such attention.

After each meal she washes my mess pan and knife, fork, and cup, and as soon as I change clothes she asks me for them and she washes them up clean as new. She says she doesn't want me to leave her house with dirty clothes in my pack.

The latest rumors are now that the 33rd Division must go into Germany. We were in Germany once as far as Strassburg, then were ordered to go back to Luxembourg as reserve occupation troops. I don't know what the fuss is in Germany unless the revolution has gotten worse.

The paper said night before last that our Division would not see America until June, and I believe it, too. It might not be so bad if we had some kind of entertainment but we see nothing here but earth and sky and that gets monotonous.

I walked three miles today to a Y. M. C. A. camp and when I got there all I could buy was a small piece of chocolate and two packages of cigarettes; the bill amounted to 2 francs, or 40 cents in American money.

I had a letter from my wife this a. m. and she is well and she says she has not heard from you for some time. I also had a letter from Aunt Mable and they are well.

I am expecting a ten day leave soon and then I shall ask permission to visit Paris. I had a letter yesterday from my brother-in-law; he is stationed there with an M. P. Battalion. In civil life he weighed about 160 pounds and now he says the scales yell 196 when he steps on. He sure must be living a hard life, ha! ha! Well, in fact, I am in need of no flesh myself for I weigh over 175, so you may know we are not exactly starving over here.

Well, mother, as this is my last sheet of paper and I "bummed" it off the Lieutenant, I will close, with love to all.

Your son,
N. ROY YOUNG.

From Pvt. John Garis.
(To the editor of the Reporter.)

Bazougers, France, Feb. 21, 1919.

Dear friend:
I have been at the soldier's game so long now that I am beginning to think it is my only occupation for life. But I'm proud of my record, and feel it to be my duty to do my best at all times, for I realize that I shall never again be obliged to go through such an experience, and more than that, I don't care to.

You know Henry Mitterling and I were among the first boys to leave the old home town. And speaking of Henry, he and I can talk of some rich experiences when we meet again at home. He was in the dressing station at Vallet, on Chateau-Thierry sector, only a mile and a half from Pismes when she was taken. That was a bloody spot. I saw Henry there dressing the wounds of Hun, French and Americans alike. I saw sights I want to forget but can't help carry the boys off the field, as I was put on as an extra duty man, assigned to the 110th Infantry, as a stretcher bearer. I then went over the Vesle river and was in the fight for the Argonne forest where I had lots of close calls. I lost some mighty good pals there.

I next went up into Belgium as far as Brussels; then back to France where I am now.

Well, I will close. I hope to see you about July 4th, in time to hear some noise.

Pvt. JOHN GARIS,
Hdq. Co., 109 F. A.
Amer. E. F. France.

Dr. Schaeffer Dead.

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, died at his home in Lancaster on Saturday evening, after a lingering illness, from a complication of diseases, aged seventy years.

From William Bailey.

Nantes, France, February 20, 1919

Dear folks:

To-day general embarkation inspection of the personnel and the personnel's equipment will be made by the embarkation inspector. If we pass the inspection o. k. chances are we will get to the States in a month or so; if not, can't tell when the unit will leave. Here's hoping we make it. A bunch of red tape to go through before a soldier places a foot on the gang plank, believe me.

The Red Cross entertainment committee is showing the movies of "Patna" featuring Mr. Castle as the chief character. It's a serial picture and is continued from time to time. Movies of this nature help to take the strain off this everlasting monotonous camp life.

I have an application to visit Paris and I am in hopes that I can obtain same before we leave. Some of the fellows who have been there say "it's some metropolis."

We haven't been working very hard late. Doing kitchen work for the many patients who are waiting transportation to the States. It's a good job with plenty to eat. That's the job all the fellows crave.

In a way I would like to be transferred to the 25th Division, now in the army of occupation, but, I will take the States for mine, first.

I read in the European edition of the New York Herald that Germany has consented to the new terms of the armistice.

At present it is very damp, not so cold though considering this time of the year, rain (as I wrote you before) taking the place of "the beautiful."

Understand Bill Garis is back from "over here."

It's about time to get back on the job again, so will draw the conclusion of this brief letter to be followed by a line or so now and then keeping you informed of our departure for the States.

BILL.

Pvt. William Bailey,
Convalescent Camp No. 5
A. P. O. 767, A. E. F.
Nantes, France.

Station Agent at Winfield Drops Dead.

Irvin Reber, for the past twenty years the station agent for the P. and R. railroad at Winfield, Union county, dropped over dead at the station there Thursday morning about half past nine o'clock. Death resulted from a stroke. Mr. Reber who was widely and popularly known, was aged about sixty years. He had been in Lewisburg the day previous, apparently in the best of health and mingled freely with his numerous friends in the town.

Mr. Reber was also in his usual good health Thursday morning when he went to the station. When the express train drew up to the station he started to help load milk cans onto the train. He was seen suddenly to collapse and fell to the station platform. Before medical aid could be summoned he had passed away.

Surviving Mr. Reber are his widow and two children, Miss Angeline and Joseph.

The funeral services were held Monday morning from his late home in charge of Rev. R. S. Starr, pastor of the Winfield United Evangelical church, of which congregation Mr. Reber was a member.

Bill Changes Primary Date.

It was announced Saturday that the Legislature will be asked to change the date of this year's primary. According to the provisions of the primary law now in force, the various political parties throughout the state will nominate their local candidates September 17. A bill is being prepared to change the date to September 23.

The change in the primary date is to have the backing of Philadelphia independents. It is aimed to give the good government organizations an opportunity to examine the registration lists prior to the primaries.

It is recalled that at last spring's primary, the independents were refused access to the voting list prior to the primary election and the board of registration commissioners claimed that they were in use by the board in preparing the list for election day. There are three registration days this year before the primary, September 4, 9 and 13. The independents are afraid such a condition might arise again in the fall if the primaries are held September 17, and for that reason propose that the primaries be postponed from the third Wednesday to the fourth Tuesday in September.

Congressman Gillet, protégé of Penrose, has the speakership, and Congressman Mann, pet of Joe Cannon, controls the committees of the next House of Representatives. What is left for the public?

CARLOAD ARMY HORSES SOLD AT CENTRE HALL, MONDAY.

Twenty Head Average \$156.50.—Sale Largely Attended by Farmers.

J. D. Bair's sale of a carload of army horses, at Centre Hall, on Monday afternoon, was largely attended by farmers from all parts of the county. Twenty head sold for \$3130.00, an average price of \$156.50. L. Frank Mayes was the auctioneer.

The purchasers and prices paid follow:
Bruce Struble, State College, 2 - \$360.00
Newton Driebelbis, St. College, 2 350.00
Walter Driebelbis, St. College, 2 325.00
Roland Spicer, State College, 2 - 280.00
D. A. Grove, Bellefonte, 1 - - - 182.50
S. W. Zettle, Bellefonte, 1 - - - 175.00
Robert Walters, Bellefonte, 1 - - 177.50
Aaron Weller, Bellefonte, 1 - - 150.00
G. A. Carper, Linden Hall, 1 - - 107.50
Harry W. Klingher, Boalsburg, 1 - 170.00
Elmer Houtz, Boalsburg, 1 - - - 131.00
Paul Hackman, Millheim, 1 - - 109.00
Miles Bressler, Spring Mills, 1 - 140.00
W. H. Sinkabine, Spring Mills, 1 124.00
Richard Brooks, Centre Hall, 1 - 140.00
Willard Smith, Centre Hall, 1 - 127.50

Total \$3130.00

Average, \$156.50.

Branch of Dairymen's League.

The Centre Hall branch of the Dairymen's League was organized on Monday night, Jay H. Smith, a local organizer, of Orange county, New York, having formulated the spirit of co-operation among the milk producers during the week previous. Between forty and fifty farmers joined the league, the purpose of which league is to obtain the best possible price for milk. You will recall the hubbub raised by milk producers last fall in New York City, when the league forced the milk dealers to accept the league's schedule of prices which now obtains and is some sixty cents higher per hundred pounds than the price paid by dealers who do not contract for milk through the league.

The local organization was formed by electing Jacob Sharer, president, and Marcellus Sankey, secretary-treasurer. An effort will be made to form other leagues throughout Penns and Brush Valleys. It will be well for progressive farmers who believe in co-operation to investigate the merits of the league and if they find it based on sound principles, its plans workable in this locality which they undoubtedly will, they should connect themselves with it.

Prof. C. R. Neff was designated a delegate to attend an important meeting of the league to be held in Utica, New York, in the near future.

\$150,000 Hotel for Philipsburg.

Philipsburg is to have a new 125-room hotel of from six to eight stories in height, and to cost approximately \$150,000. The plan is to have there one of the modern temperance hotels now being erected in many cities and enterprising large towns.

The project has the endorsement of Hon. C. W. Rowland and other local capitalists.

School Report.

Report of Intermediate grade for 5th month. Pupils present every day during month: Edna Luse, Ruth Runkle, Miriam Moore, Helen Runkle, Mary Weber, Louise Smith, Algie Emery, Dorothy Odenkirk, Emelyn Brungart, Elizabeth Gross, Helen Brown, Esther Martz, Mildred Bitts, Margaret Luse, George Luse, Wilbur McClellan, Byers Ripka, John Meyer, Joseph Ruble and Bond Bible. Percentage of attendance: Boys, 96; girls, 95; total 95—Olive Way, teacher.

New Berlin Man Suicides.

When Jesse Havelitt, an aged resident of New Berlin, failed to appear at his home in that place on Monday of last week his housekeeper, Mrs. Bowersox, made a search of the premises and found his lifeless body hanging from a timber in the barn, Mr. Havelitt having committed suicide some time previous. He was aged seventy years.

"This is the Life."

Heralded both by press and public as a genuine sensation in musical farce, Robert Sherman's new song and dance show, "This is the Life" which is scheduled for an appearance at the Garman theatre Friday evening, March 21, goes beyond expectation.

The company is unquestionably one of great merit, and its refined, versatile and talented artists are capable of giving a most pleasing entertainment. The delightful feature of the performance is the happy mingling of the musical numbers and uproarious comedy. This has been done with the most consummate taste. Add to this the many pretty girls, funny comedians and splendid stage surroundings and you get an ideal production.

Prices, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

It will take more than thirty-nine Senators to stop the world's progress toward the abolition of wars and the guarantee of peace.

Progress Grange Adds Largely to Its Membership.

That Progress Grange, P. of H., of Centre Hall, is a live Grange, and that its title is no misnomer, is proven by its ever-growing membership. On Saturday evening, at a regular meeting, a class of thirty-one candidates was admitted to the Order, the majority of whom were young people having the agricultural interests at heart.

J. H. Smith, representing a dairyman's organization, of New York state, happened to be on hand and gave the secret work to the large class, thus relieving Master Jacob Sharer. At the close of the regular Grange work, the master declared a recess, during which time refreshments were served.

The class consisted of the following:

John A. Dutrow
Mrs. John Dutrow
Mabel G. Sharer
Jacob P. Sharer
Ray I. Sharer
Charlotte C. Keller
Harold H. Keller
M. A. Burkholder
Mrs. M. A. Burkholder
Raymond Walker
Mrs. Raymond Walker
Mrs. John Luse
Mrs. Mary E. Stump
Samuel C. Hoy
Edna C. Luse
H. C. McClenahan
Mrs. H. C. McClenahan
Mrs. W. S. Slick
Adelene McClenahan
Bertha R. Brown
Mildred E. Long
Alice Houser
James D. Brooks
Gladys Garbrick
Ernest Benner
J. W. Benner
Margaret C. Benner
Luella Bloom
J. Madaline Spayd
A. H. Spayd
Mrs. A. H. Spayd

Subscriber from the West Writes.

Reporter readers who know Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sweetwood, former residents of this valley, and who for some time lived in Portland, Oregon, will be interested in the following letter from Mr. Sweetwood to this office:

"When we learned that our two sons would be discharged from the service we made it a point to meet them in San Francisco. Since then we have been sight seeing in this state and have decided to locate at Riverside, about sixty miles from Los Angeles. It is a pleasure to go autoing here, as I don't believe the roads can be beat anywhere.

"During the war I worked at ship building in Portland. Now I have purchased a home and you will please address us, 396 Magnolia Drive, Riverside, California.

"We will be glad to have our eastern friends come to see us."

Farm Loan Association for Centre.

A representative of the Federal Loan Bank of Baltimore, Md., will be in Bellefonte, on the 26th, to address farmers who may be interested in forming a Farm Loan association. In order to accomplish the organization of such an association, application to borrow a total of not less than \$20,000 must be made, by ten or more land owners. The whole scheme of a Farm Loan Association will be explained, and will be of interest to all wishing to borrow money. Don't take the explanation of some one who perhaps is opposed to the organization of these associations, but go hear one who knows the scheme in detail and will give you a correct insight of it.

Odd Fellow's Sermon March 30.

On Sunday evening, March 30th, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. W. R. Picken will preach a sermon to the local lodge of Odd Fellows, in the M. E. church in Centre Hall, Nbt. only Odd Fellows but the public in general is invited to attend.

Rev. Picken's subject will be, "The pleasure and profit of unity as exemplified by Odd Fellowship."

Daylight Saving Measure Opposed by Penna. Farmers.

Strong protests against the proposed daylight saving regulation for the coming summer were expressed at State College by hundreds of Pennsylvania agriculturalists attending the annual Farmers' Week conferences. They unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the measure, and R. L. Watts, dean of the Pennsylvania State College agricultural school, sent it to Washington.

The farmers contended the daylight saving program was a hardship to them. As a wartime measure, they declared, they had abided by the regulation last summer without complaint, but they were opposed to its resumption for the reason that they lose valuable time early in the mornings when the soil and crops are wet with dew to permit working.

James B. Spangler, of Tusseyville, has decided to hold sale on Tuesday, April 8th.

Group 3 Met at Bellefonte, Friday.

W. S. S. WAR SAVINGS STAMPS ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

The first meeting of Group No. 3 was held at Bellefonte, at the Court House, on Friday, March 14th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

As chairman of said Group, I notified the several County Chairmen of W. S. S., and also the County Superintendents of schools, to attend this meeting. Mr. J. Curtis Patterson, Associate Director of War Savings, of Philadelphia, was present and outlined fully the War Savings Society plan.

Chairmen of W. S. S. from Lycoming, Tioga and Potter counties were present; also the superintendents of schools from Centre, Clinton, Cameron, Lycoming, McKean, Potter and Tioga counties, together with several city and borough superintendents, district chairmen and post masters.

Those present were, without question, specially interested in the formation of War Saving Societies, and the superintendents expressed their willingness to work in harmony with the several County Chairmen of W. S. S., in starting a large number of these societies in the public schools in this section of the State.

The whole idea of a society is to begin and continue a "systematic system" of buying W. S. S. and T. S. The lesson of "thrift" will be taught not only to the children attending the schools, but in normal schools, colleges, industrial plants, and in fact to every man, woman and child, no matter what his or her business may be.

Meetings will be arranged in every county of the Group shortly after the "Victory Loan" campaign ends. A strenuous year in the W. S. S. movement is being mapped out, and the real lessons of "thrift" and "saving" will be explained to the people throughout the entire nation.

ACQUIRE THE "THRIFT" HABIT.

Every man, woman and child should begin now to buy W. S. S., and to buy them every week or month as their circumstances may warrant. "Systematic" buying is what is strongly advised by our Government.

For the week ending March 8th, 1919, Centre county had a per capita of 92c, and is third in the list of counties in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The per capita to date for the Eastern District is 35c. The per capita to date for the United States is 84c.

W. HARRISON WALKER,
Chairman War Savings Committee
for Centre County.

Rev. Bieber Accept Muncy Charge.

Rev. B. F. Bieber, of West Milton, and former pastor of the Penns Valley Lutheran church, has accepted a call to succeed Rev. W. F. Steck, as pastor of the Lutheran church at Muncy. Rev. Steck, who has resigned his charge there has been pastor of the church for the past twenty-five years. He was a recipient of a gift from the church in the form of a liberal purse.

Rev. Bieber has been in charge of the Lutheran pastorate at West Milton and vicinity for some years, and while his many friends will regret his departure, they will be glad for his success in being called to a larger field.

THE DEATH RECORD.

SHATZER.—Richard Shatzer, a native of Boalsburg, where he was born October 12, 1844, died at his home in Lewisburg, on Saturday afternoon, aged seventy-four years and five months. His wife whose maiden name was Mary Kauffman preceded him to the spirit world thirty-seven years ago.

He was a Civil War veteran, having enlisted from Mifflin county. He engaged in practically all the battles of the 61-65 war and was a prisoner in Libby, Belle Island and Salisbury prisons. He leaves a son and a daughter; also three brothers. Burial was made at Lewistown on Tuesday afternoon.

SHIRES.—Mrs. Michael Shires died on Monday of last week at her home in Scranton, after an illness of ten days. The funeral services were held from the home, 1301 Linden street, on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and burial which was private, took place in the family plot in Dunmore cemetery.

Mrs. Shires was a native of Centre county and had many friends in this section who will be grieved to learn of her death.

STOVER.—Jeremiah Stover, a native of Aaronsburg, where he was born on March 11, 1845, died on Sunday a week ago at Glen Iron, following a paralytic stroke. He was a resident of Hartley township, Union county, for the past fifty years.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

April 1st is fast approaching. Mrs. Paul Halfpenny, postmistress at Millburg, is ill with typhoid fever.

The public sale held by Manna Kline, at Axemann, last Thursday, summed up to the enormous total of nearly \$3000.

To-morrow is the first day of spring, but we have been having the sort of weather which goes with that season for some time.

A carload of manufactured ice was received in Centre Hall, last week, because the natural ice crop this winter was a complete failure.

The auditors' report of the receipts and expenditures for Centre Hall borough for the year 1918 has been placed in the hands of the printer and will appear in next week's issue.

The question we are all asking, and seriously too, is, why has the building of the road from Bellefonte to Nittany mountain been called off? Who can give a correct answer?

Henry Lingle, of the Brockerhoff farm east of Old Fort, is moving this week to which is known as the Prof. D. M. Wolf property, southeast of Spring Mills. The place contains about twenty-five acres.

Charles Campbell, son of station agent W. L. Campbell, of Coburn, and Harry Baker, of Ingleby, are two boys from the lower end of the valley who have been mustered out of the service and are home again. Both saw active service in France.

The banner sale of the season in this section of the county was that of J. W. Winkleblech's near Woodward, on Tuesday, says the Millheim Journal. The sale total \$6,613.46. Twenty cows were sold at an average of \$104, and a fat bull sold for \$214. Elmer Boob's sale on Saturday netted \$4,800.

Patrons on rural mail routes contemplating changing their address about April 1st, should write the names of all persons receiving mail in their box together with their new address. This slip will be filed in your local post office and makes a permanent record of your address for forwarding your mail.

This (Thursday) evening, the degree team and others of Centre Hall lodge, I. O. O. F., will go to Bellefonte to confer the second degree on a class of candidates. The local lodge has a county-wide reputation because of its work on the second degree and requests come frequently from all quarters to "put on" the work.

Patrons of the Reporter who change their post office address this spring should forward notice of such change at once, giving both the old and new address, as well as when the change shall go into effect. Do not wait until you move to give this information; do it now, so there will be no interruption of your mail service.

American college athletes, now with the expeditionary forces in France, have organized a track team to compete with representatives of European countries. Twenty-five cinder path stars, mostly from prominent Eastern United States colleges, have gone to Nice, were they will train for the next three months in preparation for the various meets.

Several farmers in Centre county have made application to the District Federal bank, at Baltimore, Md., for a loan, and as a consequence a meeting of farmers has been called for March 26th, in Bellefonte, with a view of organizing a Farm Loan Association. These associations are formed wholly in the interest of land owners, and the opportunity to gain a real insight of them should not be missed.

At the close of the annual Conference of the Central Pennsylvania District, United Evangelical Church, held at Baltimore, Md., last week, appointments of pastors were announced, as follows: Rev. J. A. Shults was returned to Centre Hall; Rev. I. C. Bailey has been placed at Spring Mills; Rebersburg, C. E. Hewitt; Millheim, C. B. Snyder; State College, W. L. Hummel; Mifflin, J. R. Sechrist; Bellefonte, E. B. Dunn. The conference for next year will be held at Williamsport.

Rev. G. W. Mellinay, a former pastor of the Penn's Valley Methodist Episcopal church, is ending his fourth year as pastor of the First M. E. Church of Nescopeck. In these years the salary has been advanced from \$700 to \$1000. The membership has been materially increased as well. This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the congregation and the erection of the church, and is the best year in the history of the congregation. All the benevolences of the church have been materially advanced, the total for the year being \$870. The membership is 350, and these folks raised for all purposes this conference year, \$2350. This sum does not represent debt paying, for the congregation has no debt, nor does it represent improvements for no improvements were made during the year.