

LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Lieut. W. "Ned" Keller Tells of Work in Connection With His New Job as Athletic Director.

A. P. O. 791,
81st Div. Hdqrs.,
Mussey Sur Seine,
March 16, 1919.

Dearest Mother:

I am going to make this short and snappy for I am on the go practically all the time except when I take time to eat and sleep. For the last three weeks I have been traveling over the entire area covered by the first army. I have had charge of the Division boxers, wrestlers, and the basketball players and we are playing off the semi-finals for the first army championships.

Capt. MacDougall, the Division Athletic officer, has come back to the office and now I am relieved from the office work and am placed in command of an athletic school to be held at Coulmier-Le-Sec. It will be a Divisional school and all this week I have been working on the school. I have everything in readiness for the school to start tomorrow and have all my instructors posted on their work. I was going to move my things down to where the school opens this evening to be in readiness for the opening tomorrow, but this afternoon a telegram came to the office ordering me to report to 2nd Army Headquarters, at Toul. Another Lieut. and myself from this Division are ordered to report there to referee the 2nd Army Championship's boxing bouts. We will start tomorrow at 6 a. m. for Toul by automobile and during this week we will officiate at the bouts held in Toul, Nancy, and Metz.

I'm here to tell you we "Wild Cats" are feeling pretty good these days for our Divisions hold the Corps championship in foot-ball, basket-ball and we also pride ourselves in having the Corps heavy weight wrestler in our Division. During the next two weeks I hope to be able to say that we hold the 1st Army championship in these sports.

It's getting late and will send you cards while on the trip. Give my regards to all the home folks.

With love and devotion,
From your soldier boy
NED.

[Accompanying the above letter was the following official memorandum relative to Lieut. Keller's appointment of athletic officer.—Ed.]

HEADQUARTERS, 31ST DIVISION,
American Expeditionary Forces, France,
March 12, 1919.

MEMORANDUM NO. 14.
1. In order that the instruction in athletics may be made uniform throughout the Division, a Division Athletic School is being organized at Coulmier-Le-Sec. 1st Lieut. W. N. Keller, Ass't Division Athletic Officer, is placed in command of the school and will take such steps as may be necessary for its organization.

2. It is intended at this school to give instruction in the various branches of athletics, including setting-up exercises, games, events for track meets and events for the Pentathlon. There will be three separate courses of instruction of one week's duration each, commencing as follows:
1st course—March 17th.
2nd course—March 24th.
3rd course—March 31st.

3. Regimental and separate organization commanders will select one man for each course from each company or battery to attend this school. Men will be selected who possess athletic ability, interest in sports, etc., with a view of using them as assistants in athletic instruction in their companies. Men detailed to attend the first course will be ordered to report to 1st Lieut. W. N. Keller at 3d Bn. Hqs., Coulmier-Le-Sec at 9:30 a. m. March 17th. Names of men detailed for this course will be submitted to Lieut. Keller, Division Hqs., not later than noon, Sunday, March 16th.

4. Full field equipment (including arms, without ammunition) and a suitable note book and pencil will be carried. Organization commanders will arrange to provide transportation to and from the school.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GEN'L BAILEY:
C. D. ROBERTS,
Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL

D. H. COWLES,
Major, Infantry,
A. C. of S., G-3.

Will Plant Memorial Trees For Penn State War Heroes.

Memorial trees are to be planted on the Pennsylvania State College campus in tribute to sixty-two alumni and students who died while in their country's service. The Board of Trustees has given its approval to the project.

Various college organizations propose planting the trees and attaching brass tablets to perpetuate the memory of their members who paid the supreme sacrifice. Greek letter fraternities, clubs and societies will unite in the movement.

It is proposed to plant oaks, walnuts and other long-lived species of trees.

LIBERTY LOAN MEETINGS FOR CENTRE COUNTY.

Beginning April 21st and Continuing for Three Weeks, Meetings Will be Held in All Parts of County.

Following is a list of places where meetings will be held in the interest of the Victory Liberty Loan, beginning April 21st and continuing for a period of three weeks:

MONDAY, APRIL 21st, 1919.

PORT MATILDA, 8 p. m.
Chairman—H. C. Woodring. Motor—C. C. Shuey. Speakers—Rev. H. F. Babcock, Clement Dale, A. H. Sloop, C. C. Shuey.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26th, 1919.
BOALSBURG, 2 p. m.

Chairman—A. J. Hazel. Motor—G. M. Gamble, A. H. Hartswick. Music—Our Girls band of Milesburg. Speakers—John Blanchard, Harry Keller, Dr. J. L. Marshman, Dr. J. Tanager, Col. H. S. Taylor.

BAILEYVILLE, 8 p. m.
Chairman—D. S. Peterson. Motor—Charles F. Mensch, A. H. Hartswick. Speakers—David F. Kapp, Dr. A. E. Martin, W. Harrison Walker.

JULIAN, 8 p. m.
Chairman—J. R. Williams. Motor—J. Kennedy Johnson. Speaker—Dr. W. K. McKinney. Miss Isabelle Hill, Miss Ann Dashiell, J. Kennedy Johnson.

REBERSBURG, 8 p. m.
Chairman—J. N. Moyer. Motor—Robert F. Hunter. Speakers—Rev. M. DeP. Maynard, Mrs. R. M. Beech, Miss Mary Hunter Linn, Robert F. Hunter.

SNOW SHOES, 7 p. m.
Chairman—Oscar J. Harm. Motor—Geo. R. Meek. Solicitors—Hon. H. C. Quigley, Major, H. Laird Curtin, Edmund Blanchard, James C. Furst, Geo. R. Meek.

WOODWARD, 8 p. m.
Chairman—L. L. Weaver. Motor—Hon. I. L. Harvey. Speakers—Rev. Alexander Scott, Rev. T. W. Young, S. D. Gettig, Hon. I. L. Harvey.

MONDAY, APRIL 28th.
POTTERS MILLS, 8 p. m.
Chairman—F. A. Carson. Motor—J. Kennedy Johnson. Speakers—C. C. Shuey, Mary Gray Meek, Miss Nan Hey, J. Kennedy Johnson.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29th.
BLANCHARD, 8 p. m.
Chairman—W. H. Austin. Motor—Robert F. Hunter. Speakers—Hon. H. C. Quigley, Rev. W. E. Downes, Harry Keller, Dr. R. M. Beach, Robert F. Hunter.

AARONSBURG, 8 p. m.
Chairman—A. S. Stover. Motor—W. D. Zerby. Speakers—Dr. W. K. McKinney, Clement Dale, John J. Bower, W. D. Zerby.

THURSDAY, MAY 1st,
HUBLERSBURG, 8 p. m.
Chairman—Rev. C. H. Faust. Motor—A. H. Hartswick, Edmund Blanchard. Music—Our Girls band of Milesburg. Speakers—Dr. J. L. Marshman, Dr. A. E. Martin, James Furst, Edmund Blanchard.

FRIDAY, MAY 2nd,
COBURN, 8 p. m.
Chairman—J. E. Harter. Motor—W. D. Zerby. Speakers—Hon. I. L. Harvey, Rev. Alexander Scott, Clement Dale, John J. Bower, W. D. Zerby.

MAJESBURG, 8 p. m.
Chairman—Rev. H. P. Manaval. Motor—C. C. Shuey. Speakers—Rev. T. W. Young, S. B. Miller, S. D. Gettig, C. C. Shuey.

SATURDAY, MAY 3rd,
CENTRE HALL, 2 p. m.
Chairman—D. K. Keller. Motor—C. C. Shuey. Music—Our Girls band of Milesburg. Speakers—John Blanchard, W. D. Zerby, Harry Keller, C. S. Shuey.

PINE GROVE MILLS, 8 p. m.
Chairman—Dr. G. H. Woods. Motor—A. G. Morriss, A. H. Hartswick. Speakers—Dr. W. K. McKinney, Dr. J. Tanager, W. Harrison Walker.

SPRING MILLS, 8 p. m.
Chairman—R. D. Hendershot. Motor—Robert F. Hunter. Speaker—Miss Isabelle Hill, Miss Mary Gray Meek, S. D. Gettig, Robert F. Hunter.

UNIONVILLE, 8 p. m.
Chairman—H. E. Holsworth. Motor—Frank Crawford. Speakers—Mrs. E. M. Beach, Miss Nan Hoy, J. Thomas Mitchell, James C. Furst.

STATE COLLEGE.
Chairman—A. H. Hartswick.
Details as to time, speakers, etc., left to committee in charge.

TUESDAY, MAY 6th,
MILLHEIM, 8 p. m.
Chairman—D. P. Stapleton. Motor—Geo. R. Meek, A. H. Hartswick. Music—Our Girls band of Milesburg. Speakers—Dr. J. L. Marshman, Major H. Laird Curtin, John Blanchard, Geo. R. Meek, Col. H. S. Taylor.

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TRAIN WITH WAR RELICS WILL TOUR CENTRE COUNTY, APRIL 30TH.

Captured German guns from St. Mihiel, and the Argonne, French "75's", a tank and armored car and the "battlefield wireless" are but a few of the exhibits of The Victory Liberty Loan War train which will tour Centre County on April 30th. Stop will be made at Bellefonte.

The tank and armored car will give demonstrations of their "treat-em rough" style of fighting wherever they can be unloaded. U. S. Marines will set up their field wireless and call headquarters at each stop. A corps of speakers will explain about the fighting appliances and will talk Loan to the crowds.

One of the largest baggage cars in service is included in the seven car train and is loaded with all kinds of smaller war trophies. They comprise star-shells, gas masks, grenades, small arms and equipment collected from the most famous battlefields of the war.

Depth bombs and naval mines are also included. Among the guns are German "minnewerfer", or trench mortars, a very deadly type of weapon. The schedule has been arranged to give more time for stops than could be allowed when the last war train toured the State.

THE DEATH RECORD.

MEYER.—Wednesday night of last week, at ten o'clock, William H. Meyer died at his home in Centre Hall, following three weeks' illness with pleuropneumonia. In the last days of his illness he was unconscious the greater part of the time. His devoted wife and loving daughter bestowed every care and attention upon him, besides having the services of a trained nurse, but the inevitable hand of death could not be stayed, and he passed away at the hour stated, suffering greatly in the last few hours of his life.

William Harter Meyer was a son of George J. and Mary Arbogast Meyer and was born in Hartley township, Union county, on July 31st, 1855, hence was sixty-three years, eight months and nine days old. His ancestors came to this country from Germany and settled in Lancaster county. The first to come to Centre county was his great grandfather, a man of great physical endurance. The parents of the deceased moved to Woodward when he was nine years of age. At the age of fifteen he began learning the milling trade with his father on Pine Creek, and later worked at his trade at York.

In 1890 he gave up his occupation as a miller and bought the store of E. L. Auman at Coburn, embarking in the general mercantile business. While he had never had any experience in this line he from the very beginning showed an unusual aptitude in the work and his store prospered and grew with each passing year, so that when he sold out about twenty-two years ago he had one of the best country stores in Centre county. Leaving Coburn he came to Centre Hall where he purchased outright all the property of William Wolf, which included his store and home, and moved here. He was just as successful in Centre Hall as he was at Coburn and he continued his business here until his retirement about ten years ago, when he sold his store to C. F. Emery.

Mr. Meyer was a member of the Reformed church, a member of the I. O. O. F. at Blanchard. He served for several years as councilman in this borough. His marriage to Miss Hulda Lee took place when he was nineteen years of age. The widow survives with one daughter, Mrs. Verna Musser, of Millfilingburg. He also leaves one brother and three sisters, namely: Thomas F., of Millheim; Mrs. Nicodemus Lose, of Coburn; Mrs. Daniel Krader, of Coburn, and Mrs. John H. Rishel, of Spring Mills.

Rev. R. Raymond Jones had charge of the funeral services which were held at ten o'clock Saturday morning, after which the remains were taken to Millfilingburg for burial.

SCHOLL.—Mary Jane Scholl, widow of Henry Scholl, died at her home in Rebersburg on Saturday, one day following the seventy-ninth anniversary of her birth—April 11, 1840. Her husband died eighteen years ago. All of a family of seven children survive; namely, Mrs. F. W. Waite, Rebersburg; Mrs. R. O. Diehl, Pittsburg; Mrs. Lizzie M. Bradley, Middletown, Conn.; Mrs. P. H. Baker, Pittsburg; Emma, at home; William W., pastor of Duke street M. E. church, York; W. C. of Turtle Creek. Also two step-children—Wilson F. Scholl, of Bellefonte and Mrs. Della Klechner, as well as two sisters—Mrs. Wilson Cole, of Rebersburg, and Mrs. Daniel Stabley, of York—and two brothers—William and C. O. Mallory, of Rebersburg.

Deceased was a member of the church of the Evangelical Association, having held her membership since ten years of age. She was a faithful, loyal and true member all her life.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Manevel; burial at Rebersburg.

GRIEB.—Mrs. Elvina Grieb died at her home in Tyersville on Sunday, aged eighty-eight years and eleven months. Her husband, Aaron Grieb, died forty-three years ago, and the widow continued to carry on farming, developing the old homestead into one of the finest in Sugar Valley. She was a woman

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ODD FELLOWS MAKING PLANS FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

Big Celebration Will Be Held at Williamsport, Tuesday, April 29.—Several Thousand Visitors Are Expected To Be in City.

The Odd Fellows of this section of the state are making great preparations for the hundredth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America, and the thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows' association which will be held in Williamsport on Tuesday, April 29th. Several thousand strangers are expected for this occasion.

The annual session of the association will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. in Odd Fellows' temple, and at 2 p. m. there will be a grand parade, with District Attorney Charles F. Greevy acting as chief marshal. After the parade there will be a massed band concert directed by David M. Gerry, of the Reppas band.

At the session of the association in the morning Mayor A. M. Hoagland will deliver the address of welcome, and the response will be by Judge H. W. Whitehead, who will preside. This will be followed by an address by Usher A. Hall, grand secretary, of Philadelphia.

The oration of the day will be delivered by Grand Master Roy D. Beman, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, while Minnie C. Akers, president of the Rebebah assembly of Pennsylvania, will address the members of the Rebebah lodges.

There will be a special session of the Grand lodge at 7 p. m. to admit past grands to membership, confer the Grand lodge degree, and give instructions in the secret work of the order. The day will wind up with grand ball at the state armory, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m.

Yeagertown Has Big Fire.

Fire causing losses amounting to more than \$15,000 almost completely destroyed the large J. M. Yeager warehouse at Yeagertown last Wednesday evening. The fire started upon the shingle and galvanized roof of the building 150 feet long and 75 feet wide, at 7:45 o'clock, and soon burned furiously, making one of the largest blazes ever witnessed in the village. It was a frame three story structure, including the coal sheds over the railroad siding.

It is believed that the fire was started by sparks from a passing railroad locomotive on the Milroy branch. A heavily loaded stone train pulling heavily with the engine puffing black and throwing streams of live sparks of fire from its smoke stack, passed close by the warehouse, only a few moments before the roof began to blaze.

The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Americans All Back by Fall.

Barring any unexpected developments all American troops now in France with the exception of those with the army of occupation will be returned to the United States by the end of September, Admiral McKean, acting chief of operation of the American Navy, stated last week.

The answer was made to a question regarding the review of the Atlantic fleet. He declared that 25 large navy ships are being used as transports.

Millfilingburg will vote on a \$9000 bond issue the funds to be used in the erection of a borough building which is to house the borough equipments as well as to furnish offices for the borough authorities.

possessing remarkable physical strength and it was through her personal efforts that the farm was paid for. Her home was noted for its hospitality. She was a staunch, firm and consistent member of the Reformed church, and her home was a place where her pastor was always glad to stop for the warm honest welcome that was invariably forthcoming. The deceased is survived by two sons and three daughters: Newton Grieb, of Vancouver, British Columbia; Henry, of Tyersville; Mrs. Mary Stoner, of Sunbury; Cora and Elizabeth at home. Also by one sister, Mrs. Phoebe Brumgart, of Rebersburg.

Burial was made Wednesday morning, at Tyersville, Rev. J. B. Hunsicker officiating.

PUT OUT THE FLAG.

Get out Old Glory and fly it to the breeze on Monday morning, April 21st, the commencement of the VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE, and keep it flying during the entire period of the loan, which continues for three weeks. The call is for "Every American Flag" to be flown to the breeze, so let there be a display of the red, white and blue in Centre Hall as has never before been known, for—
VICTORY IS OURS.

The W. C. T. U. Social.

The annual dues social by the local W. C. T. U. was held in Grange Arcadia, Saturday evening. The attendance was quite large, although it was one of several important meetings being held in town at the same time. It was fully demonstrated that the enthusiasm of the organization is not waning, but that it is on the ascendancy. Money fairly rolled into the treasury, many members making contributions in addition to the regular dues.

The Y. P. B.'s entertained the audience by rendering an appropriate two-act play, entitled "The Civic Improvement Club". There were many points brought out that apply so well locally that it would be fitting to call a citizen's meeting with a view of putting into action some of the suggestions made by the gentler sex of the personnel of the actors. For instance, the song by a band of boys, suggestive of rowdyism and idleness, heard in the distance, was attributed to the fact that the street was the only accommodations afforded the youths locally; no entertainment was provided; no educational advantage; no social opportunities.

To route young and old from their accustomed loafing quarters at the hotel and grocery stores, early one morning, the fair sex occupied these places, and when discovered by husband and sons, the ridiculousness of the habit was forcibly impressed upon them. The question of better conditions was then discussed, and although the scene did not end in happy brides, it did result in resolves to live closer to the vows presumed to have already been taken.

The participants in the playlet did credit to themselves. Their ability is especially acknowledged by those who know how little previous preparation had been made.

While the curtain was down, Mrs. T. L. Moore and Mrs. F. M. Fisher rendered several fine piano duets, and Miss Miriam Huyett sang a solo, and each number was heartily applauded.

The hour devoted to the social feature of the evening was greatly enjoyed. Splendid refreshments in abundance were served.

The young people who participated in the playlet are named below:
Adeline McClenahan Miriam Huyett
Esther Wagner Nona Wagner
Annabel Smith Madaline Smith
Ethel Frank Sara Zettle
Pearl Ruble Anna Garis
Catharine Bradford John Shultz
Ernest Frank Frederic Moore
Albert Emery Albert Smith
Daniel Smith Paul Fetterolf
Paul Schreckengast.

Sunday-School Convention, for Centre District, at Centre Hall.

The Centre District Sunday School and K. L. of C. E. Convention will be held in the United Evangelical church in this place, from May 20 to 22, inclusive. There will be seven sessions, Rev. J. A. Shultz, the local pastor, is now engaged in preparing the program.

May 28 Commencement Day.

The senior class of the Centre Hall High school has chosen the evening of Wednesday, May 28th, as the time for holding their commencement exercises. The class is now busy engaged in preparing their essays and orations, as well as the numerous details in connection with that important event.

Millfilingburg's Ship to Be Christened Next Wednesday.

At Hog Island on Wednesday of next week at 3 o'clock in the afternoon a 7,500 ton merchant ship will be christened "Kishacoquillas" by Miss Charlotte Kent Skinner of Lewistown and in a few seconds thereafter will slide down the ways into the Delaware river to commence a career of usefulness and all the years she continues in service she will be a monument to the patriotism of the people of Millfilingburg—she will be Millfilingburg's own ship, good and true.

Owing to the fact that Millfilingburg made the best record in the Fourth Loan drive that community had been accorded the privilege of naming the very first and largest of the ships that were to be christened by banner counties of the third federal reserve district.

Union county farmers are debating whether or not they are to have a farm bureau with its county agent.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Keep this in mind: swat the fly. Filth, no matter when found, is not a sign of thrift.

If you haven't done it yet, do it now—clean up about premises.

Cleveland Mitterling shipped a carload of milch cows to the eastern market, on Saturday.

Several fox hounds, belonging to Millheim parties, were poisoned on the mountains last week.

Private Harry Durst visited relatives in town, last week, while enjoying a ten day furlough from Camp Meade.

Just how and when, we don't know, but Centre Hall is going to have its own welcoming to its boys from "over there".

James Keller, a student at Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster, is spending the Easter vacation period at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Keller.

When Tyrone has its celebration for its returned soldiers, one banner will carry twenty-one gold stars, representing the men from that place who made the supreme sacrifice.

Mrs. Foster Frazier, of near Centre Hill, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Ida and Harriet, and Miss Grace Miller, of Hellam, were callers at the Reporter office on Saturday evening.

Governor Sproull has issued warrants fixing the week beginning April 28th as the time for the election at Rockview of Hardy Dickerson, of Dauphin county, and Robert M. Loomis, of Northampton county.

The fear of an epidemic of scarlet fever at State College seems to have abated. Up to the present time there have been nineteen cases among the students and several cases in the town. No new cases have been reported from the town during the week.

Although past seventy-two years of age, A. C. Ripka can still do a man's size job when it comes to handling a plow. He assisted his son, Bruce W. Ripka, at Centre Hill, several days last week, and being in the lead, kept the youngsters stepping lively.

Some of our soldier boys relate that in portions of France a man's financial standing is largely judged by the size of the manure pile close to the front door. Really, now, mightn't we be led to believe that some of our local business men are aping the French?

Those farmers in this vicinity who are using the farm tractor for turning over the land for the first time, are more than pleased with results. It is the greatest labor-saving machine since the introduction of the binder, and will no doubt in time come to be in as general use as the binder.

Elmer Hubler, the auctioneer, has decided to add another line to his business activities and has purchased a pair of goats and will raise a flock of "nannies" and "billies" to eat up the rubbish around his premises near Rockville, and later on will probably peddle the goat's milk in the nearby towns, says the Millheim Journal.

While President Sparks is still undergoing treatment in the University Hospital at Philadelphia, his improvement is so rapid that it will probably not be necessary for him to remain there much longer. He is rapidly regaining his strength and from present indications will be able to leave the hospital by Easter or shortly thereafter.

An old landmark in Millheim, known as the Brown homestead, and located on Main street, is being razed by H. H. Letzler, who will build a meat market and dwelling on the site. The building is said to be one hundred and thirty-five years old. The tearing down revealed a peculiar method of plastering: instead of using laths wooden pegs were driven into the large logs to hold the plaster.

Ground has been broken and work started on the new half million dollar Knights of Malta home at Granville, only four miles from Lewistown. Besides the main building, there will be a series of other buildings erected which will make the home one of the show places of the county. The cornerstone will be laid on Wednesday, May 15, when the Grand Commander Knights of Malta will hold their annual convocation in Lewistown.

At a cow sale held in Millfilingburg county last week, the following prices were paid: Four year old bull, not registered \$110; seventeen month old registered bull \$133; five year old registered cow \$199; two year old registered heifer \$192. Registered cows with calves as follows: \$185, \$165, \$160, \$128, \$172.50, \$139, \$160. Cows alone, \$165, \$155, \$141, \$176, \$180. Average price of 15 cows \$163.05. Other cows sold for these prices: \$81, \$90, \$94, \$89 and two year old heifers for \$65, \$84, \$94, \$65, \$73, \$66. The general average price of 25 cows and heifers \$121.66. Last fall calves sold for \$67, \$66, \$54, \$54.