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SMILEAGE—WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE SOLDIER BOYS

By Harry P. Harrison
Chairman of the Executive Committee
Military Entertainment Service

The Military Entertainment Council is a special commission appointed by the Secretary of War as a branch of the war department commission on training camp activities.

Its work is to provide programs of entertainment for the off hours of the men in uniform of the United States now in National Guard camps and National Army cantonments on this side of the Atlantic. For the present the work does not reach to the smaller army camps or to any of the navy camps.

For the entertainment under its direction of the Council will use the new Liberty theatres built by the government, the large auditoriums of the Y. M. C. A., and—where the weather permits—the tents which have been provided by the Chautauque managers.

An army recruited by draft includes the best young men of the nation. The off hours of these young men are the loneliest hours of their camp life. If those hours are to be pleasantly and healthfully filled there must be provided, not only places to write and read, but performances of the grade to which the men are accustomed at home and opportunities for them to develop and exhibit their own skill.

What Soldiers Will See
Accordingly the Council will present at the camp theatres—
Broadway companies in the best theatrical successes of the season.

The best musical and vaudeville programs obtainable. Lectures, entertainers and concert companies of the highest excellence. Amateur performances by the men themselves.

Ordinarily the cost of booking such attractions would be prohibitive. But the performers and managers of the United States have met the council with such patriotic cooperation as to put these productions within the reach of every soldier in the United States. Operating expense has been reduced to a minimum.

As a result, the meager cost of these performances will range from ten cents to twenty-five cents a seat.

Yet many soldiers will not be able to attend many performances even at these prices. Thousands of them are reading home practically all their pay.

On the other hand, practically every soldier has those at home who strongly desire to contribute into his camp life something of wholesome and cheerful entertainment.

Use of Tickets
Therefore, this Council has originated a type of book of tickets that members of the soldiers' family and his friends may send to him at the front. They are to be called "Smileage Books" and will be made up of coupons somewhat like the mileage books of the railroads.

In books of one size, 20 coupons will be sold for a dollar. In books of another size, 100 will be sold for five dollars. These coupons will be good payment for seats at any performance in any camp theatre.

As gifts these Smileage Books will have rather a distinctive character. Each time the soldier tears coupons from his book, he will remove his sense of anticipation from the sender. Every book will constitute a current of interest between the man at the front and the folks back home. Often, of course, one soldier will receive many books, and then he will do the thing which is characteristic of the American soldier throughout our history—he will share his abundance with his mates.

The result will be to change a dangerous period in the life of the soldier

into a period of healthful relaxation and refreshment.

The Need
Raymond B. Fordick, chairman of the war department commission on Training camp activities, has illustrated the great new purpose in America to make our army life as nearly normal as possible. It is a need old as the oldest army. No other country has undertaken to meet it fully. America had never before gripped it firmly. Under the general direction of the above commission inside the camps, much is being done. The Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. have opened club rooms. Chorus singing is conducted. There are frequent religious services.

Outside the camps, the entertainment of the soldier is being put upon a new foundation. It is being founded not on hospitality in the American home and not upon commercial gain, often corrupted with dissipation.

Need Shows
But the men in the camps have a particular craving which all this does not satisfy. They want to see "shows." In the evening they are tired; they want to laugh; and they want "regular" performances. If there are to be any amateur performances looking at them.

Auditoriums for such entertainment have been made available in reasonable number. The Government has built a "Liberty Theatre" in each of sixteen National Army cantonments. In Southern camps, twenty-three Chautauque tents have been set up.

The problem has been two-sided—to get programs for these auditoriums; and to get tickets into the hands of the soldiers at prices which will meet the operating expense.

The operating expense is borne by the tickets in the Smileage books, paid for by the families of the employers, the company of friends, of the men back home.

The Military Entertainment Council is thus not a duplicate of any of these other agencies. It is, instead, an expansion of them, or a partnership with them.

What is Offered Soldiers
Four comedy companies are already assigned to this new field. They are Broadway organizations, presenting accepted Broadway successes—"Turn of Mind," "Chesting Chatters," "Here Comes the Bride," "Inside the Lines."

Other companies and many stars are volunteering to fit themselves into the plans of the Council, following the beautiful example of Miss Maude Adams and William Faversham, as soon as those two leading actors heard of the Smileage project. Four vaudeville bills have been assembled by general manager E. F. Albee, of the Keith circuit. These routings will be arranged, of course so as to prevent an unvaried succession in any camp of any one kind of entertainment.

Actors Among Troops
In the regiment are scores of professional actors and vaudeville performers. The men manifest special interest in seeing their own comrades on the stage. So there are to be regular amateur productions, between the professional offerings, that the men may have part in the enterprise and—of much more importance—that when they have gone to the front they may be able to provide suitable programs for themselves.

The Chautauque managers are planning to present their best lectures, Rotary Clubs, business men, advertising men, automobile editors, theatrical writers, are all requested to boost Smileage so that every man in the army will receive at least one Smileage Book a month during 1918. Editorial men and news reporters are requested to secure feature Smileage stories and endorsements from prominent men and women.

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The Kaiser wants us to believe that the Allies can never win a complete victory, but that the war must end in a "Stalemate." The Kaiser wants Americans to go about talking peace. The Kaiser wants us to believe that the war will soon end and that therefore we need not make great preparations. He wants people to talk that way in America. The Kaiser wants the people to get dissatisfied, so he wants strikes, he wants grocers to charge more for their sugar than the Food Administration allows, he wants butchers to charge more for their meat than the Food Administration allows, he wants all merchants to charge the highest possible prices, he wants the farmers to hoard their potatoes, he wants milkmen to charge as much for their milk as they can possibly get. All this because he hopes it will create dissatisfaction. The Kaiser wants people to find fault with the Red Cross and circulate lies about its work, and he wants everybody to listen to these things without reproving or reporting them. The Kaiser wants people to find fault with President Wilson, and he wants everybody to listen to these fault-finders. The Kaiser wants everybody to do as little as possible for the Red Cross, and to refuse to take Government jobs. But above all, the Kaiser wants us to clamor for peace before the Allied armies re-enforced by America carry the war into Deutschland, for he does not want his people to feel the horrors of this war. Anyone who does any of these things, or says any of these things, or listens and allows any of these things without reporting them to the Government, is helping the Kaiser. Let us have no toleration for "Shadow Huns" of any kind.

E. G. ZWAYER.

BAPTIST CHURCH

At the Baptist church morning worship 10:30 A. M. Pastor E. G. Zwayer will preach on, "Lessons From the Transfiguration Scene." Evening worship 7:30 P. M. Topic of sermon "In the Light of the Centre Cross." Sunday School at 2:00 P. M. Let every member of the School make a special effort to be present this Sunday. Young People's meeting 6:45 P. M. General prayer meeting Wednesday 7:45 P. M. Everybody welcome to all meetings.

WASHINGTON SUPPER

The eighth annual Washington Supper will be held February 22nd, from five to eight P. M. Eight years ago the ladies of the Baptist Church began the custom of having this supper, and the people of Patton have supported them royally. Tickets are now out. Price 50c. Everybody knows that this supper is so good that no one wants to miss it. As high as four hundred persons or more are usually served. The ladies know that the people will again respond to their solicitations and will turn out to the supper in even larger numbers than usual. The price includes dessert.

CALVARY CHURCH

At the Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School 10:30 A. M. Let us have a full attendance. Evening worship 8:00 P. M. Pastor Zwayer will preach on "Just the Saviour We Need." General prayer Friday 7:30 P. M. Everybody welcome to all meetings.

NOTICE

Red Cross Meetings to Be Held on the Second Thursday of Every Month in Public School Bldg.

At the meeting of the Red Cross Association held Sunday afternoon a resolution was adopted that hereafter regular public meetings of the Red Cross Organization will be held on the second Thursday of every month. It is going to be somewhat expensive and impracticable to reach all the members by notice of this meeting, and we trust the general public will keep this in mind and let us have good meetings. There is always something of interest to tell and it is a good idea to get together occasionally and talk over the general situation. Meetings will be held in the Public School Building.

MASTER'S NOTICE

In the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, Pa. No. 225 December Term, 1917. John Trunzo vs. Jennie V. Trunzo. Libel in Divorce.

Notice is hereby given that having been appointed Master to take the testimony and suggest a decree in the above state case, I will sit at the office of William F. Dill, Esq., in the Borough of Barnesboro, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, on Saturday the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1918, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of said appointment, when and where all persons interested may appear and be heard.

REUEL SOMERVILLE, Master
Patton, Pa., Jan. 25, 1918 2-1-18

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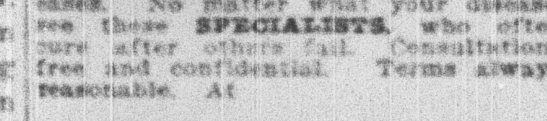
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