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## LETTER FROM A MOUNT JOY SOLDIER

**MR. FRANK FUNK, IN THE SERVICE OF UNCLE SAM, IS NOW STATIONED AT FORT THOMAS, KY.**

We are in receipt of the following very interesting letter from J. Frank Funk, a son of Mr. Samuel Funk on North Barbara street:

Port Thomas, Ky., Jan. 29, 1918.  
Mr. J. E. Schroll,  
Dear Sir—Just a few lines to remind the Mount Joy people that I am still alive, well and happy. I am now stationed at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, but expect to change places in the near future.

Before I left home to work for Uncle Sam, one of our Mount Joy boys wrote home to a friend of his and told him that he was a K. P. and never explained what that was. So for the benefit of the people in the old home town, I will try to explain. The duty of the K. P., which is Kitchen Police, is to do all the work around the kitchen that the cooks don't like to do; such as wash dishes, pots, pans, kettles, wait on tables in the special mess halls, keep up the fires, carry in coal and kindling wood, mop up the floors and a lot of other odd and end jobs. Take this for granted because I know, having been one of those Knights of the Kitchen, as the boys call them when they see them dressed in their grand army suits which are overalls and jumpers.

We are called at 5:55 A. M. but not by a mother who would call her son about a dozen times before he gets up but by something altogether different. If a person don't get up on the jump, he gets more than a light talking too. From that time until 4:30 P. M. we have our duties to perform for our Uncle Sam. But after that time we are left to ourselves until 10:45 P. M., unless we have a pass from the Company Commander. If we don't have a pass and are not in our bunk at the given time, we are sent to the guard house which sure is no joke. There they are put to work and have a gun leveled at them all the time.

We have Y. M. C. A. and a K. O. P. C. hall here and they sure are doing the boys a good turn; they furnish paper, envelopes, pens and ink free for the boys in uniform. It don't get very cold here nor snow very much. Mercury only gets as low as 20 degrees below zero and we have snow about four times a week. Now that is not half bad if you don't care what you say, but having one of Uncle Sam's uniforms and overcoats on you don't mind it very much.

We just returned from a 14 mile hike which some of the boys could not stand and fell out before we hiked 6 miles. I told my pal that I would stick to it if they had to carry me back to the Fort on a board, but it was not necessary. Well, as it is almost time for mess, I will close. I remain as ever,  
J. Frank Funk.

**Royally Entertained**  
The Ladies Bible Class of the U. E. Church had their monthly meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. George Myers on New Haven Street. A good attendance was present and some business was attended to. After the business session the Class was royally entertained by Mrs. Myers. Games were indulged in and Victrola music was a special feature of the evening. A delightful luncheon was served.

Those present were: Mrs. A. M. Sweigert, president; Mrs. Dowhower, treasurer; Sara Kramer, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Weber, Mrs. Charles Morton, Mrs. John Way, Mrs. Harry Kaylor, Mrs. Alex Kramer, Mrs. Charles Sheaffer, Misses Mary Eshleman, Esther Weber, Mabel Kramer, Florence Barto, Anna Weber, Mildred Way, Mary Kramer, Dorothy Kaylor, Mrs. George Myers and Master Earl Myers.

**Why Not on Monday?**  
The Conestoga Traction Company has been asked to remove the surplus snow on all streets in town on which there are car tracks as it is almost impossible to pass a car at many places on account of the depth of the snow. The traction company says it will pay for the work if we get the men and we would suggest giving our idle factory employes work and cleaning all that snow away on Monday. That would require no fuel to do this work, which is permissible under the new order and it would certainly be a help to the unemployed that day.

**Sold the Hotel**  
Mr. O. M. Donaven, of this place, recently purchased the Mechanics Hotel at Columbia and on Wednesday evening sold it to Mr. Fred Kelly, of this place, who will charge April 1st. Mr. Kelly was formerly a bar clerk at the Exchange hotel here.

**Extended License Time**  
Because the county officials ran out of dog license tags the time for curing these has been extended to March 1. Over 7,500 licenses have been granted and there are 3,000 applicants on file.

**A Substitute Teacher**  
Miss Mary E. Nippner is substituting for Miss Elizabeth Eshleman as teacher of the Sixth Grade of our public school. The latter is ill at home.

**Livestock Reports**  
Livestock reports show a splendid increase in the number of sheep in the State and the rejuvenation of this industry promises to take great strides during the present year.

## J. W. FREED DISTRIBUTES INCOME TAX NOTICES

Postmaster J. Willis Freed is distributing the following notices relative to income tax returns. Every family in the town will receive the following:

"All married persons living with wife or husband, who had incomes of \$2,000 or more; and all single persons or married persons not living with wife or husband, who had incomes of \$1,000 or more during the year 1917, must make a return of same to the Collector of Internal Revenue, B. F. Davis, Lancaster, Pa., on or before March 1, 1918.

There will be a deputy revenue collector at Mount Joy Post Office from Feb. 4th to 9th, who will assist any one desiring his services in making said return. He will make no charge for this service."

## MARIETTA ASSOCIATION ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

At the annual election of directors and officers of the Home Building and Loan Association of Marietta on Saturday evening the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: John A. Shillow, James Duffy, Charles J. O'Connor, John P. Orth, John F. O'Brien, A. G. Libhart, George P. Resch, John P. Mueller, George G. Lindsay. The officers are: John A. Shillow, president; James Duffy, vice president; A. L. Resch, secretary; Henry S. Rich, treasurer; Bernard J. Myers, Lancaster, solicitor; auditors, B. G. Hipple, John Shillow, Jr., Chester W. Rudisill.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. John Sillers spent Wednesday at Lancaster.

Mrs. Kate Bowmaster of Lancaster, formerly of this place, had a bad fall and the result was a broken rib. Mrs. Paul Sload of West Philadelphia, spent some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Heisey.

Miss Mame Ludwig of Pottsville, has returned home after spending a week here with Mrs. J. M. Backenstoe.

Mr. Arthur Moyer, attending Lafayette College, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Moyer.

Miss Sarah Backenstoe of Harrisburg, spent a few days here as a guest in the family of her brother, Mr. J. M. Backenstoe.

**Anthony C. Libhart**  
The death of Anthony C. Libhart, of Marietta, occurred at his home, the cause being a complication of diseases, after an illness of three years. Deceased was a son of the late John J. and Anna Libhart, and he was associated with his brother in the drug business. He also was the manufacturer of several medicines. The widow, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Zink, and the following children survive: Lewis, John, Sarah, Pauline, Anthony and Mary, wife of Leo Retew, all of Marietta. Several grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held Thursday.

**Who Does The Fighting**  
The experience of almost every Nation has been that the greatest enthusiasm for fighting and willingness for military service were found in men under twenty-five years of age.

In our Civil War, out of the more than two and one-half millions of men who served in the Union Armies, more than two millions were under twenty-one years of age, and less than a hundred thousand over twenty-five. The vast majority enlisted in the Union Armies were between sixteen and twenty-one.

## ALL AMUSEMENTS OPEN MONDAY

The following announcement was made on Wednesday by William Potter, State Fuel Administrator: "Dr. Harry A. Garfield has ruled that ALL amusement places may be opened on fuelless Mondays. This includes theatres, motion picture houses, dance halls, billiard and pool rooms, boxing clubs, skating rinks, etc. They must close on Tuesdays."

**Coal Situation Better**  
Everybody around this section drew a big sigh of relief lately. Jacob N. Hershey at Florin, received three carloads. F. M. Baker received several as did also Clarence Schock and these dealers are sharing out coal in a manner that all consumers are being cared for.

**Will Redeem the Bonds**  
By direction of the county commissioners County Controller Mowrer on April 1 will reduce Lancaster county's indebtedness by retiring bonds to the value of \$87,200 comprising the entire 1898 issue. All owners of these bonds will produce them at that time for redemption.

**Will Sell at Public Sale**  
Mr. Clayton Metzler, who recently purchased the dwelling of the late J. R. Missemer, decided not to take it and the property will now be sold at public sale by the administrator, Mr. H. N. Nissly.

**No Wonder Its Cold**  
According to accurate records, the snow fall for January was four feet, which surpasses all records since the blizzard in 1898.

Livestock reports show a splendid increase in the number of sheep in the State and the rejuvenation of this industry promises to take great strides during the present year.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4th 1918, has been designated as SNOW SHOVELING DAY.**

On that day we expect every property owner in Mount Joy to throw all accumulation of snow at curb and gutter into the middle of the street. We feel that this is important because of the danger of flooding cellars when the Spring thaw comes.

The Borough will take care of street intersections, public property and church property. We trust every property owner will do his share.

Let us be public spirited and do our part to avoid flood damages to our property if possible

By order of the  
**STREET COMMITTEE**

N. B.—This notice does not apply to trolley streets.

## WONDERFUL BOOM BRIEF ITEMS IN FOR THIS SECTION LANC. COUNTY

**THE GOVERNMENT PURCHASES MANY ACRES OF LAND AND WILL ERECT 65 BUILDINGS NEAR MIDDLE-TOWN**

A contract was executed between the United States government and the Keystone Industrial Corporation for the lease of 400 acres of land near Middletown, and contiguous to the aviation depot recently constructed at that place. The consideration was not promulgated by either of the parties concerned.

Several cities throughout the country had solicited the selection of a government site for their respective vicinities, but preference was shown Middletown, because of its proximity to several important railroads. In fact, it is the center of two of the most important railroads in the country. The Pennsylvania Railroad is now completing arrangements for the construction of new yards and sidings near the proposed plant.

The project thus inaugurated by the government will constitute the erection of sixty-five steel and concrete buildings, each six stories high and 350 feet in length. Two machine shops will also be constructed to serve an auxiliary purpose, and their dimensions will be 200x250 feet. The total cost attendant upon the erection of these buildings will be approximately \$15,000,000. For constructive purposes probably 10,000 men will be employed and these, together with an operative force of 5,000 additional men, will necessitate the construction of a special town for the living accommodation of these men. The proposed town will compare in size with Steelton when completed.

**She Had no Mother**  
When Ida Blake, a colored woman, who formerly lived in Florida, applied at the Court House at Harrisburg, last Friday with Lee McQuage for a marriage license, she was asked to give her mother's maiden name, "Deed an' I don't know sir," she replied, "she died for I was born."

**Total Eclipse of Sun**  
A total eclipse of the sun will be visible along the Union Pacific Railway's entire route on June 8 next. The path of totality will cross Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. There will be a partial eclipse visible throughout the United States and a considerable portion of Canada.

**Two Plurals**  
"What is the plural of man, Willie?" asked the teacher of a small pupil.  
"Men," answered Willie.  
"And the plural of child?"  
"Twins," was the unexpected reply.

There are now 46,216 mules in use on the farms compared with 46,396 mules last year.

## H. S. NEWCOMER BUYS FORMER DELONG PROPERTIES

A local real estate transaction of considerable importance was consummated Monday by J. E. Schroll, local real estate broker, when he sold all the properties formerly owned by George H. DeLong, for the present owner B. F. Davis, Esq., of Lancaster, to Mr. H. S. Newcomer, the extensive hardware and implement dealer of this borough. The purchase includes the three-story brick warehouse, the two-and-a-half story frame dwelling, etc. on North Market street. The new owner will take immediate possession and will use the warehouse for storage purposes, while he will convert the dwelling into a modern residence in the Spring. The terms of the sale were private.

**They're All Right Yet**  
We frequently learn of people having wearing apparel that was bought years ago and an incident of that kind occurred here Tuesday. Mr. H. E. Klugh, the East Main street confectioner, is wearing a pair of rubber boots that he purchased from John A. DeHoff at Maytown, nineteen years ago. They look like new and "Pap" says "they don't leak yet."

**No Reunion This Year**  
The Sixteeners, former members of the Mount Joy Soldiers Orphan school, who have been holding their annual reunion here on Washington's birthday for a number of years, have decided not to meet this year on account of railroad difficulties and other reasons. The next reunion will now be held in Mount Joy Feb. 22, 1919.

**Myerstown Friday Night**  
The strong High school team from Myerstown, (and they have some team says our old friend "Heiney" Getz and he should know) will play the local team in the High school gym on Friday evening Feb. 1 Myerstown had an even break with Palmyra, which team walloped the locals 52 to 22 Saturday night.

**Discontinued Meeting**  
Mount Joy Lodge No. 227, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at their regular meeting last evening decided not to meet again for the next few months in order to "do their bit" by saving fuel for the Mount Joy Hall Association. This is a very good move and we would suggest other lodges do likewise.

**Well Known Eye Specialist Here**  
Rubin and Rubin, Harrisburg's leading eye specialists will be at Chandler's Drug Store, Mount Joy, Wednesday and Thursday, February 6th and 7th. Your eyes examined free, no drops used, glasses that are properly fitted at reasonable prices, one dollar and up.

**Were Out Sleighing**  
The Eighth Grade of our public schools enjoyed a sleigh ride to Elizabethtown on Tuesday afternoon. There were about thirty of the pupils who enjoyed the ride and they were chaperoned by Misses Martin and LeFevre.

**Elizabethtown Nurse Ill**  
Dr. Vere Treichler, of Elizabethtown, received word Saturday afternoon of the serious illness of his sister, Miss Amy Treichler, a trained nurse in the service of Uncle Sam at Charleston, S. C. He left immediately for that point.

**Returns Come in Slowly**  
Unless the Commissioner of Internal Revenue extends the time all income tax reports must be in hand by March 1. But few have reached the office here yet, and an unprecedented rush is likely at the last minute.

**Early Easter This Year**  
There will be an early observance of Easter this year. Shrove Tuesday will fall on February 12 and the day following will be Ash Wednesday. March 29 will be Good Friday and Easter will fall on the last day of March.

**Were Home on Sunday**  
The following young men from this place, were home from Camp Meade on Sunday: Messrs. Clarence Newcomer, George Heiserman, Milroy Brown, Albert Myers, Clarence Greenawalt, and Francis Krall.

**They Will Wed**  
Mr. Paul Wiser of this place, and Miss Alma Hallgren of Harrisburg, formerly of town, were granted a license to wed at Harrisburg last week.

**Granted in a Jiffy**  
It required only 10 minutes for the York County License Courts Tuesday to renew all liquor licenses for which application was made.

**This is Dreadful**  
Harvey Kelchner of Elizabethtown, working at Lebanon, had his feet so badly frozen that amputation of both was found necessary to save his life.

**Received One Carload**  
Mr. J. N. Hershey, the dealer at Florin, received a carload of anthracite coal Saturday, for which there is quite a demand.

**BIRTHS**  
The following Warren Hoffman, of Schenectady, N. Y., formerly of this place, announce the birth of a son Donald William.

## NEGRO EMPLOYEE CRUSHED BY A CAR

**WILLIAM JACKSON WAS GATHERING COAL WHEN LOCOMOTIVE COUPLED WITH CAR—BODY NEARLY CUT IN TWO**

Unaware of the approach of a locomotive the coupling of a series of coal cars, under which he was gathering coal, William Jackson, colored, an employe at the J. E. Baker Company quarries, at Billmyer, was crushed to death beneath the wheels of one of the cars, on Tuesday afternoon, at the quarries.

The coal cars were located on a siding, and as was his duty, he was gathering coal from beneath the car. At about 4:30 o'clock, a locomotive shunted onto the siding for the purpose of coupling the cars. Jackson was not warned of the approach of the locomotive and with the impact of the engine and the cars, Jackson was struck and thrown across the rails, the wheels of the car passing over his body, and dragging him for a distance of sixty feet. His half-mangled body was then discovered, and released by several fellow workmen.

Dr. Stever, of Bainbridge, was summoned, and it was found that his leg had been completely severed and the stomach badly crushed, almost cutting his body in two. A coroner's investigation was held at the undertaking parlors of H. J. Hawthorne, at Bainbridge, and it was decided that it was accidental death.

Jackson was aged about twenty-nine years. His body was interred in Potter's Field burial grounds at Bainbridge from the undertaking establishment of Mr. Hawthorne.

## TRAVELERS FROM FAR AND NEAR

**A COLUMN TO KEEP YOU IN TOUCH WITH THOSE WHO HAVE AND WERE VISITED LAST WEEK**

Mrs. A. R. Garber spent today at Lancaster.

Mr. H. S. Newcomer spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Philadelphia.

Mr. Michael Carl of Newport, Pa., visited friends in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Irvin Geistwain and daughter Mildred spent Saturday at Lancaster.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Richards of Berwyn, is ill at this writing.

Mr. Benjamin F. Greenawalt attended church at Elizabethtown on Saturday.

Mr. Aaron Baker of Lancaster, spent Monday here with his father, E. F. Baker.

Miss Frances Kraybill of near Quarryville, spent Sunday with the family of Jacob Brunner.

Miss Helen Tempel of Philadelphia, visited Mr. S. F. Eshleman and family over the week-end.

Mr. Fred Farmer spent several days in the City of Brotherly Love the fore part of this week.

Mrs. Catherine Morton of Harrisburg, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Morton on Sunday.

Mrs. Brandt Hester and daughter of Lancaster, are spending several days here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hershey and son, Paul visited the latter's mother at Lancaster on Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Frank and Mrs. Anna Fetter visited the former's parents at Landisville on Saturday.

Mr. Samuel Newcomer, of Kane, Pa., was here on a visit to friends the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Christian Walters and daughter, Esther, are visiting Dr. F. L. Richards and family at Berwyn.

Miss Lydia Carpenter arrived home Sunday after spending a month at Philadelphia, visiting her mother.

Mrs. Sybilla Zeller attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Aaron Morton at York on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheaffer spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Souders at Highspire.

Mrs. Malinda Sheaffer, Mrs. Nathan Zink, Mrs. Amos Garber and daughter Frances spent Saturday at Elizabethtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Kilgore of Lancaster, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Siller over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Young and daughter, Kathryn of Lancaster, spent several days with Squire Jacob H. Zeller and family.

Miss Sallie Fackler of the Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, visited in the home of E. W. Bentzel and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. H. E. Metzgar, representing the White Sewing Machine Company of Cleveland, Ohio, was the guest of E. F. Baker on Monday.

Mr. Fred Sweigert of Philadelphia and Miss Esther Sweigert of Byers-town, visited their parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Sweigert over the week-end.

Mr. Harry H. Grosh left Friday evening for Wheeling, West Virginia, after spending some time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grosh.

Mrs. Belle B. Gable of Dayton, Ohio, wife of the late Dr. H. S. Gable, former Church Election Secretary and pastor of the United Brethren Church of this place, is spending a few weeks here visiting among her many friends.