

FROM THE FRONT

Cheerful Scribes Are the Boys "Over There" They Breathe "Win the War" Sure as Fate.

The following letters handed to us by Mrs. T. C. Hohlback, of Gary, Ind., are interesting. One from her brother, Mr. Eddy, and the other from his Corporal, Harold Compton.

Sgt. Harry Eddy Writes.
March 20 is one of the latest dates from which a letter received here from France has been sent, but it is the date of Sgt. Harry Eddy's letter to his mother:

"I am still here and feel pretty good," he writes, "only I have a little cold. There are several Eddys here in the Engineers and I can't find out if any of our relations are with them, for they are from that part of Michigan. Maybe the name is among them, as he used to be nuts about that stuff."

"We have been having fine weather the last week or so, so we can't complain if it does rain a bit, only the mud is fierce. For it sticks like glue and we can hardly walk."

"The baseball season has started here, and last Sunday I counted seven games of ball going on at the same time. Our team has played three games and hasn't been defeated and we haven't gotten all our best players on the team yet."

"Last Sunday one of the big locomotives came down in the yard and the boys all went over to look at it, for some one said it was built in the States and was American. When they blew the whistle they all came back and it was French. The whistle on a good-sized passenger roaster would make the whistles on these French engines ashamed of themselves when it comes to making a noise."

"All the boys are feeling fine and have things fixed up nicely and have the cleanest barracks and grounds in the camp."

Report of Inspeciton.
"I am no nearer the trenches than the day I landed," writes Cor. Harold Compton of the headquarters company of the 161st.

"Gen. Black Jack Pershing and Secretary Baker were in camp today. I stood so close to Baker that I could have flipped him his gold watch and chain, sick as a whistle. Although I had stood at attention and could not move a muscle. I could move my eyes, and believe me, I took a good look over at that man while he was in charge. I looked over every inch of him, from the tip of his \$40 Oxford to the bottom of his court shoes, which, if it hadn't been for his eyes, would have slipped down over his shoulders."

"He's a small man, our secretary of war, but he's all there, like the Ghorneys, a prayer meeting. Pershing did not interest me so much as I had seen him before, but there is a soldier from his belt buckle in all directions. As a credit to an man under Gen. J. L. Pershing. Those of us who are over here and will do our best to win the war, have clasped and the victory is won and we can look back and say: 'Yes, I went into action under Gen. Black Jack Pershing.'"

"I am well and feeling fine. Spring has come and baseball is in progress. I have played in a number of games. There is nothing like it—good old American baseball behind the lines."

"Spring at last is here and I don't believe I have ever seen such a beautiful country as this is in spring. The weather cannot be beat and the beauty of the country surpasses all imagination."

"Evidently there is to be no 'kaiserism' when it comes to criticism of persons, as Compton's letters, in spite of his estimate of Pershing and Baker, are properly O. K.'d by the censor."

Wants to Help Other Men.
M. W. Taylor, Calvert, Alabama, writes: "To whom it may concern—I recommend Foley Kidney Pills, the best ever used. I tried different remedies, but none gave me relief like Foley's." They restore regular action of kidneys and bladder and relieve backache, rheumatic pains, stiff joints, sore muscles. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

FARMS ATTENTION.
Because of the greater demand for Tractors near Birmingham, I have decided to increase the number of Tractors working around Birmingham and decrease the number at Farmington. Therefore, an soliciting more work near Birmingham, and have decided to consider applications within five miles of Birmingham.

Application blanks may be obtained at First National Bank, at Eclectic office, and at Whithead & Standard Co.'s.

E. E. SWARTZ,
105 Chandler Avenue, Detroit, Mich., or Birmingham, Mich., or Farmington, Mich.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
REV. WILLIAM C. MCKINNEY, PASTOR

The effort to have the full membership of the church present in these last days in the Tabernacle was in strict direction, but a good many familiar faces were absent. These days should help a whole lot, and will, if the desire is there.

On Sunday, May 13, the schedule is as follows:

10:30 a. m. morning worship and sermon. Subject: God's Standard.

12 noon Sunday school with graded classes. Adult Bible class.

7:45 p. m. evening worship and sermon. Please note the change in hour. Also remember that the service lasts just 45 minutes.

The Church of the Friendly Hand, shake.

THRIFT STAMPS

Another Contingent of 25 Selects from This District to Answer Country's Call—Will Banquet.

Monday evening, May 13, at the High School Auditorium, Birmingham bids fair to witness its biggest celebration since the beginning of the war.

Monday evening, May 13, will see the second contingent answering the call of Uncle Sam. Twenty-five young selects from the second district of Oakland county, which included the village of Royal Oak and Birmingham and the neighboring township, will be given a banquet and entertainment at the school house Monday evening. The program as arranged for is as follows:

At 6:30 flag raising at the center of the school house, where they will be banqueted. The banquet will be under the auspices of the various women's organizations of the village and following the banquet will be a concert by the 50 piece, The Ford Motor Co. Band. The concert will be for the school house, where they will be banqueted.

It is confidently expected that at least 500 people from the village and township will be in attendance, not only to hear the splendid and renowned play, but to mark the golden of the boys from the community and encourage them and impress them that their going is appreciated. Everybody is invited to the concert and the flag raising. No admission fee or collection.

The whole expense is paid by the patriotic citizens of the village and the chairman of the Finance Committee is Percy Parmelee.

In some instances the boys who are away must be lodged over the night and given breakfast and lunch, because they have an all-day program. The caution director of the Red Cross Society will provide the lunch boxes and Mrs. D. N. T. Shaw is chairman of the Lodging Committee.

"BOY WANTED—TO EARN THRIFT STAMPS"

When you see the sign, "Boy Wanted—to Earn Thrift Stamps," or its companion sign, "Girl Wanted," hanging in the window of any Michigan home, you are to understand that the first schoolboy coming past is eligible for the job which awaits him inside. By simply knocking at the door and saying, "I've seen your sign and am ready to do your work," it means that the householder can use him with windows to scrub, ashes to empty, an errand to run, dusting to do, some mending to fix, or any one of dozens of odd jobs which the schoolboy can do as well as the skilled laborer. The basis for payment has been fixed at 25 cents per hour, payable to the school-children, however, not in the form of money, but in Thrift Stamps, of which the householder will already have a supply, or can readily obtain at the nearest drug store, grocery store, or other authorized station, or from the postman.

In order to foster the success of this movement, house holders are being requested to reserve such odd jobs, to display the card calling for a Thrift Stamp boy prominently in the window, and in every case to pay for such service only in Thrift Stamps.

As Frank A. Vanderlip has so pointedly defined the work which the War Savings Certificates and the Thrift Stamps are intended to accomplish: "They are going to raise \$2,000,000,000. That is a big thing; the biggest financial transaction ever undertaken in this country, except the two Liberty Loans."

"But that is not the great thing about it. It is going to teach thrift to America. That is a great thing. We needed the lesson. We needed it desperately. We have not stood up very well under the hardest test of all—prosperity. We have become careless; we have become a spendthrift people. Our savings do not compare per capita with those of such poorer countries. Sweden has five times as many savings per capita as we have in this country. So has Switzerland. We have fifteen million depositors in savings banks. I believe we shall see thirty million holders of these certificates. That will be something. It will be thirty million stockholders in the United States."

RINGLING BROS.

Gigantic Spectacle and Thousand Arena Sensations to Inevade This Locality May 20-21.

Word comes that Ringling Brothers' mammoth circus is to exhibit at Eclectic Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21.

Always the leaders in introducing the newest and greatest features the famous showmen this season announce the most remarkable program of their career. There is a brand new spectacle of gigantic proportions entitled "In Days of Old." Produced on the biggest stage ever built, it tells the story of the golden age of Ivanhoe, Robin Hood and King Arthur. An entire trainload of scenery is carried.

The cast numbers 1,250 actors and includes an entrancing band of 300 dancing girls. A thousand arena spectacles of the most thrilling nature are shown. There are great programs of seals, dogs and monkeys that walk on tight ropes and ride horseback; herds of elephants in all new tricks; international athletes in feats of amazing strength; slides for life from tent-top to the ground by men suspended by the hair, and one—the great Hillary—who "jumps the gap" with skates and a rope to his head. The season's greatest stars, such as Max Wirth, who leaps from the ground into the air, and the "King of the Ring," who is presented in great number. There are twice as many as before, a menagerie of 1,000 splendid animals are to parade the holiday, an all new street parade three miles long.

Good for the Whole Family. Every family requires a safe and reliable couch and bedstead. Mr. John Potter, 20 Shupe Street, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, writes: "I have used Foley's Kidney Pills for years and highly recommend it to all families." Contains no opiates. Checkers, bronchitis, asthma, and whooping cough. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.
The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham, Michigan, P. O. for the week ending May 4:

Babcock, Mrs. Charles.
Dale, Mrs. Maud Dunn, Clarence.
Earle, Miss Violet (2).
Hedrick, Mrs. Carry.
Sly, Mrs. Wm.
Stone, William.
Voese, Mr. Walter.

Barley, Mrs. Ray.
Woodman, Mrs. Ethel.
Miller, Mrs. Christine.
Maxwell, Miss Gladys.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised." GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

RED CROSS BULLETIN.
Miss Florence Grant, chairman of knitting, will be in the Red Cross room to present a regimental flag for the purpose of giving out yarn. Socks will be the only knitting called for until fall.

Tuesday evenings from 7:30 until 10 o'clock the Red Cross rooms will be open for volunteer workers. Mrs. Charles Wilcox will have charge of the work for the month of May.

The Birmingham Red Cross is planning to present a regimental flag for the 55th Engineers, Camp Custer. Subscriptions of 50c or more will be the best advertised play in the country. "The Naughty Wife" it may be asserted with all truth, has been the best advertised play in the country so far as this method of advertising at least, is concerned.

Theatricals will look forward to its coming with keen anticipation. It is certain not to disappoint.

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TO SPORT — A BEAUTIFULISH SETTER
Sport, old fellow, faithful and true. It is with sorrow I bid goodbye to you. You once did follow over hill and dale. Your master after the elusive snail that now you say your usefulness is now gone.

Dear dog, I'm looking such a faithful friend. You've got more love now dimmed with age. You'll no more look in mine. Hardly can you ever be the same. You never miss will lick my hand. You'll never be the same. I'm looking such a faithful friend.

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Good doggie, when I cross the River I hope you'll be one of the first to greet me on the shore. A man will wander through the Elysian fields to meet you there.

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