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PRIVATE SYMONS

"On the Way," Writes from Camp Upton, Long Island—No Surplus Baggage Allowed.

39th Eng'rs. Co. B.,
Camp Upton, Long Island.
New York, May 16, 1918.

Dear Friend Clifford:

Your most welcome letter received today, which you did so well in writing May 14th. Even if you did have company at all hours of the night and have a few trains on the line "somewhere in Michigan." Did the frost you expected "go finish" your new tomatoe plants? I hope not, for what you can do to a garden is proved beyond doubt by the crop you had on Townsend street last summer.

I still have fun with the gang over the "block of wood" and to help the matter, I have only had it open once and I have told the rest who did not see it then, to wait until my pen needs filling, then they could see it, but I still have one more shot left in the first bottle. I am sure it will stand the pressure when it comes to shipping.

We received instructions this p. m. that the 39th Eng'rs. Co. B. would be identified in France as "E 45th 2nd Phase," as per Gen. Pershing's orders. However, our mail should not be addressed in that manner, only as 39th Eng. Co. B. In case we are seperated from our unit we can find it only by the former phrase. However, all of the rails in "Co. B" imagine they will have no trouble except with the "laries" they use for (box cars), etc. Ha. ha. If you have ever been in a R. R. Y. M. C. A., you will know something of the kind of gab and B. S. that is talked by C. B., consisting of 250 to 280 regular men of no less than two to three years experience. Of course, you have not been associated with R. R. men for the past score of years without knowing a little better than anyone I know of just how we amuse ourselves when at leisure.

I now have only a small handfull of the articles I took with me from Bhm. Finished sending the few remaining articles today, including the woolen blankets Dessie gave me and some which I was lothe to part with. But orders are orders, and in the A. M. we will have inspection, all articles not issued by the U. S. must be disposed of except those small enough to be carried on theperson, such as small books, letters, etc. We will receive a safety razor, so I sent both of mine home to Charles. I had no opportunity to wash the blanket, so I sent it in its actual state of uncleanliness, much against my wishes. I surely have appreciated its use, however. The weather is quite moderate now and I shall not miss it so much.

My "bunkie" says, he has seen you and recognized you from the little picture I carry in my pocket. His name Harry Rolph, brakeman and worked on the Saginaw division of the P. M. Conductor Welch was one of the crew he was with on 61 and 62, but he couldn't think of any more just now. Nearly every state east of the Mississippi river is represented here to a Hoger, ashcat con or shack and a few disprs. are here wearing lieutenant uniforms and have not had any military training. One man in particular came here last week and I had the pleasure of teaching him a few movements in the manual of arms. Imagine an engineer hanging out of the right cab window with one of those steel helmets on his dome. We get ours this p. m.

Last Sunday I had my picture taken with a full pack, rifle and a borrowed helmet on my brow. They were to have been furnished today, but were not at the picture gallery at 5:30 this p. m. Maybe they will be ready by this time tomorrow.

The gang are tossing some poor simp, across the street, in a blanket, and very often one of those "Utterly Utters" are taken out for a COLD shower bath ha, ha, very much to his displeasure, usually having the desired effect though, from the pride they seem to take in keeping clean thereafter.

Until I get another chance to write I must cut this short for now and get out in line for a few more articles which I turned in on account of misfits etc. befor ewe leave here we will be fully equipped with two complete uniforms, 1 overcoat, 1 rain coat, 1 pair heavy shoes, 1 pair dress shoes, hat, helmet, three suits heavy underwear, three light weight, 5 pair sox, 3 towels, 1 suit overalls, pack carrier, mess kit and rifle, (they are packed now for shipment). Everything else we will take along with us.

Buster evidently has lost some sleep judging from his conduct in church, ha, ha. He will be gone for a long time so now is his only chance to have his fun or let him go to it.

When you have time just warm up your mill again for I surely enjoy your letters, every one.

Ever your friend
Rob't. Lloyd M. Symons,
39th Eng'rs Co. B.
Camp Upton, L. I.
New York.

N. B.—I am not in Bk 37th any more.

FARMERS 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 I am 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 Eccentric office, and at Whitehead & Standart Co.'s.

R. E. SWEET,
195 Chandler Avenue, Detroit, Mich., or Birmingham, Mich., or Farmington, Mich.

THE JOHN ROBINSON SHOW.

It takes much to make up a big circus. Many and all kinds of aremic stunts are needed for the continuous accupancy of three rings and two stages at the same time, and every season must bring new circus novelties. Each circus aims to present at least one distinctive feature, while the John Robinson Circus, which is coming to Detroit on May 29 and 30, next and will offer one of the most comprehensive circus programs ever conceived, embracing fully 50 features.

To attempt to credit any one single display as the leader of this wonderful show, however, would seem to be a rather fine drawn decision and greater justice would be done by referring to the entire vast concourse as an unending "veritable sensation."

So numerous are the celebrities, and so many are the troupes and individual engaged in semi-similar feats from ground acrobatics to aeroplaning and what not in the great canvas dome. From lofty equilibrium topsy-turvy thrillers, to safer, saner deeds of dexterity on the two spacious platforms; from the graceful evolutions of the flock of flying ladies to the grotesque falls and capers of the pantomimic comics; from the herds of lumbering elephants to the prize stables of gracefully gaited thoroughbreds; from the fleet-footed bare-back racers and their daring female riders to the pretty little Shetlands and their grimacing monkey mounts, bewildered spectators leave the great white tents with naught but a unanimous verdict, "John Robinson's Circus is some show."

IS GRATEFUL.

Gentlemen:

Your hearty, unselfish, patriotic cooperation in the publicity work incident to the Third Liberty Loan campaign brought splendid results.

I wish to extend to you the sincere thanks, not only of this bureau but of the entire Liberty Loan organization.

Cordially yours,
WILBERT I. NESTER,
Director of Publicity.

Good for the Whole Family.

Every family requires a safe and reliable cough and cold remedy. Mrs. John Potter, 20 Shupe Street, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, writes: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar for colds for years and highly recommend it to all families." Contains no opiates. Checks bronchial and grip coughs, croup and whooping cough. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

Although the United States has purchased more War Savings and Thrift stamps than Great Britain it must be remembered that in view of our population we ought to buy twice as many of these miniature bonds which the government has for sale.

A special effort is being made to acquaint everyone of the sale of War Savings and Thrift stamps in denominations of $5 and twenty-five cents respectively. Each one you buy is a loan to the government and an aid to the thousands of soldiers and sailors who are risking their lives.

A War Savings Stamp is a government promise to pay you $5 on the first of January, 1923. During 1918 you can buy them for $4.13 to $4.23, the difference being the interest you would get, compounded quarterly. If you should want your money back before the first of January, 1923, you can get it back, with interest from any money order postoffice upon ten days written demand.

Thrift Stamps are sold to you for quarters, but they do not draw interest. After you have purchased sixteen, however, you can turn in your Thrift card and get in its place a War Savings Stamp, which bears interest as stated above, upon paying a slight amount, which varies from twelve to twenty-three cents, according to the month of your exchange.

Mr. McAdoo, the secretary of the treasury, is having the postoffice department mail out interesting cards telling every householder about these savings stamps, and the information above is taking from his appeal. You should heed it, and buy as many as you can regularly. You are not fighting; but you can help in this way, and we feel sure that you will.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES.

REV. CHARLES H. M'CURDY, RECTOR.

May 26, Trinity Sunday, 10:30. Service for use in time of war and holy communion.

12 m. Church school.

7:30 p. m. Evening prayer.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Birmingham Club Sundays 11:00 a. m.

Sunday School same hour.

Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

EARL R. RICE, PASTOR.

Regular worship at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 12 noon. Epworth League at 6:30. Evening worship 7:30 The prayer meeting is held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

"The Crowns of Jesus" will be the sermon theme at 10:30. "The Old Guard", will be the subject for the sermon at 7:30. The latter is a Memorial day theme and the pastor and people unite in inviting the public to this service. Every possible respect should be paid to the nation's honored dead and the kindest remembrances be given to the surviving veterans of our great civil war.

ONE OF FEATURES

Body-Building Contest at Michigan State Fair—Many Entries Made for 1918 Show.

That the obsession for physical perfection has been intensified in the American youth since the participation of the United States in the great world's conflict, is evidenced by the increasing number of entries in the Body Building Contest conducted annually by the Michigan State Fair. Although in former years the interest has been great, it is surpassing all expectations for 1918. Participants from every corner of the State have sent in their entry blanks and competition in the ensuing contest will be so keen that marvelous results will be necessary for a place among the prize winners. According to G. W. Dinckinson, Secretary-Manager of the Michigan State Fair, under whose personal supervision the event is being staged, the war is responsible for the extraordinary interest shown.

"The young men have found they can best serve their country if they are in perfect physical condition", he explained, "It is their great patriotism, bursting forth which has caused them to take up the work of rebuilding their bodies. The girls have come to realize that they can be of greater use in the work being allotted them during the war if their physical condition is improved. The older men and women have been spurred on by the enthusiasm of the younger people and as a consequence every one is taking up the work."

More than 50 entries have been received in this contest. Among the women entered, Miss Mary Fuller of Linden, Michigan, is the heavyweight at the opening of the contest. She now tips the scales above the 200 pound mark, and will attempt to reduce over 40 pounds within the coming four months. Many other contestants are much under weight and will endeavor to gain sufficient flesh to enable them to comply with the standards of a perfect man or woman as outlined by the physical culture experts.

REGARDING RUBBER TIRES.

Asked regarding Government restrictions on the importation of rubber, and the endeavor of tire manufacturers in co-operation with the Government to restrict the manufacture of unnecessary tire sizes, Mr. J. C. Weston, Vice President and Director of Sales of the United States Tire Company said:

"The intention of the Government in the control and restriction of the importation of rubber is to conserve shipping space, and the program that has been laid before the manufacturers of rubber goods has won their unanimous support for the War Trade Board and the Shipping Board.

"In addition, the manufacturers of tires are heartily co-operating with the Government program for the eventual elimination of unnecessary tire sizes. This elimination will simplify the problem for each user of the motor car of reducing his cost and making it possible for him to secure the tire size he needs, in good time, more readily than the market and manufacturing conditions now permit.

"Plans for the withdrawal of certain tire sizes from use by manufacturers of motor cars will not in any way interfere with the manufacture and distribution of the tires to users who need those particular sizes at any time."

Mr. Weston was very insistent in his statement that there is nothing in the present or probable future situation to occasion the slightest apprehension of a shortage of tires for legitimate use.

"However, there never was a time," he said, "when users of motor cars could so well serve the nation as by making the most of their cars in legitimate commercial and passenger service and refusing to hoard or unnecessarily anticipate their needs in tires or other motor car supplies."

Mr. Weston called attention to the fact that the Government has not at present time imposed any restrictions on the use of motor cars by the automobilists of the country, but has relied on the patriotism of the car-owners to exercise a proper discretion in the use of their vehicles, with a view to conserving their cars and tires. Mr. Weston is of the opinion that the motorists of the country can be trusted to cut down mere pleasure-riding to a minimum and to take every possible step to save tires, oil and gasoline.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

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

Pester, Mrs. R. F. D. (Sunny Brook Road).
Peusler Mrs. J. W.
Reid, Miss Edith.
Smith, Mrs. Louis.
Taylor, M. F.
Webster, Claude.

POST CARDS.

Allen, Ruth.
Carr, Leona.
Overholt, Walter.
Richards, Miss Alice.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, inclose 5 cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

"THE SPARK OF LIFE."

On Friday evening the 31st of May at 8 o'clock the Junior Class will present its annual play, entitled "The Spark of Life" in the auditorium of the Baldwin High School.

Peter Van Tassel, an eccentric, old toymaker, has perfected a wonderful mechanical doll which he calls his masterpiece. It is made in the image of his niece Clarice and is a most lifelike creation. He has become possessed with the idea that he can endow it with life and his search for the life principle is rapidly undermining his reason. While he is beloved by his son, Algy, and his niece, Clarice he is henpecked by his second wife, who has no sympathy with his life work.

Bud Barlow, a college youth in love with Clarice, realizes the seriousness of his condition and consults a physician. He is advised to make Peter believe that he has succeeded in his search, and then, by a sudden shock or revelation, restore the old man's reason. Peter has made up his mind to call to his aid the power of the Evil One and Bud plots with Clarice to disguise himself as Mephisto and have her impersonate the doll that comes to life.

It works Apparently the doll comes to life and Peter is delighted. He plans to have her marry his son Algy. The mysterious stranger appears, and Peters, thinking he is trying to steal his invention, drives him away. Many complications ensue. Mrs. Van Tassel falls in love with His Satanic Majesty, making Clarice jealous, Toots, the house maid, who is in love with Algy, also becomes jealous when she sees Algy making love to Clarice. Then the Masterpiece disappears and Peter is left disconsolate with his plans all gone awry.

So Bud abandons his disguise and is shuned by everyone except Toots, who plans with him to bring the lovers together again. Clarice confesses to Peter the deception played upon him. At first he is overcome with disappointment, but gradually his reason asserts itself and makes a new man of him. He resolves to give up his useless search and to no longer be ruled by his shrewish wife. Bud assists in the reconciliation of Toots an Algy and is about to straighten out his own tangled love affair when the mysterious stranger again appears with information which threatens to upset everything. However, love triumphs; Peck is betrothed to Dora Mee and the three couples are reunited.

Peter, now master of his household, surveys the couples and concludes that at last he has found the spark of Life for which he has been searching, in the love affairs of the young folks.

s 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.

E. L. Torrey has gone to Clarkston to spend a few days.

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REV. WILLIAM C. MCKNIGHT, PASTOR

For Sunday, May 19, services will be held in the Tabernacle as usual, the pastor speaking at both services.

10:30 a. m. Divine worship and sermon. Subject: "Repressed Lives and Their Compensation."

12 m. Sunday school. Adult Bible class. A class for everyone.

7:45 p. m. Note the hour. Evening service. Sermon: "God's Ideal."

Strangers always welcome.

Those without a church home are invited to worship with us.

"The church of the Friendly Hand. shake."

Mr. Cecil Hendrick of Clifford, Mich., brother-in law of Mrs. Lucy Ward Hendrick, is dead. He went to Camp Custer, and in five weeks was brought back and given a military funeral, conducted by the Tuscola County officers. His death was caused by an attack of pneumonia.

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Public worship at 10:30 a. m. The pastor is to bring the message.

Bible school at 11:45. A class and a welcome for all.

Junior League for the children at 2:30 p. m.

Young People's meeting at 7:30. You will be profited, if you attend.

Evening hour of worship 7:30, sermon by pastor.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:45.

The church where you will be helped, helpful, happy.

Chaplan F. F. Kraft of Camp Custer has been home on a furlough.

Clarence Petteys, of Novi, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Justice A. W. Campbell's court to a charge of driving his automobile without a license and paid $5 fine and $8 costs.

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