Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and activities. Service men, scattered about the country, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed inducted man is of interest.

Classifications Nov. 8

Below are listed names of registrants together with their classifications as made or changed by Local Board No. 7:

1-A

Gus T. Mitchell and Harry Limbocker.

1-H

John Fletcher and John Whitney.

2-A

Hall Ellsworth Packard and Arthur W. Bull.

3-A

Frank White.

The following men have been officially reported enlisted and removed from classifications previously reported and classification pending receipt of Home Address Report 166. Upon receipt of same they will be placed in Class 1-C.

John Allen Reid, Joseph Morris Doughty, Morris Knight Winborn, Frank Joseph Savage, Joseph H. McCulloch, Jr., Kenneth Edward Knight, Clayton Burt Howe, David Paul Warrilow, Lawrence Bailis Lackey, Jr., Norman Lownds, Benjamin Coolidge, Kenneth Charles Jones, Joseph Borovsky, Don Leslie Knox, Eugene David Parmenter, John Kirkwood Martin, John Westfield Gillette, 3rd, John Wesley Bell, Roy Bates McCutcheon, Jr.

ENLISTS IN AIR CORPS

Robert Mack, former Eccentric employee and brother of the late Lieut. Garrett Mack, who died in a Texas plane crash about a year ago, has enlisted in the Air Corps. He starts among the ground forces, but hopes to become an air cadet later.

Navy Relaxes Standards

A relaxation of physical standards for enlistments in the U. S. Navy and the Naval Reserve was announced this week by the Navy Department. In commenting on this action, the Navy Department announcement stated that numerous men who in past months have sought to enlist and have been rejected on the basis of minor physical defects will, because of the modification of physical standards, be encouraged to re-apply for enlistment, in either the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve for the duration of the emergency.

The Navy Department has requested that any person knowing of young men who had been barred from enlistment in the Navy or the Naval Reserve because of minor physical reasons should bring this modification in physical requirements to the attention of these young men.

All applicants accepted with defects requiring correction will be hospitalized. After correction of these defects recruits will be returned to their Training Stations at the earliest practicable time.

Fort Leonard Wood

Editor, The Eccentric:

Now that we are at war, we are having more field work. Thursday night we went out on problem. It was a night occupation of a position and we left the barracks at 6:30 and went to the garage to be assigned to different trucks. We drove out past Bloodland, Mo., and took cover in an orchard, stayed there awhile and then went on to a new position. We were in blackout all the time, but there was snow on the ground and it made it easier to see the truck ahead. We hid in the woods, while the firing batteries took up their positions. I had to guard the road and to let the other trucks know when it was time to leave. It was rather cold and the automatic rifle I was carrying got quite heavy, but it was a good experience.

Furloughs

We were told that only half of the men will get leaves for the holidays. All the names were put in a hat and 13 were drawn out for each holiday. I was lucky enough to get a furlough for New Year's. I will get seven days starting Dec. 28. I hope they don't change it, as I would like very much to get home.

We are to have M.P.T. tests now on anything that they have given us so far.

We have to salute the car of the General even if he isn't in it. There is a flag mounted on the front of the car, and if it is cased, we don't have to salute; if it is uncased we are supposed to salute.

PVT. JACK TERRELL
2nd Service
177th F. A.
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

WHAT CODE MEANS

The classification code is as follows: 1-A, ready for induction; 1-B, available for limited service; 1-C already in service; 1-H, men over 28 years of age July 1, 1941.

2-A, necessary men in training or in industry; 2-B, defense workers. 3-A, those with dependents. 4-A, those who have completed service; 4-B, taking advanced military training in school; 4-C, aliens; 4-D, divinity students and clergymen; 4-F, unfit.

Fort Oglethorpe

(Parents of Pvt. Duane A. Meeker, Co. C, 65th Medical Reg., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., received the following letter this week, a part of which is printed herewith.)

No More "Civies"

The order came through this afternoon that we had to get rid of our civilian clothes by next Saturday morning. Sure glad I haven't any here. We have to wear our Army clothes all the time now. Any soldier found with civilian clothes is classed as a deserter now.

The news of the war didn't seem to change things here too much as the soldiers go. They were kind of quiet for awhile and finally a lot of them went to the show. The soldiers around here took it better than the civilians did. Things around here are all normal except the talk has changed as far as the topics. Now the fellows seem to have changed. Most of them seem glad that war was declared. They feel that they are working now for a certain goal. The only thing I can say is that I am ready ~~to go as~~ soon as they want me, also I am glad that I have had eight months training (eight months tomorrow) instead of only a few weeks.

P. S. All the fellows in the 65th feel the same as I do; they are all ready and willing.

Inflamed

"So your wife keeps a light burning until you come home at 4 in the morning?

Yes, the light of battle in her eyes."

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office, in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 4th day of December, 1941.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Elizabeth Ward Davies, Deceased.

Arthur Claxton, Executor of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition, praying for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is Ordered, That the 5th day of January, 1942, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby Appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear before said Court, at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted;

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
FLORENCE DOTY,
Register of Probate
JOHN E. MARTZZ,
Attorney at Law,
717 Penobscot Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.

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LAST INSTALLMENT OF THE

Christian Science Lecture

given Nov. 30, in the Baldwin High School Auditorium, by Mr. Richard J. Davis, of San Jose, Calif.

Everyone instinctively wants to be happy, and yet if you were to ask the average person, "Are you happy? Are you completely satisfied and contented?" in a large majority of cases the answer would not be affirmative, but negative. Look at the faces of those whom you meet and pass in the crowded streets of the city. Do we see there the evidence of joy and serenity? Not very often. As long as man believes he is separated from God, it is also clear that he is separated from happiness.

Everyone is entitled to be scientifically happy, scientifically well, and scientifically prosperous. But if we study the experiences of human beings, almost everywhere there appears to be a sense of incompleteness—something missing, something necessary that appears to be lacking. What is poverty but the belief that man is incomplete, that God has not provided him with the sense of complete supply and substance? The cry of humanity today seems to be: "I lack; I desire; I want; give me success; give me peace; give me satisfaction; give me companionship." Even with little children, we sometimes see this manifestation of incompleteness expressing itself in fretfulness and discontent. Every evidence of lust, longing, or false appetite may be traced to the belief that man is reaching out for completeness, for something of which he believes he has been deprived and which he greatly desires. In his true being, the natural state of man as the complete expression of Father-Mother God is possession. He possesses, and he knows he possesses, all good. He is not a state of longing or desire. No one can be lonesome or alone when he perceives his proper relationship to, and unity with, God. No one can be homeless, homesick, or friendless, if he has demonstrated spiritually his completeness as an expression of God. So, if any of you find yourself in a mental state of longing, of desire, or of restlessness, cast your net on the right side. Declare gratefully what you know to be the fact about yourself. Man is not a state of longing or of incompleteness, but is the natural and eternal possession of all good.

If Life is God, it certainly has no dark side—only joy and anticipation of good. Ask yourself: If God is one and infinite good, is there any logical basis for the expectancy of evil? What can come to us from God, good, but good? What must we expect today? Good. What tomorrow? Good. Next week, next month, next year? Good, more good; good in infinite measure. It should be noted here, too, that we have a legitimate expectancy of good, not because we simply believe, but because we know that God is good.

Now, where is this good coming from? As a matter of fact, it isn't coming from any place; it is already here. If it came to us from some place, again we would be thinking from the standpoint of a distant God, and there might be some uncertainty as to whether good could reach us. Christian Science shows us that, since good is omnipresent, this good is appearing and constantly appearing right where you and I are thinking. It appears as spiritual, healing, helpful ideas, unfolding in and as your consciousness—the evidence of your inseparable unity with omnipresent Mind.

This question of disposition reminds me that, as long as we are on that subject, it might perhaps be just as well to say a word about what is known as temperament. I wonder if any of you have a temperament in your family or perhaps you yourself are upholding the honor of the family in that respect. The phrase "artistic temperament" has a fine sound, but it does not work out so well in practice. We have discovered that prima donnas and leading ladies are not the only ones upon whom mortal mind has conferred the artistic temperament. It is a strange thing, too, how people frequently imagine that the artistic temperament is a badge of distinction.

Mortal mind, in its pretense to be a creator, appears to confer upon some human beings a certain amount of artistic ability, and then at the same time loads them down with a lot of afflictive and unlovely qualities, under the name of disposition or temperament. It tries to make us accept the belief that, because a man or woman is inspirational or gifted artistically, he must also be the victim of moods, tantrums, and mercurial emotions. Indeed, false human thinking has saddled upon many great and talented individuals some of the most afflictive beliefs of disposition.

The understanding of man's inseparability from God naturally does away with all of this. It shows us that there could not possibly be such a thing as an afflictive inheritance, a temper or temperament. Is it conceivable that the divine Mind could at any time be in a state of up or down? Is depression a characteristic that man reflects from God? Why, my friends, if it were possible for you or me to walk through the corridors of infinite Being, we would never find depression or unhappiness. Joy is the very nature of God's being, and it is forever yours and mine by reflection. Man has no underived capacity. There is not a single quality or characteristic that he does not possess through divine inheritance; therefore, we see how everyone may legitimately express all the artistic qualities of God, the art side of God, and at the same time manifest the purity, peace, and harmony that should logically be allied with spiritual and inspirational unfoldment.

One may be artistic, spontaneous and inspirational, and still be poised. Poise is a wonderful quality under any circumstances, but it is particularly so as understood in Christian Science. It is that expression of divine Mind which means serenity and the majesty of calmness. When you are expressing spiritual poise, it indicates that you have cast your net on the right side—that you are maintaining and claiming the one Mind as your Mind by reflection. Poise is the indication that you are recognizing one governing divine Principle and law, and that you are letting Principle assert itself as your consciousness.

As long as men believe that they have private minds and private intellects, and permit themselves to be governed by the uncontrolled force of human impulse and will, it is not surprising that this kind of thinking externalizes itself in evil and arbitrary form of government. The Psalmist wrote, "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts." And so today, as we contemplate the entire world in a state of fear and discord, we realize that men seem to be learning through affliction and suffering, as did the king of Babylon, that human will and evil mental manipulation cannot set aside the divine fact that the one Mind alone rules in the kingdom of men and that, whether they acknowledge it or not, God alone is the governor among the nations. Through the discipline of human experience, they are being forced to bring God into their thinking. Even if human beings attempt to outlaw God and what they call religion, they cannot annul the inescapable government of divine Principle.

Christian Science reveals the fact that government, if it is to be right, must find its source and expression in the consciousness of the individual, and that as man recognizes himself as the reflection or manifestation of Principle he will be properly self-governed.

What is government? Is it matter or mind? Without mind there would be no government, either good or bad. It is the aggregate thinking of the citizens which determines the kind of government we have humanly, but we must remember that this is only a belief of government. God's government is going on, regardless of what the material senses are attempting to affirm. Right thinking, and that, of course, means thinking that has its basis in divine Mind, constitutes today the actual government of the world. Therefore, in the measure that our thinking approximates the divine standard, it is aligned with the law, power, and government of God. Regardless of what appears as government or man-made law, true spiritual knowing is the only potent factor in any situation. We learn, therefore, in Christian Science to spiritually maintain the facts of divine government, and each one of us must cast out the fears and doubts that would tempt us to believe in the power and reality of evil. "For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?"

Today, if we accepted what the testimony of the senses presents, we might be tempted to believe that evil had both place and power in the affairs of mankind; but we are not idolaters. Spiritual understanding demands that we stand squarely on the great command, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." There are not two Gods—a good God and an evil one. There is just one; and so we stand unwaveringly on the divine fact—one God, one Mind, one government, one divine consciousness—and work from that great premise.

Spiritual understanding shows us how we may live from the standpoint of infinity, how we may think from the standpoint of infinity. Lifting thought to that spiritual altitude, can there be such a thing as hate or war in the infinite universe of good? Is it conceivable that infinite Love would express itself in discord or conflict? Is infinite Spirit having a world depression or economic turmoil? If we lift our thinking to the hills of spiritual revelation whence truly cometh our help, what do we see and recognize? Just one infinite consciousness, declaring and uttering its divine glory, in harmony and order; infinite Love, expressing itself in abundance of good, and peace for all.

"I Hope, I Hope, I Hope"

A film star met a producer on a Hollywood boulevard.

"How's business?" asked the star.

"Why," cried the producer, "It's stupendous, it's colossal, it's dynamic, it's unprecedented . . . it'll be better next week."

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1941.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of August Heinze, Deceased.

Hattie Davenport, executrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition, praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the second day of March, 1942, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy.)
FLORENCE DOTY,
Probate Register.
CLARENCE W. BLENMAN, Atty.,
Wabeek Bldg.,
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People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

Tells Us to Forget Our Differences

Editor, The Eccentric:

A delegation from post 2645 of Birmingham V. F. W., attended the 5th district rally at Royal Oak, Sunday, Dec. 14.

State Commander Britton and other state officers were present, with the 5th district officers presiding.

Commander Britton reminded post commanders and members now that we are in the war, he would like to see all veterans posts American Legion, D. A. Vs, Canadian Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in unity, for in unity we stand, divided we fall.

He also stated that not only in the veterans, but in all organizations for us to forget that we are Democrats, Republicans, Senators or Representatives, manufacturers, union members or veterans and help defeat the dictators that are trying to destroy our way of living.

He said that it is our sons that are going to defend us this time. So let us do our share with keeping the wheels rolling and buy defense bonds.

R. K. LEWIS
Post Publicity Chairman
V. F. W. Birmingham

Applauds Concert By Glee Club

Editor, The Eccentric:

The Christmas program presented by the Baldwin High School glee club last Tuesday night deserves special recognition. Birmingham is very fortunate in having teachers in the High School who are definitely raising a cultural standard of beautiful music with most appropriate stage arrangements.

It is to be regretted that the comfort and refreshment the program offered those that attended was not shared with hundreds of others who, in this crucial hour, must seek some strength and solace somewhere. We can find momentary distraction in certain pleasures, but I cannot call to mind any delight more healing than lovely Christmas music reverently and artistically performed by our own sons and daughters.

These young people and those who heard them know that Christmas really belongs to Christ. How I wish that all the youth of our nation had the spiritual armor of a great faith in God to sustain them in the days ahead!

GERTRUDE CORSON
(Mrs. H. H.)
Past Pres. High School
P. T. A.

Andy Varipapa Bowls Here Today

This is ANDY VARIPAPA, country's outstanding trick shot bowling artist, who will appear Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Birmingham Alleys. He holds a record of 49 perfect games; a world's exhibition average of 275 for six games. He will give instructions to any one at the Birmingham Alleys from 1 o'clock to 5:00 o'clock and will give a trick and fancy bowling exhibition at 11 p. m.

Thanks Eccentric For Assistance

Editor, The Eccentric:

The executive board of the Birmingham Community Council wishes to thank The Birmingham Eccentric for the co-operation it has given the Council. Both Miss Umphrey and Mr. Harwood have been patient and understanding in helping us publicize the Institute, giving us a great deal of their time and effort in order to make the aims and function of the Council and the Institute clear to the public.

We realize that much of the success we have had so far has been due to the never failing aid and understanding the press has given us. We hope that in the near future the Council and the Institute will achieve the perfection which The Eccentric holds out to us as our goal, so that its faith in us will be rewarded.

LUCILE WALCUTT
(Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt)
President of the Birmingham Community Council

Campaign Against "Careless Talk"

MONTREAL—"Don't help Hitler through careless talk" is the substance of a message in card form which will be placed in conspicuous positions in every sleeping, parlor and dining car as well as every coach operated through the Canadian National Railways System. The message, adopted from a government poster, is brief and direct, reading: "Warning. Careless talk may help the enemy. Do not discuss ship movements, defense plans, munitions, factories, troop movements, harbor facilities, aircraft production, supply stores. Be on your guard."

Happenings of Long Ago

50 Years Ago
Dec. 17, 1891

"Frank Jenks and Ed Schanhite went out on a quiet little hunt one day last week and only killed fifty-four rabbits. Alas, poor bunny!"

Maudie Hood has gone on a visit to Richburg, Allegan county, N. Y. to see her uncle, Benjamin Hood.

Mrs. S. J. Harris and Mrs. G. H. Mitchell returned yesterday from an Alabama visit of three weeks and expressed themselves as more than pleased with their trip to the sunny south and their entertainment while there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lyttle and baby, of Lawton, are visiting Mrs. Ed Chamberlin.

25 Years Ago
Dec. 15, 1916

William J. McKinney, aged 79 years, of Bates street, died at his home on Friday, Dec. 6.

Work on the new Baldwin High School building was progressing well, and date for completion of the edifice was set at Sept. 1, 1917.

Mrs. Phoebe Tillison, of Pontiac, has been a recent guest at the home of Mrs. Sarah White, on Hamilton avenue.

Ellsworth Plumstead had returned from a trip South.

James Wooster had moved his family from Ann street to a new home on Poppleton avenue.

Mrs. John Wilkinson left for Keuka, Fla., to join Mr. Wilkinson, who was already there. They were to spend the winter in Florida.

George Johnson, of Birmingham, who was attending Olivet College, was recently elected captain of the football team there in 1917.

5 Years Ago
Dec. 17, 1936

Outstanding among the honor students graduating from Baldwin High School in January were Charles Boynton and Mary Sdunek, valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

Five young people were hurt in accident late Sunday evening and Jean Mills, 14-year old Barnum school student, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills of Bird avenue, was fatally injured.

Hawking newspapers from early in the morning until late evening, approximately 50 "newsboys" recruited from the ranks of business and professional men here succeeded in collecting nearly $1,000 for the Goodfellows' annual paper sale to aid needy children and indigent families.

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