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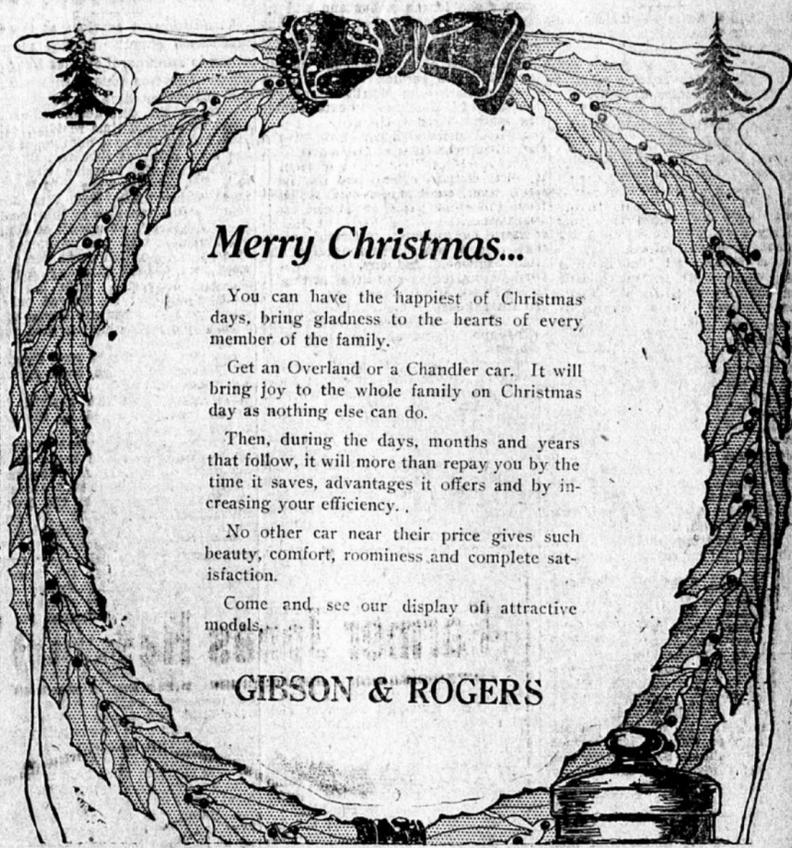
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## From the Boys

John Harrison, Paris, France  
Dr. L. L. Bond has kindly handed us the following letter recently received from his son, John Harrison, which is very interesting and which we are pleased to publish. Private Harrison had the interesting experience of being in Paris when the armistice was celebrated, and needless to say it will be a long remembered occasion with him. He had the good fortune to meet A. F. Boylan recently who is a Y. M. C. A. truck driver.

Paris, France, Nov. 23, 1918.

My Dear Dad:

Received two letters from you the other day. One was written in September and sent to New York. The other was mailed in October and sent direct. Mighty glad to learn that you are keeping well and enjoying life. I think you had better teach Florence to drive the car, you will be killing yourself if you don't look out. You were mighty fortunate in not getting hurt when you upset.

Everything is going along smoothly over here. Don't know just how soon I will be able to return to the states. It will not be for some time yet I don't think. There is lots to be done over here and a bunch of us will have to remain to do it.

Have been in Paris ever since I came over and the prospects are that I will remain here for some time. An assistant manager of the largest Y garage in France so you see I have quite a good position. I would rather be out in the field however and if the opportunity presents itself I shall ask for a transfer to field work. This job is not bad though for this time of the year.

I will never regret being in Paris when the armistice was signed. It was history in the making and I was in on the ground floor. If you happen to see any movies of the celebration in Paris after the armistice was signed you can make up your mind I was in the thickest of it somewhere. Paris is a lovely city but for me it don't hold a candle to little old Joliet. I will return to the states thinking more of our country and flag than ever before. It takes about 3,000 miles separation to make one really appreciate what a grand and glorious country the U. S. A. really is.

My chief amusement over here is the boxing bouts staged every Tuesday night at the big Y hut in Paris. Bloody noses, black eyes and knock outs are weekly features. I'll bet you would like them yourself. Every other night in the week they have vaudeville and movies for the boys. There is plenty of good wholesome amusement for our men over here and they surely take advantage of it. They are a mighty clean bunch of fellows all the way through and I am proud of every one of our soldier boys. They came over here clean and are going back the same way and every one of them will be a better man when he returns.

The other night I was sitting up

here in my office when a Y truck driver came in and sat down. We talked about the work and things in general for about half an hour and then I asked him what part of the states he was from. You can imagine my surprise when he informed me he was from Denison, Iowa. I was so surprised that all I could say was "the h—l you are; do you know Dr. Bond?" He informed me that you were one of the best friends he had in Denison and then asked me if my name was John Harrison. He said you saw him just before he left and told him to be sure and look me up. We had quite a talk about all of you folks at home and I certainly enjoyed my visit with him. He left the next morning with his truck for Chaumont where he will be stationed. I forgot to mention that his name is Boylan.

Hope you heard from Fay by this time. When you write to him tell him to look me up through Y headquarters in Paris if he has the opportunity to visit this city.

There are quite a bunch of Masons in the Y service over here and we have a large Masonic club. We are going to have a regular old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner next Thursday so I am looking forward to that day. I would hate to spend it alone in this burg. It would not take much to make me homesick over here and the only way I can keep from it is to keep busy. I have made quite a few friends over here but there are none like the ones at home. We will go back to them and the others will pass out of our lives. We are getting in about a hundred new trucks this week so we have been quite busy unloading them.

The weather is fine here now. The only thing is it is quite damp even on bright sunny days. Am getting acclimated however and don't mind it at all now. When it is cold here it is a damp penetrating sort of a cold and goes right through you. Am having a struggle with the French language. I know lots of French words but the verbs and adverbs, etc., get my goat. I can frame a few sentences now but every time I try one on a Frenchman he thinks I can talk French and comes back at me with a line of sixty mile an hour French that I could not get in a year. The other day in a restaurant I asked for what I thought was roast veal and I got boiled rice. I looked wise, however, and ate it without a word. No use talking back, they would not know what I said. Sugar is very scarce over here and we all carry a little box of it when we go into a restaurant. Butter is not served at all and we have to have bread tickets in order to get bread. We get the tickets in sheets and tear off one coupon for each meal. I am sending you one of them so you can see what they are like. Bread in French is "Du Pain."

Must close now and do a little work. With best love to you and Florence. John.

12 Rue D'Aguesseau, Paris, France.

Sgt. Lucas A. Weeks, France  
A. C. Weeks has received another letter from his son, Lucas, who is with the 23d engineers in France. The

letter was written November 18th, about one week after the signing of the armistice. Luke spent the past few weeks in active warfare and experienced some very thrilling adventures according to his letter.

Dun, Sur Meuse, France, Nov. 16, 1918.

Dear Father and Mother:

Well Dad, the kid has been through a lot of what Sherman said war was. Since I wrote you the last time I've been on the front for five weeks, and have taken part in the last big drive on the Meuse river, in the Argonne, Verdun front. On the morning of November 1st, at 2 o'clock, our artillery opened fire on a thirty-five kilometer front. To try and explain to you just what it was like would be impossible. But if you can use your imagination I will say that if you can think of an old dump wagon loaded with tin cans full of rocks and being pulled over a bridge that the planking had never been nailed on, then multiply that by a couple of hundred and then get the ground to rolling in waves, and you will have a slight idea of what we gave Fritz for three solid hours. We caught thousands of them in a box barrage and when we moved up they threw up their hands and cursed the kaiser as staunchly as any Americans ever did. It was the greatest thing ever. It is mighty different though when the hun is laying his shells over into your camp and you are wondering when the one with your number on will come along. We spent three days and nights under constant shell fire of four 1 long range high explosive guns. They gave us gas and H E and then their damned aeroplanes came over and dumped air bombs onto us at night. One morning about ten days ago while by platoon was working at one end of the road repairing pot holes a machine came over and began to give us a bath from its machine gun. I got the boys all under cover and none of them were hit, but that devil had an American aeroplane and went right up the road about a half mile where an observation balloon was in the air and they sure got their sausage pumped full of holes. An air craft gun opened up and in about five minutes Mr. Hun was a pile of junk. It is quite a sight to see a plane fall from a couple of thousand feet. They sure do come down. I've seen three tumble since we've been here. But thank God it is all over.

We are billeted in an old German barracks just north of Dun on the Meuse river. We moved in two days after Fritz had moved out so we didn't have many repairs to make other than patching up a few shell holes and covering the openings where the window glass had been broken out.

I'm feeling fine as can be, Dad, and hope I may be on my way home in at least a couple of months. Love to all, Your boy, Luke. Sgt. Lucas A. Weeks, Co. F, 23d Engineers, Amer. E. F.

Patriotic Citizen writes to ask if it is necessary for him to stand up in bed when the young folks next door play the Star Spangled Banner at midnight.

## GOODRISH ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winey were Denison visitors Thursday. Heman Newcom marketed hogs one day this week.

Mr. Samuelson marketed hogs Saturday.

Myers Hansen is slowly improving, which is good news to his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winey and family went to Denison Friday to meet Rev. Ralston and wife, of Chicago, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Newcom. Their many friends will be glad to hear they are well and will go on to a charge near Sioux City soon.

John Fink and family are now on the sick list. We feel this community has indeed been very fortunate as all have recovered from the flu, although some have been very ill.

Mr. Rathje's family is getting along nicely. His brother came to assist in the care of them.

Eldridge and Leo Winey attended the picture show while in Denison Friday evening.

Fred Rickman has purchased the house on the Worley lots and will move it across the way on what is now called the Landon lots.

Geo. Beaman was a Denison shopper one day this week.

The landlords who won't rent houses to families having children, dogs or pianos, might be able to lease their places to the undertakers as receiving vaults.



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## Saturday, December 21

Commencing at 10 a. m., the following described property:

### 13 HEAD OF HORSES

One team blacks, mare and gelding, 5 and 8 years old, weight 2900; 1 sorrel and one roan gelding, 5 and 8 years old, weight 2700; 1 bay mare, 6 years old, weight 1500; 1 grey mare, 11 years old, weight 1200; grey gelding, 3 years old, weight 1400; black gelding, 3 years old, weight 1300; grey gelding, 2 years old, weight 1200; roan gelding, 2 years old, weight 1100; one span yearling colts; 1 brown gelding, 6 years old, weight 1100.

### 106 HEAD OF CATTLE

Ten head of good milch cows, part fresh now, balance fresh soon; 50 head of cows and heifers, all in calf to pure bred white face bull; all above cows and heifers are high grade Hereford stock. 46 head of Hereford calves, steers and heifers; 4 good Hereford bull calves.

200 HEAD OF SHOATS; 1500 BUSHEL\$ CORN IN CRIB; 1100 BUSHEL\$ KERSHAN OATS; 15 TONS OF HAY; STALK FIELD AND THREE STRAW STACKS; 8 DOZEN CHICKENS.

### FARM MACHINERY

Two lumber wagons; two seated spring wagon; top buggy; 7 foot McCormick grain binder with tongue truck; Deering mower; two row stalk cutter; seeder; Case corn planter with 100 rods wire; 4 section drag; Dain hay loader; two 4 horse discs; 2 Jerry Lind cultivators; 16 inch walking plow; bob sled; 3 sets work harness; DeLaval cream separator No. 17, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

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