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PAUL NICKERSON WRITES LETTER

Webster City Young Man Writes Interestingly of Trip to Sea and Back—Didn't Get Sea Sick.

SAW THE U. S. S. ARIZONA BOAT

Went to a Dance and "Of Course" Paul Had Best Looking Girl in the Hall.

Paul Nickerson, supply clerk of the 168th Infantry, at Camp Mills, has written an interesting letter to Leslie Clifton of this city which will be of interest to many of the young man's friends here. The letter follows, in part:

Dear Old Pal: I sure have had some real interesting experiences since last writing to you. I imagine you have heard about our little excursion trip upon the water, lasting nine days. Sure was some trip! I only wish it had been a pleasure trip and you and the rest of the bunch could have been with me. I didn't get a bit seasick but you may bet I had a few dizzy spells. The best things was to eat all we could and we sure did that.

We went to sleep one night on the boat and awoke the next morning with no land in sight. And it was nothing but water, water, water for nine days. We ate twice a day, standing in line an hour and a half for each meal. For sleeping we were crowded into bunks in tiers three high and with very narrow aisles between. Poorly ventilated, but we spent most our time on deck. The fresh air was fine.

No News on Boat. One thing I missed was mail. We had no news from the world all those days. We had one rough day and the old boat rolled and pitched like a cradle. That was the day when most of the fellows fed the fishes. We turned around on the eve of the fourth day. The captain came in under the Statue of Liberty and we had a fine view of it. Another sight was the U. S. S. Arizona in New York harbor. Say it sure was a wonderful boat—one of the largest in the navy. All the "Jackies" in blue stood at attention as we passed them. Also saw a number of destroyers. Last Sunday we stood on the pier in Hoboken across the Hudson from New York city. Had a fine view of the famous skyline.

And now here we are at Camp Mills, sleeping in tents in November. Believe me, its sure chilly rolling out these cold mornings. I am still supply clerk, having transferred to the Supply company. Haven't done a thing since we arrived in camp. Our desks are still on the pier and I suppose that means another ocean trip before Christmas and possibly before Thanksgiving.

Had quite a visit with "Pat" Bateman (a Webster City recruit to the aviation service) over in the aviation barracks one night last week. It certainly seemed good to see a face from home.

Was out to a little dance in Masonic Temple in Brooklyn last night. Had a great time and the best looking girl in the hall for a partner and took her. Would like to go over to the city and call on her but for reasons, I'm not going.

Army life is agreeing with me. I never felt better, but will be glad to get back to Webster City to stay. This is the longest I ever was away from home.

Your Old Pal, "Nick." Address: Supply Co., 168th Infantry (Iowa), 84th Brigade, 42nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces, via New York.

Iowa Leads in Food Pledges.

News from Washington is to the effect that Iowa has furnished the spectacular feature of the last 24 hours in the food administration's national family enrollment campaign for voluntary food conservation. With a report of 85,000 additional cards signed, making its total 517,000 families, Iowa is credited with having enlisted 91 per cent of all the families in the state. These figures put Iowa at the head of all the states, both in total enrollments reported and in percentages. In total number it passes Mississippi, which yesterday took the lead from California and in percentage it surpasses Louisiana, which up to this time has stood at the top of the list with 89 per cent. Iowa's goal was 425,000. The states that have made the best records to date are the following: Iowa, 91 per cent; Louisiana, 89;

Rhode Island, 77; Maine, 68; New Hampshire, 66; California, Oregon and Vermont, tied at 63; Missouri, 61.

Lund Writes of "Y" Work.

Murray McMurray, chairman of the organization which Sunday started a drive in Hamilton county to raise \$10,000 for the army Y. M. C. A., is in receipt of a letter from Major Lund, stationed at Camp Cody, New Mexico, telling something of the work done by the "Y" and urging the people to give the movement their unqualified support.

Major Lund's letter is as follows: Headquarters 126th Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., Nov. 4. Mr. Murray McMurray: At the request of Lieut. H. F. Shook, chaplain, I am writing you this in the hope that it will be of some use to you in your work.

To attempt to give to anyone outside the army a correct idea of just what a Y. M. C. A. means, is quite an undertaking on account of the fact that the conditions under which its work is carried on, are not understood, but I will enumerate some of the benefits that can readily be seen.

In the first place, the "Y" is the home of the church, in the army. In the second place it is the harmless loafing place of the men when off duty and, as such a loafing place, it provides not only good things to read, but also the place to write. Then too, are the games and the music and also the organized system under which talents of all kinds are developed and brought out. The scene that is afforded by one of our "Program evenings" is well worth while.

Another feature is this, that the division organizes its athletics under the direction of the "Y."

However, as a last remark, and as the most important thing that can be said about the "Y," I will add that it supplies that "something" to the men, which they think that they own, and which takes their minds off the monotony that surely must come at times, and makes them feel that there is an influence always present that looks out for their welfare and comfort. And it is on this last score more than anything else, that I can heartily recommend the "Y."

Frank J. Lund, Major, Commanding 126th Machine Gun Battalion.

Satter Talks About Soldiers.

F. O. Satter in the Boone Democrat: Here we have been hollering our heads off about sending "smokes to soldiers," books, candies, toilet necessities, etc., and now comes word direct from Camp Dodge that many of the dependent families of soldiers are suffering from absolute necessities of life. And again we say: "send more letters to the boys—they are every one of them perfectly able to care for themselves in the line of cats and smokes." Listen: the lowest paid man in the army gets \$30 a month, board and clothes, and the man who cannot make both ends meet on that account, should be taught how to do it. If every county will use the money that they had expected to put into the company fund—where it will tempt a commissioned officer—if they will keep that money in the county to take care of the dependent families of the men who have gone to the front, there will be no suffering by anyone. No one doubts but what we are proud of the boys, but we don't believe they should be pampered when there are those who are near and dear to them who may be suffering. Here! if we had a race horse in Boone county that we all thought the world of, would we go to feeding him sweets, and other dope that would put him out of the running—just to show our appreciation? Nixey. Not on your checkered career. If you love the boys who are going to do your fighting, write them a cheery letter, have your neighbor, your sister, your brother and all the rest of the family write them letters.

A Promising Story Writer.

A recent issue of "Every Week," a magazine published by the Crowell Publishing Company at Springfield, Ohio, contains an interesting story entitled, "The Last of the Line," from the pen of Miss Bernice Brown of Des Moines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Brown and granddaughter of Mrs. B. F. Miller, all well known old time residents of this city. Miss Brown possesses literary ability of much promise.

The Pleasant Valley or Foster School will give an entertainment and supper at the school house Thursday evening, Nov. 15th. Come. 10d1-14d1 H. A. Maxon, Tr.

C. E. Atkinson has purchased a new 8 cylinder Cadillac roadster.

Sterling belts for gentlemen at Teed & Teed's.

GARAGE AND CAR BURN; BOY HURT

C. F. Gardner Garage and Automobile Destroyed by Fire, Which Also Scorches Hayward Moreau.

BOY ACCIDENTLY SET FIRE

Fumes of Gasoline Catch From Lantern, Carried by Hayward Filling the Car.

The sorely afflicted C. F. Gardner family, who reside at their farm home two miles northwest of town, was again the object of an evil fate Friday evening when Hayward Moreau, the young son of Mrs. Gardner, accidentally set the garage afire, while filling the tank of their Chandler car with gasoline. The boy was painfully burned, and the building as well as the car totally destroyed. The prompt arrival of the city fire department prevented the spread of the flames to the near farm buildings as well as the Gardner home.

Hayward carried a lighted lantern while about his work and the fire was caused by the fumes of gas igniting from the lantern, catching his clothing afire. He rushed to the horse tank and plunged in, extinguishing the flames but not before his hands and arms had been badly, if not deeply, burned and by the time he was able to get back to the garage, the building was wholly aflame as well as its contents.

The arrival of the fire department and many neighbors almost immediately, kept the fire confined to the garage alone, but that this would be possible was dubious for a time. The consternation of members of the family and the anxiety of Mr. Gardner, who is unable to leave his chair while recovering from infantile paralysis, was great indeed.

The Gardner family have experienced more than their share of misfortune during the past several months, during which time Mrs. Gardner's oldest son, Charles Moreau, was accidentally drowned while swimming; Mr. Gardner suffered the treacherous malady from which he is now very slowly recovering and Mrs. Gardner's present very serious illness at Mercy hospital. She is gaining, but so slowly that it is hard to see progress, from an operation on her knee caused by blood poisoning and suffers such constant and intense pain that it is almost unendurable.

City Manager Loag protected Webster City, while the fire truck was at the Gardner farm, by having extra men at the station ready to respond to a call.

A Painful Wound.

F. A. Schroeder, 1001 Bank street, stepped on a rusty nail while installing a set of scales at the Stonega elevator Wednesday, the nail penetrating the foot to the bone. Mr. Schroeder didn't realize the seriousness of his injury and continued work the rest of the day. However, the pain was excessive by night and a physician was called when he returned to his home in this city. All indications of blood poisoning have now disappeared and while very sore the wound promises no further trouble in healing.

Boys Chinese Laundry.

Ling Sam, Webster City's Chinaman, has sold his establishment on First street to Ah Po, who comes to this city from Boone. Ah Po is an experienced laundryman and will continue to give the same service formerly given by Ling Sam, who has run the laundry here for the past eight years. Ling Sam leaves this afternoon and will go from here to Charles City for a visit with his brother and may locate permanently there or at Mason City.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mina K. Lente to Bruno Lente—w-d—w3 nw 29-38-24—\$100.
Mina K. Lente to Dick Lente—w-d—w3 nw w3 ne nw 21-38-24—\$2,850.00.
Mina K. Lente to Harm Lente—w-d—w3 ne e3 ne nw 21-38-24—\$2,850.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindly assistance during our recent sorrow, also for the beautiful floral offerings and all other assistance given us. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Doolittle.

Big type pure bred Poland China male pigs for sale. Priced to sell. J. I. Hoag, two miles west of Kam-sj2r4.

Much Soft Corn.

The government corn crop shows a record breaking yield—sixty-six millions more than the former high mark.

So far as this part of Iowa is referred to it is certain that a large per cent of the corn will be soft. It was green when the long deferred freeze struck it. Since then the weather has not been good for drying it and the chief concern is to keep it from spoiling and use it as fodder. It is believed that the corn is in better shape for feeding than has usually been the case when complaints of soft condition have been general.

That the estimate of forty per cent soft corn out of an unusually big total yield in this section is not talk to "bull" the price of corn is best proved by the preparations that are being made by farmers to keep their livestock and feed the unmarketable corn. All the banks are experiencing a heavy demand for this purpose and the prospects are there will be more beef and pork raised hereabouts than for many years. Not only cattle but hogs are being bought elsewhere to be put on Iowa farms and fattened.

After all is said that may be from disappointment, it is probable that it will turn out to be a blessing in disguise. The world needs meat products and the Hoover food administration is urging stock raisers not to market their cattle and hogs until all the flesh possible has been put on them.

Now without waiting for an arbitrary ratio being established by the government between live stock and grain it will be the natural and profitable thing to do what our leaders want done to secure the needed food for our army and allies.

Elks Give \$2 Apiece to Fund.

Every member of Webster City's Elks lodge, together with the 500,000 others of the country, is giving \$2 toward a \$1,000,000 fund for base hospitals back of the American lines in France. A special commission of the lodge authorized the assessment. A \$60,000 appropriation has been made by the Elks War Relief Commission to purchase equipment for the Red Cross base hospital, which is being organized in connection with the University of Virginia.

Each base hospital has a staff of at least 25 physicians, two dentists and 65 Red Cross nurses. A number of Red Cross base hospitals have been organized, which have not as yet raised sufficient funds for the purchase of necessary equipment. Among these are the base hospitals at San Francisco, Portland, Richmond, Atlanta, Baltimore, Charlottesville, Lexington, Brooklyn. The equipment costs \$60,000.

The movement to raise \$1,000,000 was decided upon by the Elks following a meeting of the Grand Lodge at Boston in July, when a commission was appointed to decide upon some patriotic war service.

The administration of this fund, which is now being raised—and the Webster City lodge has already done its share—has been delegated to the Elks' War Relief commission, which decided upon a plan of cooperation with the Red Cross.

Electric Lights in Stockyards.

The Northwestern has put two large electric lights in its stockyards in this city. No, it wasn't done for the welfare of porcine aristocrats, but for the convenience of shippers.

PRAYER OF A BUSINESS MAN WITH A CONSCIENCE

Teach me that 60 minutes make an hour, 16 ounces one pound, 100 cents one dollar.
Help me to live that I can lie down at night, with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and unharmed by faces of those to whom I have brought pain.
Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and that in earning it I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.
Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts, blind me to the faults of the other fellows, but reveal to me mine own.
Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.
Keep me young enough to laugh with my children.
And when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps, and the crunching of wheels, out in front, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple. "Here lies a man."

SHOOK URGES "Y" FUND NEED

Rev. Harry F. Shook, Formerly of This City, Writes of Need in Camp Cody for More Y. M. C. A. Buildings.

AWAIT THE CAMPAIGN OUTCOME

Now Have But One Building With 500 Seating Capacity to Every 7,000 Men.

Murray McMurray of this city is just in receipt of a very interesting letter from Rev. Harry F. Shook, formerly of Webster City, now an army chaplain at Camp Cody, N. M. The letter follows:

Dear Mr. McMurray:— I am told by the Y. M. C. A. officers here in the camp, that friends of the association work will soon be called on for further contributions for Y. M. C. A. activities in the various army camps and cantonments and I feel sure you will be among the leaders in the campaign for funds in Hamilton county.

Perhaps a little testimony from Camp Cody about the work of the association and the need for more money will be somewhat appreciated. There are five buildings here, each 40x96, and seating probably 500 men. These buildings were put up as cheaply as possible, partly on account of the climate here and the belief that this is only a temporary camp, and partly because Y. M. C. A. authorities were anxious to provide as many buildings as they could with the funds on hand. The plan was to have one "Y" building to every two sections, or regiments. This would furnish a well-lighted auditorium of 500 seating capacity for every 7,000 men, because the new tables or organization in the army give every infantry regiment 3000 men. There are writing tables all around the sides of the building, and benches in the center, with tables for checkers etc., in the rear. Each building is so arranged as to leave clear space for motion pictures thrown on a screen in front from a machine located high up in the rear.

Buildings Too Small.

You can see that a building of this size is wholly inadequate to house the men of the regiments. We tried holding our first regimental church service inside one of these buildings when the Second Iowa first arrived in camp, but there was not room for all who wanted to attend, in our one regiment of only 1200 to 1300 men. Since that first Sunday we've held our meetings out-of-doors, on seats provided by the association in the rear of its buildings. To be sure, there are other units here than infantry, where regiments are not so large. For example, the regiment I am chaplain of—109th Engineers—has a strength of 1950 men when its ranks are full. We have upward of 1600 now. But we have no "Y" building—the nearest is nearly half a mile distant. Perhaps that doesn't seem far, probably the men could walk over there, if they cared enough about it, but this particular building serves two other regiments, and there are, besides, additional troops not strictly in its territory, still nearer than we are.

Need Is Apparent.

You see, the conditions are such that a warm, well-lighted room with congenial companionship, frequent movies, addresses, athletic and social stunts—and a piano—has a very decided appeal. There are eight to ten fellows in a tent 18x18. They are allowed a certain number of candles a week. If they want more light, or other light, they are obliged to furnish it themselves. They can't read with any satisfaction in the tent unless they have several lamps, and writing under these circumstances is not the easiest thing by any means. We are taking up new training, which is sufficiently intensive to fill up the day. Well, the conclusion of the whole matter is that when the hours of loneliness come, right after evening mess and in the dark and chilly evening, most of the fellows want action and recreation, and if they are obliged to walk half a mile to a crowded building, where the fellows of other units feel more at home than they, they will go down town or kill time in other ways.

I have taken up with the association officials, the need of a building in our district, and they tell me that two new buildings will be put up here—one near our regiment—when they have assurance that the campaign for funds will win. So we must wait, if we expect their co-operation, until the

response of the people to this second call is known.

There are several "Y" men in each building—an athletic director, a religious work secretary and counter workers—most of them splendid fellows, and their personal contact with the men is highly valuable. Besides furnishing the building, these men sell stamps and money orders, supply stationery and envelopes, etc.

I cannot too highly commend the work of the association. In many respects it is of direct assistance to the chaplain, and I sincerely hope the good people of Webster City and Hamilton county will come forward as generously in this as in other worthy causes. Cordially yours, Harry F. Shook.

A Knitting Needle Knight.

Ben DuBois is knitting for the Red Cross!

He is a "contribution," as it were, from the National Sewer Pipe company of this city to the good ladies over at Red Cross headquarters.

It all happened like this. The sales force up at the National isn't very busy just now because tile is pretty scarce and there isn't much use selling it when the plant has difficulty in making deliveries.

The city is rampant with a spirit of generosity for the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. and Ben has been chiding Sales Manager Sparboe and President Clifton of the National company for being lax about doing their bit for the Red Cross. And then, to set them an example, Ben went and invested in a new pair of glasses—through which it was guaranteed a man could see "Liberty" yarn. And then Ben went to knitting wristlets and other things—at least he bragged that he did as he sat in the office with his feet on the desk, blowing the cutest smoke rings at the ceiling.

Well, the sales manager got a hunch. And then he held a consultation with the president.

And then the general office made an announcement.

And this announcement was to the effect that a part of the sales force is to be given a week's vacation. Sales Manager Sparboe has designated the Ben as that particular part of the force and has officially notified the Red Cross ladies that for a whole week they may have Ben's services as an expert knitter. We suspect the ladies will fix up a real den over at headquarters as a work shop for Ben and if they do—well, the public will be invited to see this knight of the knitting needles in action.

Give Piano to Primary Rooms.

Webster City's school children in the primary building, who sacrificed their hard earned piano fund, amounting to \$150, to buy liberty bonds, are to be rewarded in a very satisfactory manner by the board of trustees of the Kendall Young library. The piano belonging formerly to Mrs. Kendall Young has been stored for several years and the trustees of the estate have offered it to Supt. D. M. Kelly for use in this building.

Needless to say the offer was most enthusiastically accepted and the instrument will be placed sometime during the next week. The piano is one of excellent make and a couple of tunings will put it in good condition. Teachers and pupils are alike delighted over the gift and are not unmindful of the object lesson that "goodness has its own reward."

The old piano now in the primary building will probably be taken to the west ward building as there is no musical instrument of any kind in that school. It will be tuned and repaired and will undoubtedly prove a helpful aid in the musical education of the pupils there.

Soldiers Treated Well.

A letter from John Ingertson was received here yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Ingertson. John is with the 168th U. S. Infantry in the division that is quartered at Camp Merrit, N. J. He writes that the other day the citizens of a small town nearby invited the men over and gave them a fine dinner and supper, as well as several large boxes of supplies and edibles all packed for shipment. The 168th is the division that recently started for France but turned back on account of a defective boiler. It is expected that they will sail again soon.

Notice.

Subscribers for 4 per cent Liberty Bonds who have paid the 2 per cent should make payment of the 18 per cent to reach us not later than Nov. 13th. Hamilton County State Bank. 7d3j1f1

Twin Girls.

B. F. Paine has made the purchase of a 1918 model Velle Sedan car. The new car is a handsome one with blue body and white wire wheels.

WILL NOT DRAFT BRITISH SUBJECTS

Sheriff Nelson Gets Official Notice Not to Conscript any British Subjects in Hamilton County.

NEXT DRAFT IS INDEFINITE

No information Here as to When Next Call for Select Army Will be Made.

British subjects living in Hamilton county will not be drafted at the present time.

This applies to citizens of England and all her dependencies.

A proclamation was recently given wide publicity in the press calling upon British subjects to enlist and stating that arrangements had been made between the governments of the United States and Great Britain for the conscription of these men.

Sheriff Gets Notice.

It was said that this conscription would proceed under direction of the sheriff in each county. Sheriff Nelson, however, is in receipt of the following notice from Lieutenant W. G. Mason, in charge of the British-Canadian recruiting station in Des Moines:

Take notice that the proclamation issued by Doctor Ernest Hugh Fitzpatrick, calling upon British subjects to enlist, was issued without official authority, and the said proclamation and relative newspaper article are inaccurate in that conscription of British subjects within the United States has not yet received legislative sanction.

Was Much Interest Here.

Sheriff Nelson states that there was much interest in Hamilton county in this matter, owing to the comparatively large number of British and Canadian citizens residing here. Many of these men got into communication with him, but he was unable to give them any information. The above notice, however, answers all questions.

No notice as to the time of the next United States draft has been received by the Hamilton county board. Many inquiries have been made as to this, but Sheriff Nelson is unable to give any information. He has no idea as to when the orders will come, nor as to just what manner of procedure will be used in the selecting of men.

Stanhope Wants Interurban.

Stanhope Enterprise: In pursuing the line of argument for an extension of the Fort Dodge, Des Moines & Southern electric road from Webster City to and through Stanhope, we have only to refer to the present stringent condition of the fuel supply in this vicinity, as food for action. With the completion of the electric road into Webster City soon, it opens again the possibilities of the Lehigh coal mines and the relief that town will enjoy from any shortage in its fuel supply. Already a coal company which has been supplying coal to Webster City sees the handwriting on the wall and hastens to promise shipments of coal. The logic of the situation is this: With the extension of the electric road through Stanhope to Boone it opens direct communication to Boone county's vast coal fields on the south, and the Webster county coal beds via Webster City and an abundant fuel supply. It means independence from the exactions and excessive freight charges of one railroad that hauls when it gets ready to, or else confiscates coal in transit. Time will not allow further argument now, but will leave it to our readers who are interested, to investigate and see for themselves.

Unclaimed Letters.

Following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Webster City postoffice for the week ending November 6.

Frank Landgraaf.
Levi J. Miller.
Mr. Nina Miller.
A. J. Porter (2).
J. L. Treet.
C. D. Vernon.
Wade Wickersham.

If not called for within two weeks will be sent to the Dead Letter Branch at Chicago.
D. H. Bauman, P. M.

Twin Girls.

Dr. E. G. Jarmine reports the birth Nov. 9 of two girls at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, just west of Williams. The babies doing fine.