

Letter From "Oversea"

THE BLADE has received a letter from Clifford Shell, musician on the U. S. S. Delaware, under date of February 13, the location of course not being given, but the ship is known to be in foreign waters. The letter had been so hacked up by the censor that there was but little information to be gained from it. The ship, however, had evidently been in a battle or attacked by a u-boat as a part of one sentence said "the ship escaped from a hit."

Clifford has been on the sick list since December 10 with rheumatism and recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and said he did not know when he would be fit for duty.

He enclosed the following lines composed by one of the Delaware's crew and tends to show that the sailors feel that encouragement, praise and sympathy is being given the soldiers to the neglect to recognize the great service being rendered by the navy:

While I am here across the sea,
And fighting for Uncle Sam,
The papers seldom mention me,
For I'm only a Sailor Man.

But we're proud to do our duty,
To never a praise we get,
We've put the soldiers across, without loss,
But haven't any credit yet.

When I read a paper from the homeland
In flaring lines I see
How the "Soldiers face the dangers"—
Not a word of the man on the sea.

They raise funds for tobacco for soldiers;
Have banquets and meetings at camps,
And talk of hardships he'll suffer
When he to the trenches tramps.

The sailor he has to stand watches
In the tops where the cold winds blow,
While the ship rolls and pitches he has to take
bitches,
And to danger he's always exposed.

But we're here to fight for our country
And as long as we're afloat
We'll never give up the good ship
For the German and his "U" boat.

We never know when to expect them,
And are always ready for sea;
We'll do our best to protect it—
The Flag of Liberty!

Now we do not want credit not due us;
We know of the soldiers' fame,
But should a torpedo pierce through us,
We'll stick to our ship just the same.

And if we go down to Old Neptune,
When the waters have closed o'er our heads
They then will have a line in the papers—
What's the use? We will all be dead!

U. S. S. Delaware, A. E. F.
—By C. O. MOORE.

Mrs. C. F. Johns

From Versailles Leader.

Mrs. C. F. Johns, wife of Superintendent Johns of the Versailles public schools, died at her home in this city, Monday morning, March 4, 1918, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Comer, at the Methodist church, Wednesday morning, March 6, at 10 o'clock in the presence of a large congregation.

The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. After the service the remains were taken to Laclede, Missouri, where the interment was in the family lot Thursday afternoon.

The following beautiful tribute was prepared by Rev. W. H. Comer.

Myrtle Belle Adams was born in Laclede, Missouri, on the 9th day of October 1875, died at her home in Versailles, in the morning of March 4, 1918, in the forty-third year of her life. She was united in marriage with C. F. Johns on the 24th of June 1903, who with their daughter, Clarice, aged mother, one brother, and many other relatives and friends survive to mourn their loss of companion, mother, sister and friend.

After a lingering illness extending over years during which her patience was marvelous and her fortitude was marvelous, she calmly closed her eyes to the scenes of earth to enter the inheritance of the life beyond to which she had been looking and for which she had fully prepared.

LIFEBOAT TRAVELS ON LAND

Craft Moves on Large Tractor Wheel, Steadied and Steered by Two Trailers, Until Afloat.

A curious craft has made its appearance on the beach of Atlantic City. It is a boat that can run up on the hard sand and travel over the land, albeit rather clumsily. This, however, is to be expected, because, after all, the water is its natural habitat and its incursions on land are only occasional.

When on land the boat travels on a tractor wheel 20 inches wide and 54 inches in diameter, while it is steadied and steered by two trailer wheels aft, according to a correspondent. The craft enters the water stern first until afloat, when the steering wheels are lifted out of the water and a steering oar is brought into play.

The inventor of this interesting craft is Rear Admiral John A. Howell, retired. His purpose in building this amphibian boat is to provide a craft which may be of value not merely for taking excursionists out through the surf, but also for life-saving purposes. Being an automobile boat it dispenses with a large crew and is much more powerful and of greater capacity than the usual lifeboat. Admiral Howell believes that it can also be used for coast defense and as a tender for seaplanes. Furthermore, he considers it superior to other boats for handling troops on open coasts. Admiral Howell has been experimenting with amphibian boats for many years and this is his third and latest model.

LEARNS BASS' FAVORITE FOOD

Scientific Fisherman Conducts Autopsy Which Reveals Certain Kind of Beetle Has Preference.

A little body of water in Essex county, in the Adirondack mountains, says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, has long been known by the guides to contain exceptionally large black bass of the small-mouthed variety, but until quite recently no fish of large size had been taken.

A few weeks ago a stranger to the guides in the vicinity visited Lake Bixby, as the pond is called, and brought into camp a string of bass which literally astonished the natives. Before returning to civilization the stranger partly revealed his secret. He explained that on a previous visit he had caught a two-pound bass with a conventional lure, and had carefully subjected it to an autopsy in order to identify its favorite food. He became satisfied that the fish preferred a certain kind of beetle, and this year's experience convinced him that his conclusion was correct.

Unless the curious fisherman is mistaken, the capture of bass in the deep and cool Adirondack lakes will be less difficult than formerly, as it is claimed that the beetle is obtainable without great trouble.

ENGLAND'S SOAP EXPORTS.

A curious feature of Great Britain's industry is the fact that the country is exporting twice as much soap, in value, and about 40 per cent more in quantity than before the war, and this in spite of the fact that imports have been prohibited. In nine months this year exports were valued at nearly \$16,000,000, or at the rate of \$21,000,000 a year, compared with \$10,000,000 in each of the three years before the war. Imports before the war were about \$2,500,000 annually.

Seeds For Sale

Early and late sweet corn; icicle radish; Giant stringless green pod bush beans; rhubarb plants. Prices always right. J. M. SIMPSON

The young people had a great time at the "tacky party" given by the junior class of the high school at Woodman hall last Friday evening. There was a large attendance and the costumes ranged from ludicrous to sublime, from gay to somber.

Married in Chillicothe

From Brookfield Budget.

Friends of Miss Ruth McCollum, telephone operator of the local central, who were interested in and uncertain as to her whereabouts yesterday, found out this morning when they read the following in the Chillicothe Tribune:

"Frank E. Watson, 26 and Miss Ruth McCollum, 19, came from Laclede, Mo., Saturday afternoon and were married at the court house by Judge Sam D Rohrer in the presence of Jo Broadus and Sheriff J. J. Brown. The couple will live in Chicago."

The bride asked for a day off and thus sprung a surprise on her friends, who now extend best wishes to her and congratulations to the bridegroom.

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S. B. Howard, Immigration Agent, Room 139, Q Building Omaha, Neb.

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W. R. Barton

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Charity Castle, at opera house, Saturday night

WHEATLESS BISCUITS.



Parched cornmeal is the feature of these excellent wheatless biscuits. First, the cornmeal—one-half a cup—is put in a shallow pan placed in the oven and stirred frequently until it is a delicate brown. The other ingredients are a teaspoon of salt, a cup of peanut butter and one and a half cups of water. Mix the peanut butter, water and salt and heat. While this mixture is hot stir in the meal which should also be hot. Beat thoroughly. The dough should be of such consistency that it can be dropped from a spoon. Bake in small cakes in an ungreased pan. This makes 16 biscuits, each of which contains one-sixth of an ounce of protein.

DELICIOUS CORN MUFFINS.



Here's an old fashioned recipe for corn muffins that has recently been revived and used with unusual success in several of the larger New York hotels: To make three and a half dozen muffins take one quart milk, six ounces butter substitute, twelve ounces of light syrup or honey, four eggs, pinch of salt, two ounces baking powder, one and a half pounds cornmeal and one and a half pounds rye flour. The butter and syrup should be thoroughly mixed; then add the eggs gradually. Pour in the milk and add the rye flour mixed with cornmeal and baking powder.

save

1-wheat

use more corn

2-meat

use more fish & beans

3-fats

use just enough

4-sugar

use syrups

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