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BROTHERS LETTERS FROM TWO CAMPS

ONE IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND
THE OTHER AT CAMP
DODGE

BOYS ALL CHEERFUL AND ARE
ENJOYING THEIR NEW
EXPERIENCES

A letter from Columbia, S. C. where Lawrence Neumann is a member of the Ordnance Supply School, University of Chicago detachment of Camp Jackson, brings a whiff of the southland home to his sister Phyllis, with a smell of peach blossoms that he tells of picking during the day. Lawrence says among other things "it gets real hot during the afternoon but in the morning we are only too glad to get into our sweaters. But then the windows of the barracks are never closed and it is real summer weather, only nicer because it does not rain, and is not excessively hot.

"There are 104 men from Chicago here, some from the Augusta Arsenal and some of Dartmouth College for the school work and we are also expecting men from Michigan and Cornell.

"Today I walked around camp for a little while and never that it was so large. It contains 81 square miles and is being built to hold 70,000 men. There are about 30,000 here now of whom 3,000 are Ordnance men.

Trench Training.

"We went down to the trenches, into the dugouts and thru the communication trenches, the lookouts, etc. It is very interesting as they are built to resemble those on the front. We went thru some long passages, tunnels which were absolutely dark. The men were in them for three days and nights and finished up with a grand sham battle at midnight. You should have heard the racket.

"O yes, we also climbed up the lookouts in the top of a big pine tree, 80 feet high. I have taken quite a few pictures but have not had them developed.

Southern Hospitality.

"The other day we were all shot in the arm against typhoid and it was funny to see how many fellows fell over again. Must have been about twelve. My arm was pretty badly swollen and quite stiff, more so than at Sparta. The fellows called it "Southern hospitality."

"Yesterday we were marched out two and a half miles to the base hospital and back. Here we had cultures taken of our throats for meningitis. If they find we have any we'll be quarantined until we get rid of them.

"We have not received any uniforms yet but expect them to-morrow. Then I'll send my old clothes home. Civilian clothes are known as "beer clothes." You know there is a law prohibiting the sale of liquor to a man in uniform.

"We have a dandy theatre here with real shows. Then both the Y. M. C. A. and the K. of C. show moving pictures every once in a while. We have a big library, a postoffice of our own, lots of canteens and the Y. M. C. A. maintains a "Hostess House" where you can go to meet your best girl, eat ice cream and sit on the porch in rockers.

"By the way, I met a New Ulm boy down here to-day. Also in the Ordnance department with the Company right across the street from ours. A Kiesling boy. They moved to Minneapolis some years ago. I didn't remember him but he knew me right off.

Training The Darkies.

"Say, Phyllis, it's lots of fun to watch the drafted negroes playing leapfrog. Some of them haven't uniforms as yet and they wear everything that was ever made. You can hear them for miles. They sure have a big time. That's part of their physical exercise every morning and afternoon.

"What do we eat? Well, this morning we had corn flakes, coffee with sugar in it, bread and liver and potatoes. We get meat three times a day. This afternoon, Sunday, we had beef, corn, potatoes, bread and bread pudding with raisins and coffee. We have not even seen anything like butter or milk, and the sugar is always in the coffee, so we don't see that either.

"As for work, we have done but little so far and expect to get started Monday. Our day starts at 6:15 A. M. and all lights are out about 10:00. We are about six miles from town."

Lawrence closes with the admonition to "write me all the news and send me the last two Reviews" and asks for his brother Vic.

In the same mail with the letter from

Lawrence came one from Victor to the Review office. Victor is a member of the Camp Dodge forces. He says:

"You must have been wondering what has happened to us fellows and what is still happening to us. Of the New Ulm boys, only the following are here: Albert Bauer, Dick Amann, Fat Windhorn, Mut Herbeck, Rewitzer and myself. We have never heard of the rest of the bunch since we got here but thin' they belong to the Infantry and Machine gun companies. The above named will remain in Company E for a week or so when it is expected that we will be placed in the following Companies: Windhorn, Herbeck, Rewitzer, Company A, and Bauer, Amann and myself in Company D. Companies A and D consist of automobile trucks.

"The first two weeks in Camp are quarantine weeks which keeps us near our quarters. We were all subjected to vaccination and inoculation. A careful physical examination was undergone, whereat every mark of the body was recorded, finger prints taken and I have heard something about our photographs would be taken and placed in the army "Rogues" gallery. The laws and general rules governing the soldier were read to us yesterday in accordance with an old law, providing that these must be read to every soldier within six days of his internment.

"Saturday is inspection day. Everything is cleaned up, the floors scrubbed, faces shaved, shoes cleaned, etc. This inspection found the New Ulm boys quite there. Only one of us missed a few bristles in his barrage fire with his razor and his attention was called to this fact with also the possibility of being put on kitchen duty" on Sunday.

"At inspection of quarters, the Red Cross outfit, presented to us at home, came quite handy. We were supposed to display a tooth brush, towel, soap, comb, eating utensils, etc.

"The men are learning most everything quite easily. One thing that seems a little difficult is the squad movement and we get plenty of that every day.

"We sleep on good spring beds provided with a straw mattress. So far each of

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HOLY TRINITY HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

ROUNDING OUT HALF CENTURY
OF EXISTENCE WITH
FULL COFFERS

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE LASTING
THREE DAYS ARRANGED
THIS WEEK

Forty hours devotional services will be observed at Holy Trinity Church Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week, when Revs. Steinbach and Peter Maas will deliver sermons during the period. Masses will be celebrated four times daily and there will be an additional mass at 11 o'clock on Sunday. The hours for the various masses are at six, seven, eight and nine o'clock. There will be evening devotions when sermons will be delivered in English on Friday and Saturday evenings. There will also be sermons at the 9 o'clock masses.

Societies Observe Communion

The several societies of the church receive communion on the different days of the devotional period. The Christian Mothers' Society and the St. Elizabeth Society will attend Mass Friday, St. Anne's Court and St. John's Court on Saturday at 9 o'clock and the Young Ladies' Sodality at 7 o'clock, and Sunday members of St. Patrick's Counsel and the Gonzaga Club will receive communion at 7 o'clock. Sunday is the patron feast day of St. Joseph's Society and Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock and members of this society will receive communion in a body.

Forty-Nine Years Old

This is the last year of the first half century of the local church and plans are already on foot for the proper celebration of the occasion. Rev. Schlinkert is anxious to secure a picture of the old log church which served as a Catholic meeting place in Cottonwood during the early days and a photograph of the partly completed brick church as it was when Father Berghold took charge of the parish is also required.

Items of Finances

From the financial statement of Holy Trinity Church, figures are gleaned which show the parish to be in excellent financial health with cash resources of over \$10,000. The parish has prospered (Continued on last page)

BOREALS AND THOR DISPUTING HONORS

GOD OF THE NORTH AND GOD
OF THUNDER STAGE
FIERCE BOUT

FORMER IS VANQUISHED AFTER
THREE DAYS' STRUGGLE
FOR MASTERY

Seldom does this section of the country see so beautiful a display of the Aurora Borealis as was enjoyed Thursday evening here. Shortly after 7 o'clock the first of the display was visible in a band of white light extending from the west across the southern half of the sky. The stars were particularly brilliant that night and the blueness of the atmosphere was more than usually apparent, even after dark had really settled down. Along the north-eastern horizon there were banks of clouds similar to those seen before a summer shower and as the display of the lights grew brighter these banks of clouds might be seen clearly outlined.

Three Hour Display

The display increased in intensity for about three hours and at shortly before 10 o'clock the entire dome of the sky was covered with bands and streamers of shifting, shimmering light and shade. The display was not confined to any one portion of the sky as is generally the case, but seemed to form an inverted bowl and all of the streamers ended at one central point near the zenith of the sky, where they appeared to be knotted together like the tassel on a cap.

Colors Magnificent

The display of colors was also very beautiful. A wide band of rose-red was noticed first in the southern sky and this light traveled from the south across the western sky and had reached a part of the eastern horizon before the display faded. At the same time there were fainter bands of blue at intervals with the white light.

Weather Changes

It frequently happens that a very decided change in weather follows a conspicuous display of the Northern Lights and whether they have any connection or not, it is quite commonly supposed that they have something to do with one another. At any rate the day following was a decided contrast to its predecessor which had been bright and sunny. Friday was grey and disagreeable and along about 10 o'clock in the morning snow began to drift thru the air, the quantities gradually increasing and the day growing darker as it does with the first storms of winter. By night a howling blizzard was raging from the north and with the snow drifting badly.

Thunder and Lightning

The temperature did not drop very greatly as the lowest mark reached during the night was 20 above zero and there was about as much dust blowing as snow. Saturday morning the snow was very wet and at times almost like rain. At 10 o'clock there were several flashes of lightning followed by thunder, all of which will go to convince the average person that the Aurora Borealis presages a storm. But even at that, it was beautiful enough to pay for all the disagreeable weather of Friday and Saturday and besides, the snow coming at this time will be a good thing for the fields as it will keep the farmers from getting out too early and will supply much-needed moisture.

EAT MORE MEAT, LESS BREAD

In order to stimulate wheat saving and to make available for export immediately a greater amount of wheat than is now being received for overseas shipping, the United States food administration has announced a suspension of the request for a daily meatless meal and porkless Saturday. This means that temporarily Tuesday will be the only meat saving day of each week. In making the announcement, Mr. Hoover states that experience has shown that the consumption of breadstuffs is intimately associated with the consumption of meats. For various reasons the supplies of meat in this country are considerably increased right now and it will be possible to supply for shipment all of the meat that the transportation facilities can take care of, and at the same time increase somewhat our home consumption. The wheat is not being furnished in the quantity required and it is hoped that the increased meat consumption will release more wheat by decreasing bread consumption.

ANOTHER CHANGE IN CITY HALL PLANS

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WILL NOT STAY PUT
APPARENTLY

ANOTHER OPTION SECURED ON
THE WORATSCSKA AND
KUEHNEL LOTS

Like a dog chasing his tail round and round, the city hall site question does a great deal of traveling and gets nowhere. The City Councilors also do a great deal of traveling in the matter back and forth between their homes and the council rooms for they held no less than three meetings the past week to discuss the much mooted question. The first meeting was Wednesday evening when Architect Tyrie of Minneapolis appeared with the plans for consideration. An adjournment was taken to the next afternoon when it developed that a change of plan with regard to the site might be necessary. There were various reasons advanced for considering the change and a committee consisting of J. P. Graff, W. H. Dempsey and Fred Hamann was appointed with instructions to secure options on the Woratschka corner.

Rapid Fire Action

This committee acted in machine gun fashion and within two hours were ready to report with the option in hand. The amount of the option is \$16,600 and covers the Kuehnel property adjoining the Woratschka corner. This amount does not include a \$500 bonus to be paid the tenant of the Woratschka saloon if he is required to vacate the premises before August 1st. This amount of \$500 is to be reduced to \$100 if he is not required to remove before that time and for each succeeding month that he is allowed to occupy the premises \$50 will be deducted from the \$500 compensation.

Dr. Graff, as a member of the city hall committee, gave as his reasons for favoring the Woratschka site that a city should not erect two separate buildings to house the city hall and fire departments but that a site large enough for the whole establishment under one roof should be secured. The lots on which the Gieseke livery barn stands are owned by H. M. Kuehnel of Waseca and Dorn & Schueller hold an option on this property at \$7,000. Woratschka had offered to sell his part of the two corner lots for \$9,600 but the lease on the saloon would have to be taken care of besides. If these two lots are purchased, the space secured for the city hall will be 100x165 feet.

Saving In Heat

Another consideration which moved the action of the Council in re-opening the question was the fact that considerable expense can be saved by lessening the cost of extending the municipal heat. The Woratschka corner is half a block nearer the heating plant and an expense of about \$6,000 will need consideration if the old site is used. There is another item in this connection also that makes it advisable to use the Woratschka corner and that is, that extending the heat mains another half block means considerable more loss of heat from condensation and it is said that if the city hall is built at its present location it will be a long time before any more consumers along Minnesota Street can have the advantage of connection with the municipal plant.

Two buildings would cost more than one, according to Architect Tyrie, the excess in cost of two being something like \$6,000. The old city hall site also can be sold and is held to be worth about \$9,000, and while the new building is being erected some quarters must be found for the city hall and the fire department if the old building is razed. The plans for the building have not yet been adopted.

Routine Business

Other matters discussed by the city council dealt with improvements at the city cemetery and with the matter of restraining the destruction of real estate at the east end of State and Washington Streets where the gravel pits are gradually eating up the lots which lie along the hill top. The gravel pits are a veritable gold mine for the owners and naturally they have been making as good use of them as possible but the people who own property which backs up these gravel pits find that the back end of their lots are dropping into the pits and they have petitioned the city council to have a retaining wall built. Attorney Geo. Erickson appeared before the Council with the petition. It is

hoped that the alley at the back of these lots may be opened for traffic so that the city will have power to control the further excavation of gravel.

Some time ago the Pioneer Nursery Company presented plans for reforestation at the city cemetery and the Council has received a bid from the Pioneer people for American white elm trees in quantities of 80 at \$1.05 per tree eight to ten feet high and \$1.30 for trees ten to twelve feet high. A provision is also made for trees which do not survive the first and second seasons. The street and the cemetery committees are looking after these various matters.

Philip Liesch appeared before the Council decidedly wrought up over the fact that some of his neighbors still use the old fashioned out-house and Mr. Liesch intimates that he will turn scavenger if the city does not provide one. At least he said if the city did not take some action to secure the removal of the offending buildings he was going to, and the emphasis with which he put his fist down on the matter would indicate that there might be something doing in his block some day.

North Front Street people have decided that they will wait for a year before putting in any more street improvements. They have been all torn up for a year getting their sewers in and the grading and boulevarding will be postponed for a time until the streets have had a chance to settle.

J. P. Graff wishes to make improvements at his place of business at First South Street and asks the removal of the hydrant which interferes with his plan of making a driveway from his garage to First South Street.

The city sealer has been fairly busy during the past month and weighed an average of ten loads daily on the city scales. The street commissioner reported 202 1-2 hours of hand labor on the streets and 20 hours of team labor. Bids were opened for oiling the city streets. The matter of securing tarvia was taken up and a committee appointed to investigate the merits of this kind of road oil which is said to go twice as far as any other when properly used.

H. S. SENIORS CHOOSE THEIR CLASS PLAY

GOLDSMITH'S "SHE STOOPS TO
CONQUER" WILL BE
PRESENTED

EIGHTEEN CHARACTERS IN THE
CAST ARE ALLOTTED
THEIR ROLES

Interest in High School circles is divided at the present time between war work and the Senior Class Play. Miss Katharine Kester who is in charge of the play has her forces lined up and the young people are beginning to practice. The play chosen is Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer." It pictures a period of time in the 18th century.

The play will be given at Turner Hall some time during the month of April. There are eighteen characters in the play and the cast is as follows:

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| Harcastle | Norman Johnson |
| Sir Chas. Marlow | Edmund Lebert |
| Young Marlow | Victor Reim |
| Hastings | Theodore Crone |
| Tony Lumpkin | Armin Sattler |
| Diggory | John Woebke |
| Simon | Bernard Poehler |
| Ralph | Richard Olson |
| Roger | Jos. Binder |
| Matt Muggins | Alfred Wiedenmann |
| Aminadab | Fred Irrgang |
| Tom Twist | Herbert McIvor |
| Jack Slang | Elmer Held |
| Stingo | Joe Welter |
| Mrs. Harcastle | Emily Groebner |
| Miss Harcastle | Irene Stamm |
| Miss Nelville | Elizabeth Russell |
| Dolly | Katharine Weiser |

DR. GRAY VISITS NEW ULM.

Dr. John Archer Gray, of New York spent two days the latter part of last week visiting with friends here. Dr. Gray is finishing a lecture course for Pres. Le Roy Burton of the University. When former Pres. Vincent resigned, Mr. Burton undertook to finish his lecture course but he has found it an impossibility and Dr. Gray is taking his place. He went to Sleepy Eye Saturday, intending to deliver a lecture. Because of the snow storm the train was delayed so Dr. Gray did not arrive in Sleepy Eye until 9:00 P. M.

The Aloha Club will hold their annual election at the Adolph Sandmann home this (Wednesday) evening.

NO EXCITEMENT IN CITY ELECTION

FEW CONTESTS EXPECTED IN
THE CITY ELECTIONS THIS
SPRING

MAYORALTY QUESTION MAY BE
CAUSE OF SOME LITTLE
EXCITEMENT

Altho the annual city election is only three weeks away, there has been very little, if anything, started among the candidates who are up for re-election. There will be elected in addition to one councilor from each ward, a mayor, a city clerk, a city treasurer, two justices of the peace and two constables. As far as can be definitely stated now, city clerk Wm. Backer will be a candidate for re-election, as will Gottl. Oswald for city treasurer, N. Henningson and George Hogen for city justices, and Alfred Harmening and Alfred Baltrush as constables. So far no opposition has appeared against any of them. Petitions to have their names placed on the ballot have been circulated or are being circulated.

No Opposition For Councilors

The councilors whose terms of office expire are Herman Beussmann of the first ward, Dr. Emil Mueller of the 2nd ward and Christ Filzen of the third ward. Christ Filzen has announced himself as a candidate for re-election and the friends of the other candidates expect that they will also announce themselves in the near future. It is not believed that there will be any opposition to these councilors except possibly in the third ward where the name of Charles Kuehbach has been mentioned as a possible opponent to Mr. Filzen.

The Mayoralty

Very little has been said openly about the mayoralty. Fred Behnke the present incumbent holds the office, not by reason of election but the duly elected mayor, L. A. Fritsche was removed from office by the Governor of the State. There is a strong feeling among the citizens of New Ulm that Dr. Fritsche has not been given fair treatment and many feel that the only way that they can remove the stigma that has been placed upon him thru the act of the Governor and to vindicate him in the eyes of the people of the state, is to re-elect him to the office from which he was removed. That may be the main reason why no mayoralty candidates have so far come forward.

It is reported that R. M. Pfaender acting as notary public for other candidates also carried with him a petition for Dr. L. A. Fritsche and that as soon as certain persons found this out they made so many threats to Mr. Pfaender that he finally decided to drop circulating the petition for Dr. Fritsche. The only reason the Review does not publish the names of these parties at the present time is because these gentlemen may have acted rather hastily and may regret what they have done but if the tactics are repeated the full information will be given later.

MARQUIS WHEAT FILM

To be Shown at Ruby Theatre
on Saturday

Bread is the bulwark of our liberties. The government is depending upon us to raise a billion bushels of wheat for 1918 and, in order that our farmer friends may not lose any money, has fixed the price at \$2.00 per bushel for the entire crop.

The scarcity of seed corn will make it more imperative than ever that small grain shall be grown, and, while the seed situation for Marquis Wheat is better than that of corn, it will be necessary to locate enough seed for our country at once and to report a surplus of seed to W. L. Oswald, U. S. Seed Reporting Bureau, Flour Exchange Minneapolis, Minn.

This film is very entertaining and instructive. It shows the different types of wheat, explaining why Marquis Wheat makes the best flour, showing the effect of the different kinds of wheat and weed seeds on hand. Showing how the seed wheat should be cleaned from trash and immature kernels. How to insure against being attacked by smut and other diseases. Showing the navy boys learning to bake bread at Dunwoody, and winding up by showing the soldiers "chow" in the trenches.

The picture will be shown at Ruby Theater on Saturday, March 16.