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REPORTS FROM TRAINING CAMPS

McWilliams and Beyers Write of
Camp Life at Fort Snelling
and Camp Dodge.

BEYERS ON THE POLICE FORCE

Ft. Snelling Training Camp, Oct. 16, 1917.—Dear Walter: I received your letter tonight and to give you a little sample of how fast we work up here, will try and answer it immediately. I hesitate somewhat to write this, for one reason, mainly, the mistakes that you might find, because whatever I write will be written as it comes, and very little time will be given to corrections.

In the first place, I want to congratulate you and the Ray staff for the interesting material that I find in it. I sometimes have to read it while on the march, and spare moments that I can find, but I generally read every word.

Life at Fort Snelling is very interesting to me and is not much different than that which the boys at the new cantonments are having. Due to the fact that officers are being made here in three months, we do not get to stay at one thing very long. The biggest thing so far, by way of instruction to us, is the system of trenches which we have constructed. They are modeled after the European trench and our work was supervised by a French captain named Cheffand. We finished up most of the construction work today and the rest of the work will be given over to the trench life. We will simulate the trench warfare and will probably sleep at least two nights in them.

To give you somewhat of an idea of the trenches, I will try a short description. In the first place they are five feet six inches deep, with a parapet of 18 inches, making a total depth of seven feet. The width is 4 feet at the top and 3 feet at the bottom. The first line trenches (or fire trench) are made up of several zig-zag firing bays. A firing bay is about 14 feet long and has room for 6 or 7 men to stand and fire.

Back of the fire trench is a strong point or reserve trench, where the reserves are kept. Their construction is somewhat similar to the fire trench and in case the fire trench is attacked and captured the men fall back to the strong point and a counter attack is organized. The trenches connecting the firing line and the strong point are called the communicating trenches. The whole system is made on the zig-zag plan, with hardly a straight stretch of over 20 yards. Off of the communicating trenches we have the dugouts, where the men go when bombarded by artillery fire. The battalion commander and company commander have a separate dugout for their quarters. In front of our fire trench we have constructed barb-wire entanglements and by the looks of them they would stop any German (or at least make him hesitate) long enough to fire upon him. Regarding the methods of attack, defense, etc., we probably will know more later on. I realize this is a meager description, but time and space will not permit much more. Regarding the personnel of the students, we have men from almost every walk in life. The lawyers, however, predominating. At first our company numbered 150 men but a double cyclone struck us and took 50 of our men with it. The clouds are still dark and another one may come at any time and I may be able to deliver this in person.

I certainly miss the old school and hope that she keeps growing. I was interested to note the football spirit and hope that the old Central fight will be present.

If you can read this and put it in printable form, you are welcome. However, will not be responsible for any subscribers who cancel their subscription afterwards. My best regards to the faculty, student body and friends.

Very sincerely,
M. D. McWILLIAMS.
Co. 4, Ft. Snelling.
Camp Dodge, Oct. 21.

Dear Professor: Received your letter and glad to hear from you. It's rather uncomfortable for me to write as I got my second shot in the arm (innoculation) this morning and it's rather sore. You notice I mentioned inoculation. That was because a joke is going about concerning some fellow who had written home saying he had received a "shot in the arm." His letter was printed in the home paper and the next day a crowd of anxious mothers were besieging the local board wanting to know how it was

the boys were getting shot in a training camp far from the trenches. Several of the men are pretty sick, as it affects some worse than others. At least one "shot" generally makes one sick. My first one made me pretty sick, but this one has only made my arm sore. We get off duty for twenty-four hours after an inoculation, so some of the fellows who have disagreeable duties are pretty sick.

I finished up my week of K. P. duty Saturday night and I was surely tickled. K. P. means kitchen police and there's another joke connected with that. K. P. duty is probably the most undesirable there is. It includes sweeping, scrubbing and mopping the floor, dusting, washing dishes and greasy pots and pans, peeling potatoes and apples and waiting on the other men. A man is given that duty when he has been doing something he shouldn't, and is a sort of punishment. Our company is small, however, and we've got to take our turn. One of the fellows wrote to his girl that he was kitchen police. She wrote back, thinking it was a promotion, saying he shouldn't be hard on the fellows and to remember he was a common private himself not so very long ago.

I was very glad to get into the medical department, as it's the highest branch of the service. There is very little chance for promotion, however, unless one is a graduate M. D.

Bob Scholte is here with me and between the two of us we manage to get most of the news from home. Yelle Heerema was down to see me tonight. He is at the base hospital, where they treat the bad cases by specialists. He expects to be transferred here soon, so he can be with us and it will be more pleasant all around. We went down to the depot brigade to see Thomassen, Kaldenburg, Ries and Borgman. Borgman was out on guard duty and the others had gone home, so we were out of luck. Fuzz also said Gary Vogelara and Neal Vanhemert had gone home today. They are in the First Provisional Ambulance Co. and expect to be driving ambulances soon.

We get pretty good food, but it's very plain and we sure are tickled when a fellow gets a box of candy or cake from home.

We have a hospital ward with about fifteen patients to take care of all the time, so we're getting some real practical nursing experience.

Well, I must close, as call to quarters has sounded and taps sound in fifteen minutes and we must be in bed. Write often and tell some of the kids to write, as we do like to get mail. As ever,
—Central Ray.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU

An effort is being made to establish in Marion county a County Farm Bureau, which with the aid supplied by the state for this purpose will support a county agent. Several Iowa counties have employed county agents during the past few years with great profit to the agricultural interests of the county. These men, who are trained agriculturalists, devote their entire time to work among the farmers who wish to improve their methods of farming and make their work more effective. The salary of the county agent is paid by the state, as we understand the matter, and the County Farm Bureau pays the expenses incidental to the undertaking by means of a membership fee of \$2.50 annually. The state will furnish an approved agent as soon as 200 members of this organization is secured in the county, and this canvass is being made at this time. L. F. Bousquet, of Pella, is looking after the interests of the County Farm Bureau in this part of Marion county and will be glad to give any information desired in regard to it.

HALLOWE'EN

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ver Hey entertained the members of the First Reformed choir at a Halloween party Monday evening. After wandering through a corn field, descending into the lower regions, encountering an old witch at the fire furnace, ascending into the upper regions, descending to earth, meeting Signor Pumpkin, we arrived in Jim's parlor and then the fun began in real earnest. Andrew Wormhoudt, Dora Grandia and Nellie Van Houweling were the successful winners of contests. The home was most beautifully decorated in Halloween array and a sumptuous spread was served. Somewhere about midnight the guests departed, voting Jim and Mrs. Jim the best of entertainers. The contents of the fire furnace were shipped to Carl Byers, at Camp Dodge.

HALLOWE'EN IS MUCH ENJOYED

Experiment of a Directed Halloween
Celebration Proves Highly
Satisfactory.

GHOSTS AND "SPOOKS" GALORE

The people of Pella, young and old, especially the young, turned out Wednesday evening and had a joyful time in the way of a Halloween celebration. It was an experiment in the way of directed amusement, planned by Superintendent Frush, of the public schools, intended to show that there can be the fullest enjoyment of this occasion without molesting anyone or doing damage to property. We believe it was considered a success by everyone taking part or witnessing the stunts, and there are none of the bad results that are sometimes observed November 1st.

Events started with a parade of masked ghosts, hobgoblins, etc., from the high school gymnasium to the park, where a platform had been prepared for the program of amusements. There were hundreds of masked boys and girls, and it will be impossible to describe them all. Some of them were of unusual merit, as disguises and would have defied the most keen-eyed to name the wearer. There was a band of musicians which added their part to the enjoyment, as well as a special band that had a part on the stunt program. The program centered around the events of that immortal classic left to the world by the late Mother Goose, and many a child for the first time beheld Simple Simon, Little Boy Blue, and other heroes of literature alive before his eyes. The students of Central College had a special part in the program, putting on several interesting stunts. The program was preceded by a short address by the mayor, who delivered the Great Key of the City to the Chief Spook of All Spooks, thus signifying that the evening was to be given up to enjoyment.

We understand there are some people who were not satisfied with the efforts of those who sought to change the celebration of this day from a carousal of mischief to an orderly abandonment to pure fun. We can hardly conceive that these people prefer to have their fences broken down and sidewalks torn up and other destructive pranks played than to see the boys and girls enjoy themselves as they did Wednesday evening, preferring to think that their objecting is due to the fact that they are so old they have forgotten how younger folks act. Most people, judging from the crowd that witnessed the program, prefer the new way of celebrating Halloween.

DISLOYAL PREACHER GIVEN WHIPPING

Cincinnati, Oct. 29.—Herbert Bigelow, head of the People's church here and a leading member of the People's council, who was kidnapped in an automobile last night just before he was to have addressed a socialist meeting, was found near Florence, Ky., this morning.

Bigelow had been taken into a wood, his clothes removed, and thrashed with a "blacksnake" whip by a party of men dressed in "long white robes" resembling those described as being worn by the renowned Ku Klux Klan.

Previous to "twelve lashes being applied to Bigelow's back," one of the party raised his hand commanding silence and read from a paper he held as follows:

"In the name of the poor women and children of Belgium this man should be whipped."

Bigelow was then turned loose and directed toward Cincinnati. He lost his way, however, and wandered in the woods until he found himself in Florence.

Recently federal authorities conducted a raid on Bigelow's office in Cincinnati, where documents concerning the local People's Council were seized. Sunday afternoon at church services Bigelow prayed for the "release of the soul of Emperor William and the proud men surrounding him."

NOTICE

To those living in vicinity of Pella and Otley: All those having boys and friends in the war or camp, needing sweaters or other knitted articles will please send name and address to Mrs. Carl Aschenbrenner. We wish to thank those who helped us with the exchange Saturday etc. by donating or buying.

CENTRAL COLLEGE OFFERS SHORT COURSE

A Chance for Everybody.

Central College will offer this year a short winter course of a general nature, in order to meet the requests of many, who wish to put the winter months to best advantage.

Because of heavy work on the farm, many a boy and girl are unable to enroll when the regular school year opens. This will be an inducement to a number so situated. Besides, there are those who did not complete the regular eighth grade work and, now that they have been out of school for a time, and do not wish to go back to the school they attended, are eager to improve themselves, since they realize the advantages of an education. The course offered below will appeal to them.

Central College wishes to be of the greatest possible service to the whole community. The recent government actions will necessitate considerable more bookkeeping, and figuring, than ever before. Our Commercial Department offers unexcelled opportunities in that line.

Courses in the following subjects will be offered, from which a student can select those which he feels he needs most:

Grammar.
Arithmetic.
Physiology.
Physical Geography.
General Science.
Agriculture.
Bookkeeping.
Spelling and Penmanship.
Typewriting.

The short course will begin on Monday, Nov. 19, on which day students can enroll, and continue until March 15, 1918. That will mean 15 weeks' work. The charge will be \$16.00.

More detailed information will be gladly furnished upon request.
M. J. Hoffman, President.

DIED AT 75; LEAVES MOTHER 97

Mary Olney Scott, widow of the late T. J. Scott, an old-time resident of Marion county, in the Iowa neighborhood, near Durham, died at her home in Moravia, Appanoose county, Iowa, October 17, 1917, aged 74 years, and 9 months. Those who may say that this woman "lived to a ripe old age," will be surprised to learn that her mother is still living at the age of 97 and is a resident of Knoxville. The mother is Mrs. Eliza A. Olney, who makes her home with her son, Jasper Olney, on East Marion street. The son referred to is 67 years old.

Mrs. Scott will be remembered by a number of the old pioneers of Clay and Lake Prairie townships. She came to this county with her parents in 1852 and with them removed to Clay township. Mary Olney was a favorite among the students of Central University at Pella, where she graduated in 1862. She became a leading school teacher in this section of the state and took up her profession in Appanoose county. In the fall of 1864 she was united in marriage with T. J. Scott, a farmer near Moravia. He died three years ago. Many other interesting facts could be told of the life of Mrs. Mary Olney Scott, but the most remarkable is that she lived nearly five years past the Biblical age limit of three score and ten and then left her mother to mourn her death.

The funeral services took place at the M. E. church in Moravia last Thursday. Burial at Moravia.—Knoxville Journal.

WEDDINGS

DeWitt-Barnett.

The marriage of Miss Millie J. Barnett to Arthur De Wild was solemnized at the Central M. E. church Saturday at 2 p. m. by Rev. L. M. Grigsby. The young couple were accompanied by Wayne Barnett and Miss Nellie Barnett. The groom is a prosperous young farmer living near Eddyville, where the happy couple will make their home.—Oskaloosa Herald.

Messmaker-Wise.

Miss Josie Messmaker was united in marriage to Mr. Ezra Wise at the county clerk's office Wednesday morning, Oct. 24, at 11 o'clock. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Robertson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Case Messmaker, of Harvey. The groom is the son of Mrs. Hattie Morgan, of Harvey. Besides the deputy clerk, L. R. Clements, Miss Viola Wise, a sister, and Mr. A. B. Morgan, stepfather of the groom, were the witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Wise expect to make their home at Harvey. Their friends extend hearty congratulations and good wishes.—Knoxville Express.

FINAL REPORT ON LIBERTY BONDS

Pella and Lake Prairie Do Their
Part in Raising Amount
of Big Loan.

450 SEPARATE SUBSCRIBERS NOW

We published last week the names of the earlier subscribers to the Liberty Loan. The total amount subscribed by those whose names we published was \$87,550. We were not able to print the names of those whose subscriptions came on Wednesday, the day of the big canvass, and we give them below. It will be seen that this community went away over the minimum allotment of \$140,000. We cannot be absolutely certain that we have here the name of every person who subscribed, but, if, anyone has been omitted, we shall be more than glad to make the correction, when our attention is called to it. The confusion arises from the fact that many people living in Summit township, Mahaska and Jasper counties, do business at Pella banks, and some Lake Prairie township men do business with banks in other places. This makes it necessary to sort all these names out, as the list given here is intended to contain only residents of Pella and Lake Prairie township:

Previously reported—\$87,550.
Jacob Weyers, \$3,000.
Albert Weyers, \$1,500.
\$1,000

R. Dieleman.
N. Brand.
G. S. Van Zee.
P. G. Gaass.
Martin Visser & Son.
Mary Blanke.
Jacob DeHaan.
A. S. Barker.
Wiggert Langerak.
Mrs. A. Van Houweling.
Art Weyers.
J. Blommers & Co.
G. and C. Van Lint.
\$900

Mrs. D. Rietveld.
\$900
Henry Van Oene.
Mattie M. Guthrie & Van Vark Bros.
\$650

J. C. Mitten.
\$500
Arie Blom.
Jan Dykklus.
A. N. Vander Linden.
D. DeBruin.
Slab Bros. & Co.
J. K. Steenhoek.
Abr. A. Roorda.
Wm. Van Baale.
Wm. R. Dieleman.
Walter Nollen.
Aart DeKock.
Aire Quartel.
P. Van Domselaar.
Jan Den Burger.
G. Bensink.
Wm. Rouwenhorst.
Jacob Fennema.
H. S. Keables.
S. N. Van Vliet.
J. G. Ver Meer.
A. Van Duren.
P. Dunnink.
M. T. Klein.
Mrs. John Bruinekool.
Arie Schakel.
Mrs. L. Van Rees.
M. J. Mowe.
H. Gezel.
A. T. Huyser Est.
John A. Pos, Jr.
Arie Ver Heul, Sr.
Y. T. Van Nieuwaal.
John Oostrum.
Gysbert Van Zante.
John Kruseman.
M. A. Butt.
C. Dieleman.
G. A. Vander Beek.
H. R. Dieleman.
F. D. Stubenrauch.
Fred F. Carpenter.
H. O. Viersen.
O. H. Viersen.
H. W. Langerak.
G. Van Zante.
H. Jaarsma.
H. T. Vanden Oever.
John Van Hemert.
\$400

Dora Sybenga.
C. W. Huyser (additional).
D. A. Van Zante.
\$300
John Wykstra.
John Dykstra.
M. Van Hemert.
Wm. Lubberden.
Ed Bogaards.
Mrs. G. Roorda.
H. G. Bensink.
C. DeBruin.
John Van de Voort.
J. F. Mowe.
S. H. Viersen, Sr.
Henry Hospers.

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FUEL ADMINISTRATOR WRITES

Federal Fuel Administrator, Des
Moines, Charles Webster, State Ad-
ministrator.

October 27th, 1917.

P. H. Van Gorp, Local Iowa Fuel
Committee: It is hardly necessary
for me to say that we have right now
a near fuel famine and it will become
worse as the season advances.

It is our duty to see that people do
not suffer. My correspondence is so
heavy that it is impossible to carry
it on except with the chairman of the
different committees in the several
counties. I hope you will explain
this to the dealers and consumers by
giving this letter wide publicity.

All complaints should be taken up
with the local committees and I will
act upon their recommendations as
promptly as possible. Dealers should
file their complaints in writing, with
the local committee, and in case of
shortage, state exact facts concisely,
giving names of operators, of jobbers
from whom they have coal purchased,
the kind of coal and when ordered.

I will then recommend to the Fuel
Administration at Washington that
shipments be made.

I hope the public will exercise pa-
tience, as this is a situation never
known in this country before and it
will be a physical impossibility to
take care of all communities without
some friction.

It is the administration's desire to
apportion the available supply fairly
and equitably.

Yours very truly,
CHARLES WEBSTER.
Federal Fuel Administrator for Ia.

COLLEGE NOTES

The students and faculty went to
the High school Wednesday morning
to hear a foot specialist.

Ruth Pietenpol sends word that
she is having a fine time in Orange
City and she hopes "Daddy" is being
good while she is away.

Carl Byers, unable to get home
last Saturday, writes that he ex-
pects to be here this Sunday and will
sing at First Church Sunday night.

At the piano recital in Mr. Sadler's
studio last Thursday the following
students appeared: Ada Van Zante,
Grace Van Ryswyk, Beulah Veenstra,
Effie May Sadler, Freda Hesselink,
Violet Colyn, Verna Hendricks, Lu-
cille Cochran and Loyde Hillyer.

The 2-Kyo girls are selling tickets
to the Artist Recitals. This course
is so excellent the tickets ought to
go rapidly.

J. L. Harper, of Des Moines, was a
guest at "Sunnyside" Friday.

A new system of shower bath was
installed in Cotton Hall early Monday
morning!

Oliver Werner, of Aluminum fame,
was a visitor Saturday. He is living
in Des Moines now.

Mrs. Hoffman entertained the glee
club boys and their ladies Friday
evening of this week.

The Philos and Alethians are plan-
ning their annual Halloween stunt.

Thursday evening, Nov. 8, at 8:15
sharp, in the First Reformed church
auditorium, the first number of the
Artist Course—Pasquella Tallarico,
Italian pianist, in recital. Single
admission 50 cents. Everybody
there!!!

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Wagaman, of
Prairie City, former Pella people,
celebrated the twenty-fifth anniver-
sary of their marriage Thursday, Oc-
tober 25th. The event was the occa-
sion of a family gathering at their
home in Prairie City, at which there
were present from Pella Mrs. Waga-
man's mother, Mrs. D. Vandel Pol,
their daughter, Mrs. John Braasfart,
her husband and their baby. Also
Mrs. J. G. Maasdam, of Fairfield, sis-
ter of Mr. Wagaman, and her daugh-
ter Elizabeth were present.

AT THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church.
Sunday-school, 9:30 a. m.
Preaching services, 10:45 a. m. and
7:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.
Morning Sermon: "The Inspira-
tion of the Bible."
Evening Sermon: "The Threefold
Position of the Believer in Christ."
Robert Carroll, Pastor.

Music Second Reformed Church.
Morning: With Grateful Hearts—
Blount.
Evening: Hark! Hark My Soul—
Ambrose.
Quartet: The Lord is My Shep-
herd—Schubert. Mrs. Hesselink,
Miss Verna Hendricks, Miss Beatrice
Edwards and Miss Jeanne Stureman.