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### DADS DEAREST DARLINGS

Miss Mildred Little delightfully entertained the D. D. D.'s and their friends on Friday night, Dec. 9.

During the evening, those present engaged in dancing and progressive conversation. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Nancy Little and Miss Flax McAlister.

Those present beside the D. D. D.'s were Mildred Lear, Flax McAlister, Nancy Little, Virginia Stainback, Miss Giles and Miss Smith. Pete Pearce, Albert Stanton, L. J. Stafford, Jr., Max Barnhardt, Harold Murray, W. L. Giles, James Wilkins, A. L. Purington, Albert Donnell, Lacy McGlamery, Walter Clement, Jeff Fordham, Neal Jones, Lapsley Smith,

### GIRLS HIKE TO GLENWOOD

Wednesday afternoon the Hiking Club hiked out toward Glenwood. About 20 were present, and as the day was pleasant everyone enjoyed themselves very much, though it is rumored that a good many souvenirs in the form of blisters are possessed by the honorable hikers. This hike covered between six and seven miles.

### A TRUE CHRISTMAS GIFT

(By Myrtle Ellen LaBarr)

He had always longed for adventure and excitement. Yet, it had always happened that nothing thrilling ever took place in the little town in which he lived.

Oftentimes he had thought of leaving his home and friends and going out into the world to seek his fortune. However, there had seemed always to be some charm about the monotonous little town that held him spell-bound so that he could not tear himself away. Perhaps the fact that he had spent his life there and that there were various places around the little town was the source of the impelling force.

There were the meadows and fields and beyond them the woods where, with his childhood companions, he had gone for the earliest flowers that usher in the spring. There was the pond, a plunge in which, his chums and he had found very refreshing on hot days after long tramps or strenuous ball games in the blazing sun. What a glorious place for skating when frozen! There was the stone schoolhouse where he had spent a good many hours. Some of them had been very happy, and some of them had been anything but happy. Yet, all were cherished as fond memories, for time tends to soften and obscure childhood's sorrows. There was the little church with its skyward pointing steeples, and, beside it, the town cemetery. He could never forget to the longest day he lived that dear one who was lying beneath the roses in her last sleep. Yes, there were many places around the little town that had a hold upon him—a hold of which he was not aware, and a hold so strong to be shaken off.

So, after finishing high school, he was offered the cashiership in the town bank and, as nothing better offered itself, he accepted the place. To all outside appearances he was very content with his lot. Yet, there was no one in town quite so dissatisfied as he. Often he told himself that he ought not to stay there, that he had the brains and the talent to really amount to something if he could only get out into the world. He felt sure Fame and Fortune were waiting for him there. To remain at home would be to waste his life doing the very thing that some one with only half his ability could do just as well. He felt that he owed it to himself and the world to really do the big things which he aspired. There must be some way out he felt sure. He determined to find it even if it took a long time.

For two years he went on thus. As cashier at the bank, he was successful. There was no doubt of that. But, altho the board of directors praised him highly, he thought to himself, "Any simpleton could do as well and then not half try."

Then the long wished for chance for travel and adventure offered itself, but in the most unusual and unexpected way. The war had come to our shores and we took up the world-wide struggle. All over the land went out the plea for soldiers and money. Our town bank cashier had a little money saved and he readily gave it for Liberty and War Savings Stamps.

One Saturday afternoon he appears before the directors, who were were holding a meeting, with a khaki uniform on. He announced that he had enlisted. At first they were very much surprised and thought that he was trying to play a joke on them. When they became certain that he was in earnest, they readily accepted his resignation and wished him good luck and a safe return. "—And, Robert," said the president, as he grasped the young man's hand—perhaps for the last time, who knew? "remember that we are behind you in everything. You

are bound to win, for your cause is right. Fight your bravest and all will be well, and, we wish to thank you most sincerely for your excellent services during the past two years. You have certainly proven yourself big enough for any job. Go wallop the Germans, and whenever you get ready to come back to work, you will find your old job waiting for you."

The youth blushed deeply. The president was not accustomed to praise the work of his employees. For a moment, the boy stammered aimlessly in embarrassment. Then he said, "I am very glad if I have been of any use to you and I appreciate your kindness very much. I will do my duty to the utmost of my ability. In a time like this, it is good to feel that some one is backing me. I appreciate your spirit." With a final hand shake and good-bye, he was gone.

"That fellow is one in a hundred," said the president to the board. "He has the making of success if the Germans don't get him. I hate those low curs."

"Mr. President, I move we buy a million dollars worth of Liberty bonds and that we also stage a campaign to further their sale. That'll make old "Bill" sit up and take notice," said one member.

Mr. President, I second that motion," said another.

The motion was carried by a most emphatically unanimous vote. Thus the little town raised its quota, doubled it, and then doubled that long before many large cities had raised half of theirs.

The bankers were always interested in Robert, while he was in camp, while on the transport and while he was in England. Their interest increased when they learned that he had landed in France. How much interested study they devoted to the study of war maps and the newspapers! Do you ask why such wealthy men were much more interested in a lone boy way on the other side of the Atlantic, than in their clubs and town politics? It was simply because he had shown himself a true man in the performance of his everyday duties. Men in the commercial world always appreciate the qualities of true worth whenever they find them. They value a person with thoroughness, enterprise, and ambition more than gold because such persons, sad to say, are few and far between.

When Robert went to camp, he found plenty of hard work in store for him. He enjoyed it because it was different from his usual routine of affairs.

The thing about camp life that he liked most was that it brought him in contact with men from all parts of the country. There were college men, laboring men, and almost every type. In writing home, he once remarked:

"Be he from down in Florida,  
Be he from up in Maine,  
Be he from the crowded city,  
Or the western fields of grain;  
If he's from any place in the U. S. A.  
He's good enough for me.

That just described his case exactly. He was interested in all his comrades and so he easily won their confidence and friendship.

After several months of hard drilling, his brigade received orders to embark. Robert had never seen New York before. He was thrilled with the tall buildings and elevated railways. The thing that impressed him most, however, was the ever surging flood of human beings that thronged the broad thoroughfares of the greatest metropolis on earth. But he was not given long to marvel at the wonders of the great city. Soon he received his initiation to ocean travel and was on his guard for any indication of the presence of one of those detestable submarines. None appeared, however, and the great transport arrived safely.

After a short stay in Liverpool and London, where the soldiers first really saw the results of the war, they embarked for France. The short trip across the Channel was a very stormy one. At times it seemed as though the ship could never gain the shores of France. But the captain and his crew knew their business

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