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Robert L. Honeycutt Writes.

Following is a letter from R. L. Honeycutt, of Battery E, 113 F. A. in France to his mother, which will be of interest to Bob's many friends in Watauga:

My Dear Mother: As this is Sunday and I have a little leisure time, thought about the best way I could spend it would be to write home. I hope this finds you well. I never felt better in my life, and the nearer we get to Berlin, the more anxious we are to fight. We are a very busy bunch of fellows now. The longer we are in the army the more we learn. But you don't have to teach things to the Dixie boys very long, to have them learn it, especially anything about fighting, for we all have inherited the courage of our forefathers, we have not lost any one out of our battery since we started over.

We sure have enjoyed life since we have been in France and England. We will get more education out of this trip than we ever could get out of books in fifty years. They have some very beautiful farms and cities over here, and also some good looking young ladies, but as soon as an American girl passes you can soon see that she is not a local product. We sure would like to be home these pretty July days. But as you know the kaiser's heart is like an abscess full of dirty rotten stuff and our artillery is going to open it up for him.

We are doing our work as fast and good as we can now, for in a few days we will be practicing on real Huns instead of mummies.

Well mother I guess you have been reading how our boys have been hitting the line, and believe me we will continue to do so until we will have the Huns down to where little Belgium can handle them, and as long as old Battery E fights they will find me still tacking on horse shoes.

When our boys are marching thru Berlin with the Kaiser's head on a pole, then you can look for me home.

I must close for this time; will write more later, and don't forget to pray for our army, for there are none of us perfect, so good bye for this time.

As ever your faithful son,
ROBERT L. HONEYCUTT

The Joy of Living.

To enjoy life we must have good health. No one can reasonably hope to get much real pleasure out of life when his bowels are clogged a good share of the time and the poisons that should be expelled are absorbed into the system, producing headache and indigestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets will move the bowels, strengthen the digestion and give you a chance to realize the real joy of living. Try it at once.

Too "Skinflinty."

Last June a well known man living a few miles from Wadesboro, after urgent solicitation, agreed to buy \$30 worth of War Savings Stamps. In July he went to the bank to buy his stamps but wanted to buy them at the June price, and when he found that he could not do this he refused to buy at all. The difference amounted to six cents. This man a short while previously had sold timber for several thousand dollars, it bringing considerably more than the whole place had cost him. He is in good circumstances and well able to buy \$1,000 worth of stamps, and it is to be hoped that he will later do so. These facts and the man's name are known to many people. This newspaper hopes that it will not be necessary to give publicity to another instance of this kind in Apop.—Wadesboro Messenger.

Now is the Time to Hit Hardest At Home.

Now is the time for the people at home to hit hardest if the enemy at the front is to be kept running till the Rhine is crossed and complete victory is won. General March says that America must speed up instead of let up in its war records if the Allied Armies are expected to continue their advances at the front. "Do not let the recent successes made by the Allies create too sanguine hopes and cause the letting up on war efforts," says General March. "This is no time to stop to indulge in hopes and to waste time arguing as to when the war will be over, or the kind of peace it will bring. The thing to do now," he says, "is to put the maximum punch into every American effort."

That America shall speed up at a greater rate than she has yet done is now deemed necessary not only that the Allied Armies shall continue to fight victoriously, but that the German Army shall be completely disillusioned, that is, that the fighting men of Germany shall know the stuff that American soldiers are made of and the kind of fighting they can do. The German people are just beginning to know that they have been deceived by their leaders and that America is in the war to win. When they shall know this in full, the best part of Germany's fighting strength—her morale—will be gone and the greatest barrier to Berlin will be broken down. Americans should see that the German people shall know their strength and purpose in winning the war as soon as possible. They can do this by every man standing back of the Government, a solid front, until the war is over.

To All Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace of North Carolina:

Gentlemen: During the last few days there have come to the Governor's office complaints that notaries public and justices of the peace are charging registrants fees for preparing affidavits, and taking acknowledgments of the same. This custom is by no means general for the great majority of notaries and magistrates are assisting the registrants without any compensation whatever. I earnestly desire every notary public and justice of the peace in the State of North Carolina to decline to receive any fees for work done for registrants or soldiers. These men are giving everything for their country, and those of us who are not called upon or are not in a position to make the supreme sacrifice, should witness our devotion to the cause by helping in every way possible the men who are giving their all. I know that our notaries and magistrates are patriotic men, and I am sure that when their attention is called to this matter they will gladly respond to this appeal.

Sincerely yours,
T. W. BICKETT,
Governor.

Mrs. Burne's Letter.

Here is a letter that is certain to prove of interest to people in this vicinity, as cases of this sort occur in almost every neighborhood, and people should know what to do in like circumstances: "Savannah, Mo., Oct. 12, '16. "I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery.) I had another attack of the same complaint some three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy to dozens of people since I first used it."

WHAT FOR?

News and Observer.
Before the war Germany had a merchant fleet of about five and a half million tons, of which more than half has been destroyed or taken, while the ships still held up in neutral harbors leave Germany with about a third of her merchant navy that she had four years ago.

To be ready to start anew German ship yards are said to be building several big vessels amounting to about a million tons. This would give her about half the capacity she had on the eve of her commercial suicide. But naturally the world, except Germany, will wonder what she is building the new ships for. Not to sail to the United States. When peace is declared this country will have on its list of registrants every man between 18 and 45 years old. How many of them will buy German goods or make things to sell to Germany? How many of the women represented by families of which these men are members will buy German stuff?

How many English will buy German stuff? How many Canadians, Australians, Chinese, Japanese, South Americans, unless in Mexico? What will Germany carry in her ships? Where will she get anything to carry? Where will she find a market for anything she has to sell, or a port friendly enough in which to land? When will a German ship be safe to tie up in New York harbor or Baltimore, or Norfolk? Peace may say that Germany may have reciprocal rights of some sort in the United States, but what dock near men who have been in German prisons, or gassed by German armies, or injured by German frightfulness, will be a safe place for such a ship to lie alongside?

Germany has angered the civilized world. If she thinks she is coming back after this saturnalia of frightfulness to sit in the friendly commercial councils of those she is doing her utmost to alienate she gives further evidence of her arch-stupidity. The world has no confidence in the German and will have no toleration for him. He may build ships, but who will sail in a German ship if any other ship is available? Then Germany might figure if she had as much sense as a man with a wooden head that the ships America is building will sail in a trade that is friendly, and be sailed by men who are going to hustle for business for their own country. Germany is going to find a lot of predicaments that her good sword will not get her out of, although it got her into them.

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The Soldier's Chance.

One of the foremost physicians of the United States says that the soldier has 190 chances of long life to 100 chances the man in civil life has. The reason is that the soldier is cared for by skilled surgeons and not allowed to take any risks except those of battle and camp life, while the civilian is beset on all sides by innumerable dangers that hurry morials home. Even tuberculosis is less in the French army now than before the war, owing largely to the rigid care that is thrown about every man. Typhoid fever has been cut down to less than three mild cases in a hundred thousand. Lockjaw, once the scourge of the army hospital, has practically disappeared smallpox is unknown, dysentery, and nearly all the maladies that get the civilian, are conquered. Wounds are amenable to the modern style of treatment. Arms and legs are not cut off now as they were in all previous wars. They are saved. Hospital surgery tackles anything, and with surprising success. The folks at home who see the boys come back from the front remark the physical improvement in nearly every man who went to the army. The change is a revelation.—News & Observer.

FREEDOM.

Here we are free to come and go, and do all kinds of knitting, and while we lay no statutes low, our course is right and fitting. I pack my grip and journey forth, on impulse or suggestion; and if I journey south or north, no guy has right to question. And every time I tour the earth where'er I may determine, I thank the gods who ruled my birth, that I am not a German. I'd hate to have a course laid down by some tin-horn official, to tremble at a kaiser's frown, rebuking and judicial. I'd hate to come when princes call, and go when they demand it; that sort of thing would stir my gull—methinks I couldn't stand it. Here we are free to live our lives, with no avenger near; we run up hills and beat our wives, and no one's interfering. No cheap policeman comes along and puts me in the cooler, because in some immortal song I ridicule a ruler. My little home my castle is, where punk rhythmic storms are brewing; no punk inspector thrusts his phis inside to see what's doing. But if the kaiser comes to reign, from o'er the Prussian border, I will not dare to chant a strain without a written order.—Walt Mason, in News and Observer.

Hurt His Own Cause.

Mr. Winkler, the Republican candidate for the state senate, came down from Boone with Mr. Linney and made a short talk before the convention. If he keeps up the tone of his remarks there will be no need for Mr. Lovill to conduct any campaign, as the consensus of opinion was that Winkler hurt his own cause more than he helped it.—Ashe Recorder.

TO MY MOTHER.

The following beautiful lines were composed by Sergeant Bernard Hodges, now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France and sent to his mother, Mrs. B. J. Hodges, of Adams, which we take pleasure in publishing.
"Thy brow is wrinkled, mother, And your hair is flecked with gray, I am growing fonder, mother, Of your sweet face every day. In your eyes I see the love light That no earthly clouds can dim And I know, my darling mother 'Tis a light that burns within. Childhood days come o'er me, mother, When I think of long ago. How you taught me lessons, mother, With your voice so sweet and low. Youthful days brought me sorrow But you chased them far away. For you know, my gentle mother, How to turn the night to day. In those hours when sad affliction Pressed its way upon my heart By your faith in God, my mother, Came life's richer part. Friends I have, but none like mother, She is more to me than all to me, For her love I'll ne'er repay, now or in eternity.
When I left you, oh, my mother, For the battle over here, I'll remember, dearest mother, All your tender care. When my country's foes are vanquished, And the din of war is o'er, I'll come back to you best of mothers, To love you, to care for you, and to leave you never more.

I am well and getting on all right, with nothing much to worry about. On Sundays I sometimes get a little lonely when I think of the places I could go if I were back there. We are having lovely weather here. I guess you all are having fine weather and are busy taking care of the farm products. Gee, but I would like to be there to help awhile. But as there is a fair sized pond between here and there, I guess I will wait awhile about going.
I am sending my sheep skin home for you to keep for me. Put it with the other, as I want to have it framed some time. Dear mother, I hope you are well and thinking of me only as being all right, having a fairly good time and coming back to you soon. Write when you can.
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