

THE FRANKLIN TIMES

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TAR DROPS

Cutting down the big weeds on the Court Square the past week has improved the appearance of the square.

Many of the front yards on Main street as well as other streets, are being much improved in appearance by grading and turfing.

An item received by the Times the past week will be of interest to friends here. "Announcing the arrival of Bertie Elizabeth Taylor, on June 25, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor."

Chief of Police D. C. High received a telegram from his son, Mr. W. C. High, who left the past week for Vancouver, Washington, to enter government service, stating that he had arrived all right and thought he would like fine.

WRITTEN IN FRANCE ON MOTHER'S DAY.

John R. Massey, a Boon Hill Township Boy Writes to His Mother and Gives Some Interesting Sidelights on a Soldier's Life in The American Expeditionary Forces.

Through the kindness of Mr. John T. Massey of Boon Hill township, we are permitted to publish the following most interesting letter from his son, John R. Massey, written to his mother on May 12, from "Somewhere in France:"

My dear Mother: Today is Mother's Day even with us on the front. We are glad to be given this privilege to observe it by thinking of and writing to our mothers. We know that our mothers back there are very anxious about us over here and especially when they think we are on the front. We imagine they wonder if we are still living and if living, what is our condition. They wonder if we are suffering, and if so do we get attention; they wonder if we are getting the comforts necessary to life and if not, what they can do to add to our comforts; they wonder about our work, if it is hard and how long the hours; they wonder how we are in danger and if so, how great the danger; they wonder if we will ever come back and if so, what kind of a man we will be and they wonder if they and one other thing about us every day. So be sure, mother, I shall try to report in the best manner I can. I will write you often and I will write you often and I will write you often.

You started in a good letter and you had read my mother's photos. From the first I thought I had a book which would be of some use to me. I had a book which would be of some use to me. I had a book which would be of some use to me.

Well, my dear mother, I am still here and I am still here and I am still here.

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It is coming. But generally speaking, danger is not as great as you mothers are apt to believe. To tell you why might be against the regulations of the censorship, but don't think that we are very liable to the fate met by the Germans before the British guns. We are not worrying; so don't you worry over the German drive. You know, yourself, they are only kicking as a hog that has been stuck kicks his last, while the butcher stands over him. Britain, France and America are the butchers. So, mother, we won't be here long.

Lastly, you wonder what kind of a boy you will have when I return. When I left you, I had no habit that would be considered against either my character or my physical body. Today I may not be quite so perfect, but I still have no habit that is against me. I have drunk coffee since coming into the army, but I believe it helped me to feel better, do not smoke or chew. We have had much smoke.

Now, I will not attempt to tell you about anything I have gained, partly because you are not worrying about what I am gaining, although what I am when I return will be the sum-total of what I've gained against what I have lost. But I have shown you that I have lost nothing; therefore, my gain—and it is great—is all to the good.

Now mother, I have written you this letter, because today is a day that has been Mother's Day and the attention of the A. E. F. is called to think of mother at least for a while and then write her a special letter. When I got to thinking I wondered what you would like to know that I haven't written you before and this is the outcome. I hope you will appreciate it. I didn't mean that I know you will appreciate it, but what I mean to say is that you will understand it all fully and that hereafter you will not be too uneasy about me. I know you are interested and wonder right along the very lines of imagination I have expressed. I have tried to leave out nothing that I thought you would be anxious to know. So don't go along in your imagination, but try to get a better idea of the things I have said. I have said in this letter, let it be done and I will write you often and I will write you often.

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The story was told us by an eye-witness to the incident.

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