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THE SPRING DRIVE IS ON IN EARNEST.

Comprehensive Athletic Program, Including Basketball, Boxing and Wrestling, Approved by All

MAJOR MILLER IN CHARGE

Representative of 3rd A. I. C. Area Visits Post and Instills New Life Into Organization

The spring drive in athletics has been launched at the 3rd A. I. C. and our local athletes have been showing remarkable interest in basketball, as well as boxing and wrestling—the sports that now have the call in army circles.

The biggest program in this line since the beginning of the war is the one formulated since the signing of the armistice. In compliance with orders recently received, a new post athletic officer has been appointed and where squadrons or companies no longer had athletic officers new ones were named for these units.

Major Miller, who has charge of this program in the area to which this post belongs, was here a few hours on Monday and his visit gave a marked stimulus to the organization already formed. At the call of the post athletic officer, Lt. Koch, a meeting was held Tuesday evening and the athletic officer himself, or a representative, was present from every unit in camp.

Excused from Other Duties

At this meeting it was learned that all men who give promise of worthy representatives of the post in any of the sports are to be excused from other duties to devote their attention to necessary training. This brought out about fifty candidates for basketball Wednesday afternoon, when preliminary practice began in the big steel hangar gymnasium. There it developed that we have some fine material for a team. By next Monday it is planned to send in the names of a dozen men who will probably constitute the basketball squad to represent this post in a tour of central France, with a good prospect of playing in Paris this spring.

The same opportunity is open to boxers and wrestlers, and it is expected that the 3rd A. I. C. will present her full quota in these lines of sport. Candidates for honors in the squared circle and on the mat already being in active training in the different squadrons and companies of the post.

As an indication of the enthusiasm with which every one has taken hold of the new athletic activities, we are printing a list of the candidates for the basketball competitions:

Coaches: Lt. Freedman, H'qrs. Det., Lt. Pedler and 2nd Lt. D. M. Fullington, 802nd A. S. S. L. Morrill, 369th A. S. J. M. McKenzie, 12th Co. 3rd Reg. ASM, R. W. Trettin, 26th A. S., F. J. Greber, 12th Co. 3rd Reg. ASM, W. C. Green, 369th A. S. G. E. Stanley, 372nd A. S. E. P. Stringer, 12th Co. 3rd Reg. ASM. G. W. Lewis, 12th Co. 3rd Reg. ASM., W. R. Copley, 3rd Co. 2nd Reg. ASM., G. E. Graves, 369th A. S., V. E. Christopher, 369th A. S., N. Wright, 12th Co. 3rd Reg. ASM., E. Rothar, 12th Co. 3rd Reg. ASM., A. V. Beasley, 369th A. S., M. D. Detroit, 369th A. S., C. C. Glidden, 369th A. S., P. Clemenson, 13th Co. 3rd Reg. ASM., C. E. Morrow, 128th Engr., A. Zakoura, 128th Engr., W. A. Seiler, 128th Engr., R. J. Noyes, 128th Engr., 128th Engr., E. W. Shellman, 128th Engr., W. F. Bangaary, 128th Engr., O. E. Draper, 128th Engr., and H. C. Ludwig, W. Abildgaard, F. L. Rutland, W. G. Terrell, A. Trenholm, G. I. Hanson, C. W. Elder, and L. S. Horne of the 372nd Aero Squadron.

Dixie Minstrels Makes Hit Here

On Jan. 30th, and also Feb. 6th, we were favored with a minstrel of the very highest class, conducted by Captain Roy C. Elliot, O. M. C. and produced by the enlisted personnel of the 334th Labor Battalion, the entire cast being Southern Negroes from the three states of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. They produced one of the most interesting Minstrels now playing in the A. E. F. Although they claim to be non-professional, they were able to produce a show that would make professionals sit up and take notice.

They presented the very latest song

AMERICAN ART—"THE THREE DIS-GRACES"



We Are Going to Get Hard Boiled

Yes, we are going to get "Hard Boiled". Snap out of it and come across with those votes for the best composition in the Literary Contest.

You fellows who either did not have the time or the inclination to "take your pen in hand" while the contest was in progress, should at least do something to encourage the men who did. It was done to draw the talent out and those published indicate well applied time and thought which proved enlightening. While this enlightening has taken place we do not know as yet who did the most enlightening. We are not mind readers and while we thank you for your silent approval we would like something more definite and tangible upon which to make our awards. For your information we will say that among the most successful stories, in our opinion, all grades and ranks were represented.

Those who are serving in the ranks know how handy a Deux Cent Franc, a Cent Franc, or even a Cinquante Franc note will be to those who tried to do their best. It may give a lift to a Buck Private. Who knows? It is immaterial to us whether you write your opinion or tell us when you come in to get your papers.

hits with the spirit and "pep" that kept the audience in an uproar of laughter during the entire performance. The excellent features of the production are too numerous to mention, but there is one we can't pass up and that is the little time lost between acts and that there was something doing all the time.

We Thank You, General Patrick

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES
U. S. AIR SERVICE, PARIS
Office of Chief of Air Service

From: Chief of Air Service, A. E. F.
To: First Lt. Thomas W. Ward,
A. S., Officer in Charge, and
to the Staff of Plane News.

Subject: Commendation.

My dear Lieutenant Ward:

1. The PLANE NEWS has been coming to me regularly and I want you to know that I have read each issue with great interest. I have been well satisfied that all who were concerned in publishing this paper were animated by a desire to promote the best interests of the Air Service, and I am assured that they have succeeded in a most gratifying measure.

2. You have provided matter which has been interesting and entertaining, and in all of your work you have endeavored to encourage that high morale and devotion to duty which should mark the soldiers of this Army of ours.

3. I congratulate you and all who have been associated with this paper, and I wish now to extend to you my personal thanks for what has been done to aid in this great war which has now been brought to a victorious conclusion.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) MASON M. PATRICK
Major-General, U. S. A.,
MMP/wah Chief of the Air Service.

SECOND A. I. C. IN NEW ROLE

A course of Infantry Liaison has been established at the 2nd A. I. C. The purpose of this school is to train Infantry Officers and men in the possibilities and limitations of aerial observation, especially that part which demands perfect co-operation between the infantry and the observation plane i. e., contact control work.

Information regarding the location of the front line troops is of the utmost importance to the Staff, as exemplified in the type of warfare which characterized the fighting at Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne. In these engagements when all other means of communication failed the airplane was found to be of the utmost importance.

The necessity and importance of displaying the proper panels by ground troops for the guidance of the aircraft is a prime factor in co-ordinating the efforts of all operations. With this in mind the school does not aim to train observers, but confines itself to instructing the infantry men to properly display the panels which mark out the front line.

The plan is to accommodate fifty Officers and five hundred enlisted men each week. These will come from the Le Mans area. One group will arrive each Sunday afternoon, receive a week's instruction, and move out the following Sunday morning, to make room for another group. These men will be under the instruction of experienced observers.

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COLONEL BOLLING'S FATE IS EXPLAINED

Mystery of Tragic End of ex-Chief of Air Service Cleared Up by An ex-Prisoner of War

KILLED BY HUN OFFICER

His Air Service Activities When the U. S. Entered the War Proved to Be Invaluable

As there have been so many confused stories of the fate of Colonel Raynal C. Bolling, first Chief of Air Service, while on a special mission to the British front during the Amiens drive, it is consoling to publish the affidavit of the chauffeur who accompanied him on the trip, held until recently as a prisoner of war in Germany.

To those who weathered the early storms and struggle to put aviation on its feet after America entered the war the name of Colonel Bolling is familiar. Displaying an early interest in Aviation, upon his own initiative together with the late Captain James E. Miller, he secured the services of a professional aviator to demonstrate the possibilities of airplanes in connection with land forces at the First Plattsburg encampment in 1915. He continued in the summer of 1916 and organized the First Aero Co. an independent National Guard organization with its own equipment, which underwent training at Mineola.

His Foresight

At the outbreak of hostilities he took steps to round up the pick of flying sportsmen. Around this nucleus together with the late Captain Miller he enlisted the services of picked Aviation and automobile mechanics and formed the 1st Reserve Aero Squadron. He was appointed Major in the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, resigning his berth as Chief Counsel for the United States Steel Corporation. Previous to the departure of the squadron overseas he was selected for a special mission to Italy, France and England, the reports of which and prophetic predictions and recommendations contained therein have since proven his thoroughness and foresight. Upon completion of this mission he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and appointed Chief of Air Service, being instrumental in formulating the foundation for the training of pilots in the A. E. F., obtaining valuable concessions from the foreign governments in the way of airplanes, training fields, etc.

He was the first high ranking American officer to give up his life and as the statement shows he died like the true soldier that he was. It is a striking coincidence that Captain Miller should be the first American flyer to meet his death in the air in the first U. S. Air Unit over the lines. The statement printed below is a tribute to Colonel Bolling and is self-explanatory.

Statement of Private Paul L. Holder, 22nd Aero Squadron, U. S. A., January 14th, 1919.

I, Private Paul L. Holder, U. S. Army Number 252472, acted as chauffeur for Colonel R. C. Bolling, Air Service, driving a Fiat car. We left the

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Issoudun Players On The Go

Our Issoudun Players who have done so much to make the world seem bright, even when it looked otherwise are spreading their sunshine throughout the S. O. S., in return of which we expect to reap the fruits of entertainment from other places.

Our versatile Jazz Band consisting of Corporal Luke Annella, 3rd Co., 2nd Regt. A. S. M., Corporal Harry Gableman, 1104th Aero Replacement Squadron, Cadet Spatz, Private L. J. Walter, 26th Aero Squadron, Private Wm. J. Winniford, 13th Co., 3rd Regt. A. S. M. and Geo. H. Marcus, Co. B, 128th Engineers all double up and put on a melange of vaudeville and cabaret acts that rival anything on the Bright White Way.

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"All For One Aim--One Aim For All"

FAITH

FAITH is a wonderful thing. It kept us going many wearisome months. It kept those back home going and striving to do their utmost with tasks which need no recitation here. When one considers the accomplishments of the A. E. F. we look back and realize that it has been due to faith that the final Victory was accomplished. A long distance war has been conducted. The folks back home hardly could conceive of what was going on, but still they kept on sending troops and supplies—with these things was added confidence in us, so that the ultimate end was attained successfully.

Having shown what Faith can do, let us continue. With one accord the nation has shown its Faith. Let there be no relaxation. In order to maintain our commercial strength, our national prosperity, Faith is the prime factor. Let every one apply their efforts, their capital, to the pursuit of Peace and we will proceed upon the most prosperous era our country has ever experienced. But let us once lose Faith and those very foundations upon which we have builded our structure will collapse and the fruits of Victory will be lost. All that is necessary to carry on is a speedy transfer of our war time efforts to peaceful pursuits and there will be a happy future for all of us.

WE WERE RIGHT

SEVERAL weeks ago we made comment upon the lack of outside entertainment facilities. There is no doubt that we have good entertainment provided by our local talent, recently augmented by Miss Chesmond and Miss Blandick of the "Y". But what about the immense cortege of the time honored profession which we have seen so widely advertised, whom we understand are almost within our midst. Gay, gay, Paree—so near and yet so far. Don't you hear us calling you?

Campaigns were conducted in the States to maintain an Over There Theater League, the grand profession responded with volunteers with their customary enthusiasm; money was subscribed willingly by your father, mother, sisters, brothers and friends.

Steps in the right direction were taken, many of the entertainers arriving over here. We have seen but few of them. We sent out a feeler a week or so ago but an item in the *New York Herald*, which we quote, confirms our suspicion of the geographical concentration of the main theatrical forces:

To the Editor of the *Herald*:—

We have one of the many 1st Division shows, all worked up within the division. We cannot get aid from the outside.

Where are all the entertainers overseas? Send a few "live" ones along. Is there any way to get films taken of our boys entering Germany? Send them along. Remember in your columns concerning the tired soldiers along the Rhine; that the 1st Division crossed the old river first and is now the farthest into Germany. We are still on the map. Stir up Paris to get rid of a few entertainers hanging around there. Send us some ladies—real, genuine ladies.

We now have one moving picture machine, operated by an excellent Y. M. C. A. man, Mr. Becker, and we have now six shows going on within the division, operated and conducted entirely by the officers and men.

However, the men are tired and need outside aid. For God's sake get the people in the rear zones to suffer just a little and send us human beings who can entertain the men.

Yours for the doughboys,
Chaplain F. P. Beal.

We were quite certain that we had not seen many of them, in fact could count them upon our fingers, and while we had heard rumors about lack of entertainment up the line this clipping confirms our suspicions. We do not know upon whom to place the blame, but the work and initiative of Elsie Janis, Irene Franklin and the Townsend Sisters were lone examples of what could have been. What inspired us was a recent publication of 150 names in the *New York Morning Telegraph* of theatrical persons doing their bit to entertain the soldiers over there. It is a fact there are numerous places of entertainment where these entertainers perform around Paris, but owing to the restrictions which are being lifted now, the average soldier has not been able to enjoy them. As a matter of fact there was enough local entertainment there without any outside assistance. While we appreciate the rigors of travelling, even under the best of conditions, it has been done by a few toppers like Miss Janis and Miss Franklin who were accustomed to playing something besides the tank towns back home. They did not stick up their noses. Then, why should not the rest of the cream of the the talent have been used to better advantage instead of just playing the big French cities.

If it has been for self advertisement that inspired some of the talent to make the trip, we can assure them that no better advertising could be expected than by coming around to see us, for it is quite positive that if they did show their wares here or in similar large centers they would be sure of a big hand back home whenever they showed on the bill. They have overlooked a big bet.

THIRD A. I. C. "SNAP-SHOOTERS"



Among the recent departures who slipped off unostentatiously was the 103rd Photo Section, with 2nd Lieut. C. H. Klof, Jr., in charge. We are just realizing how much we miss them, as they could always be counted on to come across with something to help us out. We intended to run their picture in the Souvenir Edition, but their other pictures crowded them out.

Maybe we have not impressed you with their importance, but we can say this much: When post headquarters had a job which even the PLANE NEWS could not handle, photostatic copies of the necessary bulletins, etc. were made

by the Photo Section. Then, again, for instruction purposes, particularly for Medical Research and Aerial Gunnery, lantern slides and enlargements were made. All historical work, reference work, blue printing and copying were other functions in addition to the regular duties, with which you were familiar. A complete studio and laboratory was conducted, in fact.

The aerophotographic laboratory at Field 10 was another innovation as the work expanded, with a complete lecture course included, and everything was all set to train Corps and Army pilots in early November.

YE KAISER IN "YE OLDEN TIMES"

As a Fourteenth Century War Correspondent Might Have Chronicled It

By Sgt. Percy N. Lonergan

And Wilhelm, who reigned over Germany, dreamed a dream and in his dream he was drinking lager beer in his hunting lodge, when all the steins which were on the table did foam up and pour over froth in deep obeisance to him. And he awoke and was greatly puzzled, and although arisen from his couch he still dreamed. And he sought the counsel of his wise men, even the much bewhiskered von Tirpitz, the portly Hindenburg, a person of much weight, whose fat is said to extend even from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head, and the sage advice of his eldest son and heir, the Crown Prince, known to the ends of the earth as The Chinless; and they said to him: "Sire, this dream means that you are destined to become a great conqueror, that all the nations of the earth will bow down to you and bring you tribute." And Wilhelm said to himself: "Teut's me," and he did cogitate within himself how this desirable end might be accomplished.

Therefore he set himself to work and raised legions and legions of warriors, and he sent him spies abroad into all parts of the land, who, returning, did say that it was a fair country, flowing with milk and honey. And Wilhelm gathered to him his soldiers and his centurions and did make war on his neighbor. And after many days of strife it chanced that Wilhelm the Dreamer did sit upon his palfrey at a distance, called by the ancients "many leagues," and did watch his legions go into battle. And the warriors of Wilhelm suddenly found themselves face to face with some warriors from a Northern isle, who wore a short garment even like unto the maidens of his Court, but who did not even take one step backwards when the Knights of Wilhelm approached, but smote them hip and thigh, from the rising of the sun even unto the going down thereof, and who spoke with a strange tongue and said: "Eh, mon," and "Dinna ye ken,"

and drove long pointed weapons into the exteriors of the warriors of William until they left for parts of the firmament unknown.

And again Wilhelm's warriors did meet in deadly combat with other warriors, who said strange things, the like of which they had never heard before, and who sang: "They're Hanging Men and Women For the Wearin' of the Green," and who fought even like unto the domestic cat in great anger. And Wilhelm's warriors fled in dismay many times, while Wilhelm said many things that his counsellors understood not, and which are not written in these annals, and this was by Wilhelm called kultur.

During this time when war was rife in the land, Wilhelm's son and unbrained heir did come to him and say: "Father, there are strange warriors between us and victory; they bear a standard of a strange device, of stripes of gayly colored cloth and the stars of the firmament thereon." And Wilhelm was sore puzzled, and said that his son

SAWDUST

By 1st Lt. C. C. Loth

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking
If Clayton gets home first
It is a cinch that you and I
Will surely die of thirst.

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking,
So many flyers have departed
That you an' I will shakealeg
Before Clayton can get started.

Reuben, Reuben, I've been thinking
That Clayton thinks he's very dry,
But he'll be like an April shower
Compared to you and I.

So we'll be up at the peep o' day
And surely beat him to it,
And when we get to Broadway
We'll show him how to do it.

"What is that bird doing up there?"
"Oh, he is participating regularly and frequently in aerial flights."

By Gawd, suh; we are thankful do v'n
in our part of the country "the Still on the Hill will Still Still."

Cheer Up, Boys

Last Wednesday a thousand Air Service men left Remorañin for base port. This looks like the homeward movement is increasing. Who knows but what you will be next.

At least it indicates that somebody is going to get their discharge besides some of our Washington friends whom we read about.

must have dreamed a dream, but the Chinless Prince said "no," for was not one of his centurions in the turmoil of battle with these barbarians, and one of them did smite him while in the act of climbing a hedgerow, and say in a strange way: "Take that, you son of a —" (he did say strange things of his ancestry), and the centurion did not hear what the strange man did say more, inasmuch as he was greatly exorcised. And the centurion did say that there were many things said when his henchmen did meet these strange warriors, and many sounds made by his henchmen like unto the noise made by the swine of the fields as the strange warriors did smite everything in front, that even there was a medley of the familiar grunting noise made by the swine of the field and heavy thuds, and then the warriors of Wilhelm all left even for Berlin, and it is written that even Mercury, who has the flying footstep, would have been sore had he tried to keep within ten leagues of the hindmost. It was said these warriors who came from a distant land where the sun sets, did laugh and seemed unafraid of Wilhelm's warriors.

And in his pride Wilhelm did say surely this is a most contemptible army, and ordered his warriors to smite them; and his warriors did smite, but many of them are now gathered to their forefathers, and many were gathered into baskets, and many were too scattered in the air that they could not be gathered. Still Wilhelm dreamed.

And he did order up all his tribe to attack, saying: "I will sweep over, like the rising tide," but these warriors would not be dismayed, but sang ribald songs like unto those filled with strong drink, and although Wilhelm's warriors were as the sand of the seashore, they came not to victory, and the strange songs of victory of the strange warriors rose on all sides: "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!" And still Wilhelm dreamed.

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