

...with a bullet thru the other was one of those who were purposely sent to the jungles by treacherous guides. Out of the sixty who went in but seven came back. All were personally known to these men, their names as familiar as our school mates they witnessed the terror of this expedition. How one of them went mad with thirst and fever and rushed into the jungle to be seen no more. How another calmly bid his comrades good-bye and lay down with a smile on his lips to leave his bones bleaching on the far off island. How to press on seemed impossible and to drop behind meant death. He was by one they dropped, until the tattered, wounded, insect-bitten remnant finally staggered into camp, every one a temporary mad man. How the treacherous natives were stood up against the wall.

Stories of suffering, mistakes, incompetent leadership and ill usage. These men know what it means to rush into a conflict ill prepared. They were there.

"And you Bill, what of your past life?"

"Oh, I've knocked around. Let me see. I have tried mining in Mexico, whaling and hunting in Alaska, a bit of farming, and I got tired of it and went back to work for Uncle Sam."

But this brief synopsis covered a volume of adventure and true romance. This man has sailed before the mast with Jack London. He has driven him into the rigging with a belaying pin for insubordination. "Poor fellow. He was ready for fight or frolic. I knew what he was after and he got it." The big characters in London's tea tales were as well known to this man as to London. They were all taken from life, and the speaker had sailed with or met most of them.

The talk drifted to explorations and discoveries.

"Remember Stephanson's discovery of blonde Eskimos? That was in 1912. I knew of that race. We ran onto them before that but never realized they were of scientific interest. Had he gone farther he would have discovered the ruins of a city. People laughed at him, but he was right.

Here was practical confirmation of scientific discovery which a group of American Caribou hunters could have given to the world several years before Stephanson did.

And along comes another in the white uniform of a petty officer. He pauses and surveys the group.

"Hello, old timer! Your face looks familiar."

"So does yours. Don't think I could forget that map of yours in nineteen years. do you?"

"Wait a minute till I place you. You were in Manila, were you not? In the hospital ship?"

Drawing a plate toward him "Here was the hospital ship," and placing a loaf of bread beside the plate, "this was the trailing ship, what was her name?"

"The reply was given satisfactorily. "Right." The pepper and salt were brought into play. "Here was the light ship, and here was the ... naming another ship, turning to the other new comer said, "You were on scout service in the Philippines, with my regiment. I knew you the minute you came on ship."

"But you and I have been on ship board for nearly a year now, why didn't you tell me before?"

"Oh, this is the first time it came handy." And then the talk went on. Guns and gunnery modern methods compared with old world politics, local politics, tales of fight and frolic, all in the day's work. One bit of information struck me with force.

"Why is an American soldier superior to any other?" I'll tell you. He fights with his head. He is not lead blindly and told to do a thing. He knows as well as the officer what he has to do. He has the trait of character described as initiative. He fights with all the officers are killed. He only had thing about him that he never knows when to back. And the following bit from an American character is the melting pot of it. It is a bit of human nature and the blood and courage and thought of a whole world. We are the worst but the best, as you know."

This bit of sentiment, with a recital of American war fighting thru one war and was entering on a second struck me very impressively. And the surroundings, Met together on the extreme frontier of America. Way down in the tropics, in an environment entirely foreign, as far from the ideals of Plymouth Rock in sentiment as it was in miles; with the twirling harbor lights off to the right, and the foreign looking people all around, this meeting of American boys, and exchange of American ideas would have seemed unreal only for the presence of the boys themselves—the boys who did not stay at home. One was from Texas, one from Connecticut and the other from Hoboken, sometimes called a state by itself.

Some day there will arise an American Kipling who will immortalize the traditions and character of the modern American Army and Navy. The field is rich, and only awaiting the coming of the man who is big enough to handle a big subject.

LOU D. MAOWETHY

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Following is the Financial Statement and Report of Board of Education of School District No. 1, of Andover High School:

Receipts	
Balance on hand from previous year	\$ 48.72
Public money from Supervisor	814.83
Academic quota	100.00
Academic attendance	36.54
Non-resident tuition paid by the state	433.26
Bank tax	303.45
Raised by taxation	7,000.00
Total Receipts	\$8,736.80

Disbursements	
Teachers' Salaries	\$1,239.38
L. C. Sterner	543.50
Hazel Strickland	569.50
Nina Hollenbeck	470.00
Helen Elston	30.00
Florence Mackey	519.75
Julia Lynch	519.75
Carolyn Hineher	519.75
Mary Snyder	519.75
Blanche Redmond	519.75
Ruth Anderson	519.75
Total Disbursements	\$5,550.88

1916	D. M. Green, janitor and truant officer	\$ 325.00
	Empire Gas & Fuel Co., fuel and lights	428.10
Aug. 15	Milton Bradley Co., Kindergarten supplies	4.60
Sept. 5	C. W. Williams, broom, matches, etc.	1.72
Oct. 3	Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., oil and hardware supplies	15.68
Oct. 3	J. M. DeRemer, taking census	5.00
Oct. 3	Henry Stephens, premium on insurance policy	\$6.00
Oct. 3	J. H. Backus, printing school report, notice of school meeting and card-board	53.75
Oct. 3	J. A. Hunt, bond No. 13 and interest	201.60
Oct. 14	J. C. Scribner, Int. on bond No. 17	3.60
Oct. 16	Burrows National Bank bond No. 13 and interest	684.00
Oct. 18	Andover State Bank note	150.00
Oct. 21	Lydia A. Benton, Int. on bond No. 18	3.60
Oct. 25	F. D. Rice for piano	135.00
Nov. 13	Henry Stephens, premium on insurance policy	14.40
Dec. 2	Andover State Bank note	102.04
	water bill	27.70
	Milton Bradley Co., supplies	27.50
	Marine Biological Laboratory, Biology supplies	2.00
	Silver Bardette & Co., music books, etc.	3.19
	J. H. Backus, printing collectors notice, cards, etc.	4.60
	Chas. M. Lash, premium on compensation policy	10.00
	M. J. Gray, labor	50.00
Dec. 15	Allegany Mutual Telephone Co., for batteries and labor	7.40
Dec. 18	Mrs. E. Joyce, for	

Jan. 20	Galvin Glenn, Int. on bond No. 16	7.20
Feb. 7	Brundage Drug Co., for books and supplies	27.84
	F. L. Bloss, Mds	8.42
	C. E. Hann, labor	1.75
	Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., Hardware supplies and labor	5.80
	D. C. Heath & Co., text books	3.12
	J. H. Backus, report cards and card-board	1.16
	L. C. Sterner, express charges	2.29
Mar. 13	Gridley, Fuhrman & Martin Co., labor and Mds	11.08
	Scott Foreman & Co., stationery	6.50
Apr. 5	Burrows National Bank, Int. on bonds	72.00
Apr. 6	J. C. Scribner, Int. on bond, No. 17	3.60
Apr. 19	Milton Bradley Co., supplies	1.85
Apr. 24	Lydia A. Benton, Int. on bond No. 18	3.60
May 1	J. C. Lever, Int. on bond No. 19	7.20
May 7	Bacon Vincent Co., supplies	12.44
May 17	Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., Biology supplies	1.75
June 15	Mrs. D. M. Green, for laundry work	7.20
	J. D. Chesman, ink and supplies	10.55
	M. A. Warfield, postage and envelopes and filing collectors and Treasurers bond	2.35
	Dr. W. J. Grenolds, medical examination of school	25.00
	Mary Warfield, secretary's salary	25.00
	Total Disbursements	\$8,025.07
	Balance on hand	\$711.73
	Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Education.	MARY A. WARFIELD, Secretary.
July 1st, 1917.	supplies	5.43

INDEPENDENCE

July 16.—Miss Josephene Grossman has been home from Wellsville for a few days.

H. H. Kenyon has recovered from his recent illness so as to be out again.

Miss Erma Clarke is home from Fonda where she has been teaching the past year.

Mrs. Willard Graves, of Shingle house, spent the past week with Mrs. J. M. Green.

Clarke Slade passed Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Slade, at Whitesville.

Miss Beatrice Barney is the guest of Mrs. Clayton Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell and sister, of Binghamton, are visiting Mrs. Wallace Briggs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Potter accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pease to Olean Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clarke were doing business in Wellsville Tuesday.

Mrs. C. S. Clarke, of Andover, has been visiting friends on the hill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wilson, of Whitesville, were guests at W. E. Densmore's, a few days.

Mrs. A. M. Cottrell has been in Wellsville this week.

Rev. W. L. Green is driving a new Ford car, purchased of M. W. Reynolds, at Whitesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mingus and Mrs. C. C. Green were in Wellsville shopping Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Crandall and Miss Elrene Crandall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown at Bradford, Pa., Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bassett were in Bath Saturday, guests of their brother, Floyd Langworthy.

Mrs. W. L. Green, Mrs. M. A. Bassett, Mrs. Floyd Clarke and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spicer were in Wellsville Tuesday in the interest of Red Cross work.

Mrs. M. A. Crandall and R. E. Spicer accompanied Mrs. E. R. Crandall, Sr., and Mrs. F. E. Warren to Alfred Station Thursday.

Bert Grossman, of Nile, has been visiting his father and family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke and Chas. passed Saturday in Whitesville, guests of Chas. Anstin. There will be vesper service and sermon at the church every

...Sunday evening, at eight o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these services.

The Ladies Aid Society will serve supper at the Parish House Saturday evening.

Mrs. L. Bassett and Edna are visiting at Seio.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Neighbors of S. G. and Milford Crandall Bring Fourth to Their Very Door

(Inadvertently the following account of the Fourth of July community picnic at Independence has been delayed. It being, however such a very enjoyable occasion, and the idea of the passing of the Fourth in such a safe and sane manner, that we believe it will be of unusual interest to our readers even at so late a date.—Editor.)

It was, indeed, a "glorious Fourth" that was celebrated at the home of S. G. and Milford Crandall, when the surrounding community surprised the family by assembling on the large porch and lawn for a jolly, good time.

Mr. Crandall had put forth his best energy to find out what plans had been made for some celebration, but no one apparently knew anything about it, and seemed to Mr. Crandall, to lack interest in the matter. To the contrary, the interest was being sharpened all the time thru the efforts to keep it a surprise.

As he returned from work that forenoon, the first two auto loads drove into the yard to be succeeded by many others. Tables and seats were arranged on the lawn and at one o'clock a bountiful dinner was served to about eighty-five people, twenty-nine of which were children. We all tried to do our "bit" by not leaving any wasted food, too.

After dinner the young people enjoyed singing old songs, and then the group was called to order and it was voted to organize into an association. Mr. S. G. Crandall was appointed chairman of the day and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—S. G. Crandall
Secretary—Bertha Livermore
Treasurer—Mrs. A. B. Cook
Committee on Arrangements—Mrs. Emmitt Robinson, Mrs. Frank Davis and Mrs. Lou Davis.

Then it was necessary to decide upon a name for our organization and it was voted we call it "The Fourth of July Community Picnic." The name infers just what is meant—that no one is excluded from our year's celebration, so we shall expect our numbers to be doubled.

The meeting adjourned to convene on July Fourth of next year, in the Livermore woods opposite A. B. Cook's.

Secretary.

ALFRED STATION

July 17.—Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and two children visited at Julia Ormsby's Saturday.

Mrs. Lewis and three children, of Syracuse, N. Y., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chapman.

The AUDITORIUM

Saturday Evening, July 21

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"Eddie" O'Donnell Driving Across the Country With One Arm in a Sling.

"Eddie" O'Donnell, one of the best known racing drivers in the country, is now making his second trip across the country, driving a MITCHELL Six, with one arm in a sling, is the information received today by DARCY & STOUT.

O'Donnell has not fully recovered from the accident sustained at the Kansas City Speedway Race July 22nd last, when the plucky driver and his mechanic went through a fence and hurtled a 12-foot embankment.

Although the accident dates back almost a year, O'Donnell's broken arm has been slow in healing. He plans, however, to have it removed from the sling in another seven weeks.

If, by that time, the arm should be sufficiently strong to warrant his return to the race track, it is probable he will be seen in action in charge of the Duesenberg racing team.

It is possible that O'Donnell may desert the race track to join the Aviation Corps, provided he is assured of being sent to France and given an opportunity to see active service.

Following his injuries at Kansas City last July, O'Donnell was confined to a Chicago hospital for an extended period. After his discharge from the hospital, O'Donnell primed his MITCHELL "six" for a trip to Los Angeles. With one arm suspended in a sling, he was only on the road twelve days, although forced to drive over some very bad roads.

Now he is on his return trip, this time with New York as his destination, and, so far as is known, will have the distinction of being the first man to drive an automobile across the country and back with only the use of one arm.

No extra supply of gasoline or oil will be carried by O'Donnell, which illustrates the confidence he has in his MITCHELL, considering the handicap with which he was traveling. But O'Donnell's belief in the MITCHELL is best expressed in his own words when he says:

"From a point of service, and considering my experience with various makes of automobiles, I wouldn't choose another car on the market for my personal use than the MITCHELL. Considering the hard driving I have given it, I never had one bit of trouble."

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