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CIVIC UNDERSTUDIES PUBLISH
NEWSLETTER TO SERVICE MEN

Would you like to keep in touch with all your friends now in Uncle Sam's Service? If you would, then this newspaper is the solution to any problems you may have in trying to do so.

In case you are wondering how, take a quick look at page two. You will notice that it consists of excerpts from letters written by you to teachers and students at the Washington High School. We want this section of the paper to serve as an exchange agency for a large portion of the letters received here. In this way any news you send us will be relayed to your friends in the service because this paper is being sent to all the men from Two Rivers now serving our country.

We hope you will realize that we need your help in making this paper really interesting for you. Will you write us then as often as possible? Simply address your letters to the Civic Understudies, Two Rivers Vocational School, Two Rivers, Wis.

By this time you are probably wondering who the Civic Understudies are and how this paper was developed. Therefore, we would like to submit a few words of explanation to enlighten your befuddled brains.

We, the Civic Understudies, are a group of young people in Two Rivers who got together about six months ago to study civic problems under the guidance of Mr. Sherman Gunderson. However, after December 7 we changed our plans in order that we might be able to do something for you all. From several ideas we selected the newspaper.

Naturally funds were needed to carry out this idea, and so Floyd Bauknecht (now in the service himself, being inducted March 16) evolved a morale campaign whereby the necessary funds could be raised. To initiate the campaign,

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Boys, this is your paper, so we have decided to let you give it a name. We will give \$5.00 to the person submitting the best title, the title we will use. Start thinking and get your entries in before April 24. Send them to Civic Understudies, Vocational School, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, with your name and complete address.

Cards were printed with the slogan "Morale Makes Might", and distributed to local merchants (in exchange for the stuff people use for buying Defense Stamps) and the campaign began rolling.

The next move was to sponsor a dance at the Community House. All the organizations in the city were contacted and the purpose of the campaign explained to them. They were asked to cooperate with us by purchasing tickets and attending the dance. Each member of the Civic Understudies also sold tickets and a few soles, rubber heels, and tires were worn down a bit in the process.

All the men in the service who were home on furlough at the time were invited as our guests to the dance which was held on April 4th with Dick Fricke and his orchestra supplying the music.

Well, boys, that's the short and long of it, and it all boils down to the fact that we need your help in order to keep this paper going. We would certainly like to hear from you, but often.

Incidentally, when writing us, why not enter the contest announced above? After all, five smackeroos are some sweet sugar in any man's (or woman's) language.

Let's be hearing from you, inso?

P.S. In case you don't have the addresses of some of your friends to whom you would like to write personally, just send us a card and we will send the addresses to you gratis.

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BITS FROM THE BARRACKS

Kenneth Lousier writes the following to Donald Sauve: "After traveling fifteen hours to reach the Coast Guard Training Station at Baltimore, Md., we found that cokes and malteds were the only available refreshments." Imagine traveling fifteen hours for a coke. Kenneth is a recent enlistee.

"What tastes best from home? Good Wisconsin cheese, sausage, and homemade cookies," says Pvt. Anthony Borusky, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. One of Tony's buddies is Kenneth Binder who played on the Kenosha Professional Football team.

"The usual appellation tendered a regular soldier is a 'good Joe' ", Pvt. Leon Smongeski, Charleston, S.C., informs us.

Pvt. Paul Borusky likes this expression. "War is the surgery of crime. Evil as it is in itself, it always implies something worse has gone before."

Francis Hess writes our advisor, Sherman Gunderson, that he passed his physical exam and has been sworn in as a first class private in the U. S. Marine Reserve.

From Fort Knox, Ky., we hear that Corp. Roger Zuehl has been in three divisions so far -- first the 3rd division, then the 5th and now the 8th. Evidently it has helped his exploring capacities because he writes Miss O'Connell, librarian at the high school, that the last time he was home he really met some nice young girls.

Sgt. Harlan Althen has switched from shouldering a rifle to the weapon for which he believes he is best fitted -- the typewriter. A regimental press bureau has been set up at Fort George G. Meade, Ga., and the largest portion of his work consists of keeping the hometown newspapers informed of the progress of the personnel. (We could use your assistance in shaping up this newspaper, Sarge!)

Pvt. Hilary Wachtel, Camp Robinson, Ark., reports that while training in the Ozarks the high altitude caused his nose to bleed. Result: a ride back to camp in an ambulance. Beats walking, eh boys?

In reference to Hawaii, Pvt. Howard Halstrom makes the following claim: "This isn't the paradise it used to be. People aren't allowed on the streets after 6:00 P.M. so there is no night life or bright lights." No night life or bright lights? We fully understand what's happened to his paradise.

The "Yard Bird of Co. D", Camp Livingston, La., Corp. Paul Kriehn to you, thinks the high school cooking class should do the cooking for the army. He also asks the teachers to forget his bad English as he's in the army now.

Pvt. LeRoy Shimulunas in the Air Corps Training School, Chanute Field, Ill. was very much surprised to learn that the cookies were from the homemaking department and sends his "thanks, because they were so good". Ben Niquette stationed at Geiger Field, Wash., says that the boys in his barracks can testify to the cooking ability of the high school girls.

-- HELP WANTED --

Elsewhere in this issue an appeal has been made to you fellows for reports on the activities of your camps. As you readily can see we're very dependent upon your cooperation. We reiterate the plea for a word or two from you. Frankly, boys, it's your paper and the success of it depends on you. Any suggestions you have to offer will be sincerely appreciated and given full consideration. How about giving it a try.

MORE NEWS ABOUT YOU

Corp. Francis J. Simono, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Simono, 1911 - 27th Street, is now serving as secretary to the regimental chaplain, the Rev. Father Wiergalis, at Camp Roberts, California. Simono was recently promoted from private to corporal.

Frederick Reinhardt has successfully passed an examination to become a candidate for the officers' training school in Coastal Artillery and is now attending the training school at Camp Davis, N.C. A successful completion of the training course will automatically commission Reinhardt as a second lieutenant.

Lionel Dionne was recently promoted to the rank of corporal at the Air Force Advanced Flying School at Stockton Field, Calif.

Pvt. William Bruechert, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., has recently been awarded a medal for expert marksmanship in machine gun firing and also one for work with the sub-machine gun.

Pfc. Francis "Bubs" Hess, who is stationed at the Marine Barracks at Quantico, Va., recently went to Washington and stood at attention all day in front of the Capitol in the rain with fixed bayonet. He writes, "We were the special guard for the President of Peru and President Roosevelt. Got a good look at both and many other national figures, across the blade of my bayonet."

At the graduation exercises held at Washington High School on Thursday, June 4, Francis Rady, a member of the U. S. Navy, was granted a diploma along with other members of his graduating class. This is the first time in the history of the school that a boy in the armed forces was given the privilege of returning home to receive his diploma. Rady appeared at commencement exercises in his uniform, while other members of the class wore their caps and gowns.

Harold J. Pokorsky was recently promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He entered the service on Oct. 18, 1940 as private. Later he became cook and some months ago became mess sergeant. At present he is attending an officers school at Ft. Bragg.

Seaman First Class Howard F. Wolf recently was given a 15-day furlough from the Navy Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y., and was able to spend Mother's Day with his mother in Two Rivers.

Coast Guardsman Wolf received serious burns on his face, hands and arms while freeing himself and four others when the U. S. S. Hamilton was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic late in February. Except for the tenderness of the skin, "Happy" is the perfect picture of health. He left Two Rivers on May 21 to return to the Navy Hospital for further treatment. While in Two Rivers Howard took his obligation and became a member of the VFW. He was the first service man in the county to personally do so.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!

- ENGAGEMENTS -

Eleanor Kocian & Corp. Riley N. Dilley,
Santa Ana, California
Agnes Ahrndt & Howard F. Wolf, Seaman 1st
Class
Grace O. Wellhoefer of Manitowoc & Lyman
S. Elliott of Fort Sheridan

- MARRIAGES -

Lorraine Kenville & Alvin Pavlowich of
Manitowoc, December 30, 1941
Elaine Blaha & Donald M. Burden of Chicago,
February 1, 1941
Norma H. Cherney, Kewaunee & Lieut. John
B. Kahlenberg of Camp Lee, Va., May 2
Virginia Green, La Porte, Ind., & Carl W.
Saubert, May 3
Louise Thomas & Earle Tegge, May 9
Helen Whiffen, Sheboygan & Stephen Stanul,
Madison, May 9
Leone Nehring & Paul Timm, Manitowoc,
May 12
Edythe Behlow & Charles Seitz, U.S.C.G.,
Seattle, May 12
Lydia Kolbeck, Manitowoc & Royal Schaefer,
Miami, Fla., May 15
Lauraine Marek & Richard Jungles, Escanaba,
Mich., May 16
Florence Yelmene, Manitowoc & Norbert
Robinson, May 23

- INDUCTIONS - MAY 27, 1942 -

Carl Joseph Jansky, Harold W. Kath, Elmer
L. Gauthier, Lawrence S. Waskow, Leslie
Guetschow, Eugene H. Carron, Clement A.
Wachtel, Gerhard G. Griep, Paul J. Chadek,
and Leroy J. Lintoreur.



"DON'T BE A WALLFLOWER UNLESS
YOU CAN'T HELP IT"

There comes a time in every man's life when he has to rise to the occasion with a clever, witty remark. Are you prepared for this occasion?

Are you the wallflower of a U.S.O. dance? Are you a bore to the boys in the barracks? Does the camp look upon you as a tramp? If this is true, we are here to help you. For your benefit we have collected a group of witty sayings -- learn them and see if your popularity doesn't soar to the sky.

Scientists say women are eating more; they certainly have the figures to prove it.

When they kiss and make up, she gets the kiss and he gets the make-up.

Science is wonderful. It couldn't pry open the Pullman windows, so it air-conditioned the trains.

If at first you don't succeed, lie, lie again.

A banana peel is an article of food that brings the weight down.

I remember way back when neck was used as a noun.

Some people have no respect for age, unless it's bottled.

He's the luckiest man in the world. He has a wife and a cigarette lighter and both of them work.

I smoke Robinson Crusoe cigarettes; they're cast aways.

The reason women live longer than men is because paint is a great preservative.

The cannibal song -- the minuet.

Only a convict likes to be stopped in the middle of a sentence.

Our idea of an understanding wife is one who has the pork chops ready when you come in from fishing.

Father: The kin you love to touch.

The soda fountain boy should go to sundae school.

College bred is a four year loaf made out of dad's dough.

Or maybe you're called upon to sing or dance or play a musical instrument. But you can't do any of these things, so you have to turn to poetry. And again we can help you.

"I HELD A LITTLE HAND LAST NIGHT"

I held a little hand last night
So tender and so sweet.

I thought my heart would break with joy
So loudly did it beat.

No other hand unto my heart
Could greater comfort bring

Than the little hand I held last night --
Four aces and a king!

The color blooms on woman's cheek
For less than fifteen cents a week,
But for a man as price now goes
It costs a lot to paint a nose.