

ROCK HILL MESSENGER



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TO OUR FOLKS IN THE SERVICE
September 1944

The following letter was received by Mr. Nelson from Sgt. Willard Baker in Italy:

Dear Mr. Nelson & Friends,

I just received the July copy of the Messenger and I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. The Messengers are very interesting and keep us in touch with home. I really enjoy them.

I'm sorry that I have been rather negligent in writing to you, That is partly due to lack of time and mostly lack of news to tell you. Well, suppose you would like to know what things are like here. I can't say too much, only we are having a lot of very hot weather and some dust storms. We have very good shows and most of the latest pictures come our way. The eats are good. We have church services every Sunday. We also get our three Coca-Colas every week. There is nothing more to write. Only I wish the church luck and hope they soon are successful in selecting a pastor.

Sincerely yours,
Willard Baker.

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Mrs. Roth received a letter from Vernon written about July 31, part of which is the following:

"I'm glad to hear that everyone is O.K. I'm feeling fine and working every day. I'm working on airplanes now. So that keeps me busy and don't give me a chance to get around like I did in England when I was driving.

"I'm glad to hear that Chester Braun is O.K. and back in England again. They had a very tough mission over here.

We have a Red Cross Club set up here now. So we have coffee and doughnuts every night before we go to bed. They really did us a favor when they put it up cause it's so close. I can smell the doughnuts all day.

Well, it's about time to eat so I guess I'll have to close.

Vernon.

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Dear Friends,

I guess I really missed something when the last Messenger was printed. The August issue was the beginning of the second year. I don't know who should make the remarks, you or us. We'd like of course to hear from you. but that goes for any time at all you know. If any of you have any suggestion to make, either pro or con, for our tiny publication, we should like to hear them. Maybe you'd like to have a little more of "THIS" or a little less of "THAT" or maybe there is something we haven't thought of that you'd like to have us put in. Of course we're not experts but we'll aim to do the best we can to please you.

There isn't a lot to say here in the way of news. We had a candidate from the southern part of the state on July 30. He had his wife with him and they stayed for Christian Endeavor. He seemed to have won the favor of most of the congregation, including the young people, but before he left he told Mr. C.W. Wise, who was his host, that he wouldn't consider a call. He said there wasn't enough work in the community to keep him busy. We learned too that his wife didn't care one single thing about the Belmont County hills. Today, August 27, we heard another candidate but I don't think he has the

people worked up over him. He was a man of about 45 years. I guess the chief trouble was that he talked too much in the same tone of voice-- couldn't keep the people awake. He was Rev. Topping from Latonia, Ohio, just out of Youngstown.

Rev. Campbell and Dr. Elbin have really spoiled us. We got too used to Rev. Campbell to enjoy a man with any less ability, but we'll have to change our minds no doubt.

The rain the day before the picnic was welcomed by everyone. Everyone is busy--the threshing is about finished, by the time this reaches you some silos will be filled, the women are canning, etc. Things in general in the community are doing right well.

We are all praying for your speedy and safe return and that God's blessing be with you one and all.

Sincerely, Tootie

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NEWS ITEMS

Marilyn Parker, Joyce Tarbet, Naomi Mayer, Elsie Mehlman, Ruth Ann Keyser, Almeda Wise, 4-H Squaws, and their advisor Mrs. Helen Keyser, attended 4-H camp at Oglebay Park.

Men of the Grange and neighbors helped Pvt. Zygmunt Rataiczak put up his hay when he was home on furlough the first part of August.

Wayne Gavens starts to school this fall. The only first grader in our community this year.

Donald Nelson has been moved to Denver, Colorado, as his address shows.

Sgt. Leonard Burlingame just recently returned to camp spending a 14 day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Betty Lou Braun Burlingame.

Football practice has started again and Rock Hill has two boys on the squad, Calvin Giffin and Alvin Mayer.

Janet Braun will be hostess to the office personnel and clerks of the Bellaire J.C. Penny Co. at a picnic at her home, the occasion being the last Wednesday afternoon off for the season.

NEWS ITEMS

Thomas A. Ramsay and family of Jacobsburg received word July 28 of the death of Pfc. Emerson L. Ramsay, who gave his life in the battle for Saipan. On August 16 the Grange, in a special ceremony, draped its charter in his honor. On Sunday Aug. 20 the Jacobsburg Methodist church held a memorial service in his memory with Rev. Archer in charge.

Fire started in a two story shed located at one end of F.M. Giffin's dairy barn about 10 A.M. on Wednesday the 23d of August. He has just filled the gasoline tank and had run it over and when he started the engine it back-fired and a spark caught the spilled gasoline. He met with a tremendous loss. The tractor, plows, ensilage cutter, feed grinder, a gasoline engine, a tank of gasoline, and all his small carpenter tools were lost, and also one silo. The Bellaire fire truck came out and Russell Giffin with his truck helped supply the water. Most all the neighbors had gathered in and their strenuous efforts helped prevent a further loss.

The Annual Rock Hill Sunday School picnic was held August 17 at the Grange Hall (because of the rain on the preceding day and the not too promising weather on that day). A bountiful dinner was served to about 175. The afternoon was spent on the church grounds, with the youngsters enjoying the swings and refreshment stand.

Pfc. Robert Giffin, who has been serving in the South Pacific for some time, is now in the states. He was in a San Francisco Hospital under guarantee for a while for some sort of sores on his hands and feet. He was then transferred to Fletcher General Hospital in Cambridge for a short while. From there he was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison and is now on a 21 day furlough. Just now he is visiting Lowell and Jean in Cleveland.

Lowell Giffin has recently been ordained Elder in the Brooklyn United Presbyterian Church of Cleveland, Ohio

Chester and Kenneth Braun and Roy Nelson have met several times in England. Chester was in France and was sent back to England for a short rest period. He and Roy are both in France now.

Since being in France, Lt. Col. Roy Nelson has had lunch with Ernie Pyle, newspaper correspondent. The Lt. Col. has taken a bath in his helmet, and at one time since he's been in France he has experienced 3 days and nights without sleep.

Sgt. Fred Nelson is now in France. Bob McAllister, who is also in France writes that he has been spending some time in foxholes.

When Wesley Stolis folks last heard from him (about the last of July) he was located in India.

Mrs. Harold Givens visited Elsie and her family in New Jersey for the past three weeks, Harold was able to spend all three weekends with her. He will graduate from yeoman's school Sept. 8. Bertie reports that he is fine and that Elsie's family are all in good health.

Dr. David McBride has taken over the Elmer Nichol farm. The first crop of hay was baled in the field just as it was cut (all in one operation) At present they are filling the silo. Emil Perunko of St. Clairsville will oversee the work.

Mrs. Mildred Giffin Duck will teach this winter at First Ward School in Bellaire.

LAUGH AWHILE

Do you know why it is hard to get silk from Japan now?
Because all the worms are in their army.

"You don't know the first thing about syntax?"
"My goodness, is there a tax on that too?"

A Cape Cod native was walking along, limping badly, when met by a summer cottager. "What's the matter, Caleb?" he inquired sympathetically.
"Oh, cried Caleb, "my leg is something terrible. Rheumatiz, I guess I can hardly step on my foot at all."

"Oh, that's nothing" the cottager declared. "all your leg needs is to be rubbed. I had the same thing, and got my wife to rub my leg, and she did a fine job. She rubbed and rubbed it, and the pain disappeared. You ought to do just what I did, Caleb."

"I will," said Caleb promptly. "Is your wife home now?"

Sailor, picking up a telephone- "hello, operator, give me anybody's number I want to make friends.

The question now is: How strong is Hitler's stomach now he's had to start eating his own words?

And then there's the story of two Japanese statesmen who jumped out of a hotel window because they found an American vessel under the bed.

In this vale of toil and sin
Your head grows bald but not your chin.

Boy: "I want a license."
Clerk: "Hunting License?"
Boy: "No, the hunting is over; I want a license to marry the girl."

LOST OUT

Old Father Hubbard went to the cupboard
To get himself a drink,
And when he got there the cupboard was bare
So he took one from the sink.

The bride was very much concerned at seeing twin beds in their bridal suite.
"Whats the matter dearest?" asked the attentive bridegroom.
"Why, I certainly thought we were going to get a room all to ourselves."

Slim: "You should always leave the table hungry."
Stout: "I do better than that. I always leave the table empty."

Sgt. "Why do you keep looking down all the time?"
Pvt. "The doctor told me to watch my stomach."

HANDICAPPED

When the flood was over and Noah had freed all the animals, he returned to the ark to make sure all had left. He found two snakes in the corner crying.

They told their sorrot to him;-

"You told us to go forth and multiply upon the earth, and we are

adders.
INNOCENT

Judge: "You admit you drove over this man with a loaded truck?"
Driver- Yes, your honor."
Hudge - "And what have you to say in your defense?"
Driver- "I didn't know it was loaded."