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TO OUR FOLKS IN THE SERVICE  
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Dear Friends-in-Uniform,

I was just reading a section in the Christian Rural Fellowship paper for January 1945. It struck me as something that might apply to many of you. It comes from "A Rural Manifesto." "2. We believe in the philosophy of abundance and not of scarcity; in production for use and not for profit; and in our moral obligation to feed and clothe the people as our stewardship of industry." Particularly the last part of this interests me and I hope it will interest you. As Christians do we not have an obligation to use our occupation for God and for others no matter what that occupation may be.

Along this line I am asking Charlie Nelson to enclose with this Messenger a leaflet that I trust you will consider carefully. We are also including a devotional booklet. Now that some of you are going to have some months of idle time, now that V-E Day is here, you will have time to think on some of these things. I hope you will find help in this little booklet.

Since Easter the pastor has been "farmer." There are over 100 pine trees and several other kinds of new trees and shrubs down in the hollow; there are several new fruit trees around the manse and a berry patch has been started. The garden is in so far as early vegetables are concerned. The weather has been so cool that one man told me his garden seed had rotted in the ground, he thought. Yet oats are coming up on many of the farms and the men are getting corn in.

The 4-H had its first meeting. Perhaps there is news elsewhere about that. There should be a good club this year even if it is not as large as before. The church work is going along much as usual. The attendance is good but could always be better. We'll be looking for some of you at Church services some of these bright Sundays.

Sincerely, Rev. Fuller

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NEWS ITEMS

Word has been received that Bobby Pollock, who used to work for McClains, and who is now serving in the Army in the South Pacific, had been wounded somewhere about the head while in action.

The Presidential citation, Purple Heart, and Oak Leaf Cluster awarded to Edgar Shallcross, who is (or maybe was) a Nazi prisoner, will be sent to his parents in Bellaire.

The Rock Hill Grange has been practicing degree work to put on 4th degree in St. Clair Grange Hall on May 17. We have five candidates.

Bellaire schools will have a program of religious education beginning next fall. The teacher will spend 4 days in Bellaire schools and one in Shadyside. Mrs. Rilla Stanchina of Martins Ferry is the teacher. A reception was held for her in the Bellaire Christian Church. Rev. Fuller, Leota Wise, Frances Giffin, Helen Keyser, and Loretta Greenlee attended from our church.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen, who now live in Bannock, are the parents of a third daughter, born on May 5.

The latest news (just off the wire and in time for this belated edition) follows: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roth are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born May 8, about 1 P. M. in the North Wheeling Hospital. All doing fine!!

NOTE Corection - Herman Mobley, Fred Nelson A. P. O. 758, not 562 as below.

## NEWS ITEMS

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On April 8 a Memorial Service for Chester C. Braun, Jr., was held in our church with Rev. Fuller in charge. Immediately following the regular service, the church filled with Chester's acquaintances and friends who came to pay tribute to his memory. Chester gave his life for his country on January 3, 1945.

Sgt. James Allietta, reported missing on December 16, and later reported to be a prisoner of the Nazis, was liberated and has now returned to the United States.

Pfc. Robert Giffin, stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, was on leave in Washington the first of April and there viewed the procession of the late President's body as it moved toward the White House.

Herman Mobley has been promoted from Pfc. to a rating of T/5. He is now in Germany and has the same A. P. O. (562) as Fred Nelson.

Fred was also in Germany when his parents last heard from him.

Mrs. E. L. Nelson of Columbus visited here, in the fore part of April, with her sisters and their families.

Al Giffin, who has been working up at the City Hospital, is now working at the Murphy store on Belmont Street.

Mrs. Robert Nelson, sister-in-law of Charles, Frank, Paul Nelson, et al, passed away about 2 weeks ago.

Christian Endeavor held a monthly business meeting at the home of Alvin and Naomi Mayer (Nichol house) on April 30. They had quite a nice attendance.

Rock Hill C. E. and Coalbrook Westminster Fellowship went together to Blaine Presbyterian Church and formed a Westminster Fellowship there on April 29.

The annual Congregational meeting of the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church was held April 10 at the Grange Hall with a pot-luck supper served before the business meeting. The regular reports of the different church organizations were given. The following trustees were elected: Roy Tarbet, Paul Nelson, Roy Givens, Russell Giffin, and Paul Greenlee.

A lot of people were late getting their oats sowed because the shipment of lime didn't come in till late. However Charles Willerton had oats sowed on the 28th of March, the first in the community.

Calvin Giffin, Alvin Mayer, and Jim Keyser are all on the track team this season.

Sydney Stolz, who was hospitalized in Australia for some time. He spent something like two weeks in a rest home and probably has been discharged from hospital care by this time.

Mrs. Charley Nelson, who is greatly improved after nearly a year of sickness and convalescing, and who lost 65 pounds in that time, was heard telling someone the other day that now "Charley has stuck with me through thick and thin."

The Messenger Staff had its meeting this month at the home of Dorothy Roth. We met on April 30. (Blame the typist for this late edition.)

The Women's Missionary Society met with Mrs. Fuller at the parsonage on April 18. We discussed missions in the Philippines.



CHANGES OF ADDRESSES

Pfc. Donald Nelson, 15122323  
Class 515, L. V. A. A. F.  
Las Vegas, Nevada

T. Sgt. Bernard C. Giffin, 35031679  
872nd Ord., H. A. M. Co.  
A. P. O. 350 c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

Pfc. Kenneth K. Braun, 35216432  
60 D - 168 - 2nd Platoon  
A. P. O. 269 c/o Postmaster  
New York, New York

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Vernon Roth's Mother had a letter from him dated April 13 'Somewhere in Germany. He said they were having spring weather and that the apple trees were out in bloom then. The following paragraph was taken from his letter:

"I'm living in a German apartment house located in the outskirts of a small town. We have practically all the comforts of home here except for a maid."

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This letter was copied from the magazine WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION and was written by Cliff, a soldier, to his mother:

"Dear Mom: Yesterday we had liberty and as I figured there wasn't the required amount of calcium in my diet, I decided to go buy some good tablets.

"When I got back I asked the corpsman if they were any good. He said they were taken by pregnant women.

"From then on the fellas have been helping me up the ladders and into my sack. Ah, what a life! Everyone hopes it will be a boy. Cliff."

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The 4-H Clubs have organized with Rev. Herbert Fuller and Helen Keyser as leaders and the following officers elected:

- |                        | Boys          | Girls           |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| President (Vice-Pres.) | Boyd Nelson   | Elsie Mehlman   |
| Vice-President         | Alvin Mayer   | Ruth ANN Keyser |
| Secretary-Treasurer    | Calvin Giffin | Suzanne Uhrmann |
| News Reporter          | Jim Keyser    | Shirley Long    |
| Recreation Leader      | Glen Keyser   | Almeda Wise     |

## LAUGH AWHILE

A motorist stopped at a wayside general store and inquired of the rustic proprietor, "What have you in the shape of automobile tires?"

"In the shape of automobile tires I have wreaths, life preservers, and doughnuts," was the quick reply.

### TEMPTATION

Mrs. Darling was the pretty wife of a young village minister. One day she went shopping in the city and bought a beautiful new gown.

"Another dress!" said her husband. "Did you need another?"

"Well," said the wife hesitatingly, "not exactly; but it was so gorgeous that Satan tempted me."

"But you should have said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan.' Did you forget?"

"Oh no; that was what made the trouble. I said, 'Get thee behind me, Satan,' and he did, but he whispered over my shoulder, 'That dress fits you beautifully in the back, my dear.' And I just had to buy it then."

**WANTED:** Man and wife to work in a dairy; wife to strip behind milking machine.

A farmer was saving feed by putting green glasses on his cow and feeding her sawdust. Asked by a neighbor how it was working out, he replied, "Worked fine 'till she up and died."

From Richland (Iowa) Clarion: "During the electric storm Monday evening lightning struck the home of Mrs. Sila Kime. Mrs. Kime was able to handle the fire department. The damage was slight."

Rental Agent--"We must have quiet in these apartments. Do you have children, a piano, radio or victrola?"

Citizen--"No, but I guess we'll look somewhere else--my fountain pen scratches terribly."

Extract from the letter of a quick tempered business man:

"My stenographer being a lady cannot transcribe what I think of you.

"I, being a gentleman, cannot say it, but you, being neither, will doubtless understand what I mean."

Servant--The doctor's here, sir.

Absent-minded man--I can't see him, tell him I'm ill.

A small boy finding himself in the church balcony during a Sunday morning service was busy shooting paper wads at the sleeping members of the congregation on the main floor. The minister stopped abruptly in his sermon. The small boy promptly spoke up, "Go ahead with your preaching, I'll take care of those who are sleeping."

"Joe Wall never completed his education, did he?"

"No, he died a bachelor."

"I left my job because of illness."

"What kind of illness?"

"The boss said I made him sick."

He--"I wonder what the meaning of that picture is? The youth and maiden are in a tender attitude."

She--"Oh, don't you see? He has just asked her to marry him and she is accepting him. How sweet! What does the artist call the picture?"

He (looking about)--"Oh, I see! It's written on a card at the bottom, 'Sold!'"

The man who owns a farm and can't make a good living for self and family and something to put aside, ought to attend an agricultural school or quit agriculture entirely and join some of the professions not requiring so much brains and energy.

Dora--I want to marry a Dutchman when I grow up."

Cora--Why so?

Dora--So I can be a Duchess.

A doctor examined a soldier in a hospital the other day. As he bared his chest he revealed tattoos portraits of the King and Queen.

"Want to proclaim your patriotism, eh?" said the doctor.

"That's right," was the reply. "And you should see where I've got Hitler!"

A little girl told her mama the story of Adam and Eve. "Dod, He made Adam, an' He put in in a big garden, an' Adam he was so, so lonesome! An' then He putted him to sleep, He did; an' then He took out his brains an' made a woman of the brains, an' then Adam he wasn't lonesome no more."

"Why do old maids go to church so early on Sunday?"

"So they can be there when the hymns are given out."