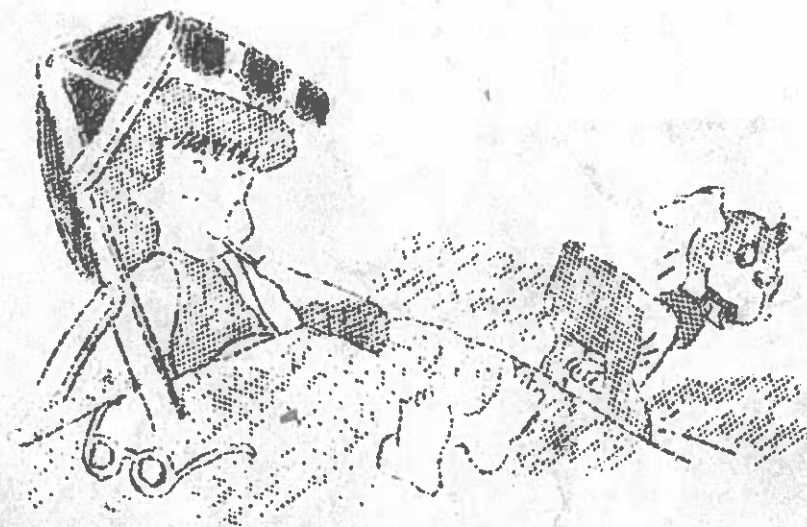


# ROCK HILL MESSENGER



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TO OUR FOLKS IN THE SERVICE

Dear Friends,

We were just talking at the meeting (I'm writing this at Greenlees' during the meeting of the committee) about who should write the letter in this issue and since they could not think of anyone else -- again they fall back on the 'preacher'. You know these meetings are really educational--stories, talk, etc. But we always manage to get something together. Perhaps I should apologize for my share of the lateness of the last issue. It was due to spending too much time during Vacation Church School putting up hay with Elmer Michol. We finally got it all off the field except one little shock. And the last load is still on the wagon. We'll get it finished up soon though. We put up the field below the school house road and above the manse property. It has been good for the ministerial belt-line.

Well, the committee is waiting for the end of this letter so they can go home. Waiting is getting to be a popular thing around here now. Some are waiting for word from some of you. Others are waiting for this or that one to come home. Some of the folks, like Dorothy Roth, are "Maids-in-waiting." In fact we are all waiting for something. But the greatest bit of waiting that anyone has ever done is the waiting that "that Old Boy Up There" (as a young friend of mine called God) has done. He has been waiting for thousands of years for men to learn to live His way--the way of brotherhood and serhood. I just wonder how much longer we're going to make him wait. I have a feeling and a hope that when things have stopped flaming that the experiences we have all been through--especially you who have traveled so far--will bring us closer than we have ever been to that time God has been waiting for.

I've been wondering what you who are coming back to Rock Hill are going to want to do. If you could do the thing you want to do most, what would it be? When you write to any of the Messenger Staff just mention this. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,  
Herbert H. Fuller

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GOD'S PROMISES

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strown pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain,

But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way;  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.



The eastern district of Westminster Fellowship met in an all-day session with the Rock Hill young people on June 24. They joined the congregation in Sunday School and Church, furnishing a couple very interesting speakers; had lunch at the Grange Hall, afternoon sessions at the manse; woiner roast and evening vospers were enjoyed on the church grounds.

Frank Dixon, who served overseas 3 years with the Eighth Air Force, has returned to the States for a furlough, arriving home July 4. On July 12 he and Lois Lyle were united in marriage in the New Athens Presbyterian church.

Word has been received that Pfc. Bob Untorzuber has been seriously wounded in action in the South Pacific Theater. He is in an Army hospital in a cast from shoulders to knees. His right arm has been badly crushed.

We are a little vague but we understand that Bob McAllister is in Austria and has made application to attend a school.

T/4 John McCloy is now in Czechoslovakia and is attached with the Third Army.

T/Sgt. Bernard Giffin is in Germany and has been transferred to a new unit as you will notice by his new address.

Wilson Long has been promoted to the rank of Captain in the Army Air Force. He has been serving in China for over two years.

Pfc. Kenneth Braun is enroute to U. S. A.

Technical Sergeant Leonard Burlingame, husband of Betty Lou Braun Burlingame, is spending a 30-day furlough with his wife and daughter at the home of her parents. He served overseas with a medical unit.

Boyd Nelson entered the Service on July 6. He was sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Station to train for duty with the Navy.

The Rock Hill Rangers entertained with a party honoring Boyd Nelson on June 29. Their girl friends were invited and they enjoyed square dancing at the Grange Hall. Albert Wise was a guest and called the dances.

Mrs. John Greenlee spent the week-end of June 24 with her daughter, Ruth Henry, and family in Delaware. Martha Henry was home from John Hopkins Hospital where she is a student dietician. She was graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University at the commencement exercises on the 24th of June. Mrs. Greenlee, Helen and Jean Keyser spent a couple days with Dick Greenlee and his family in Canton.

Anna Margaret, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Giffin of St. Clairsville, is very ill.

Jim, Glen, and Ruth Ann Keyser were hosts to the Christian Endeavor on June 22 at a monthly business meeting.

Sylvia Miger, Cadiz, was in the Ohio Valley General Hospital for an operation.

Little Chester Giffin, 2-year old son of Paul and Beatrice, met with some misfortune. Miriam accidentally smashed his finger with a sledge hammer and within 3 or 4 days he cut his forehead while at play and had to have two clamps put in his head.

Russell Giffin is the possessor of a new Dodge truck.

## NEWS ITEMS

Several of the young folks in the community have had their tonsils out this month. Doris and Donnie Giffin had theirs out the 5th of June; Ruth Ann Keyser, the 12th; Nancy and Danny Greenlee, the 25th; and Miriam and Paul Giffin Jr., the 9th of July. Miriam had four teeth pulled at the same time and Paul had eight pulled, four of which were abscessed.

There seems to be lots of 4-H news.

Rollin Greenlee is advisor of a boys' club at Belmont; and Wilma McAllister is advisor of a girls' club in St. Clairsville.

The Rock Hill Rangors have been meeting nearly every week. Since the last Messenger was printed they have had meetings at Robert Tarbet's, Calvin Giffin's, David Wise's, and Rev. Fuller's. The Rocketeers (the girls 4-H Club) have had meetings at Keyser's, Elsie Mehlman's, and Wises' (Almeda, Marguerite, and Alico.)

Gle Keyser was on the Farm and Home Program over WWVA at 6:45 A. M. on June 19. He and Mr. Lang conversed with each other about present 4-H work and about 4-H work done in the past by members of the Greenlee family.

Calvin Giffin is supervisor of the 42nd Street playground in Bellaire for the summer season. Coach Foti is in charge of all the Bellaire playgrounds.

Dorothy Nelson is employed by the Imperial Glass Corp. doing some sort of art work on the glass.

The Shadyside Americus Club observed its 25th Anniversary with a supper served to them by the Grange on June 26.

The Rock Hill Church had a two-weeks Vacation Church School beginning June 18 with 35 youngsters enrolled. Several of them were not members of the congregation but all seemed to enjoy their work and play. The teachers were: Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Helen Keyser, Mrs. Leota Wise, Mrs. Valta Giffin, and Miss Florence Greenlee. Miss Mabel Wise was pianist and secretary, and Rev. Fuller was on hands for whatever he was needed.

June 10 was observed as Children's Day in the church with the children putting on a nice program during the church hour.

Mrs. William K. Carothers and son Kenneth, Maywood, New Jersey, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Givens. Mr. Carothers joined his wife and son and they visited his people in or near Marietta for a while.

The Ott house (at the end of the Kirkwood Hill road) was sold to LeRoy Nelson, who, with his family, formerly occupied the Allan Ball house. The Nelsons have been in their new home since the middle of June.

Stanley Taylor has purchased the Powell property adjoining Charley Wises'. He and his family moved into the house the latter part of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woods (Helen Wise) and family have moved back to Belmont County from Port Clinton, Ohio. They are occupying property just across the road from the Simpson Poultry Farm.

Jim Keyser attended the Ohio Youth Synod at Wooster College on June 18 and 19, representing the eastern district of the St. Clairsville Presbytery.



LAUGH AWHILE

A chaplain, serving his first day on an aircraft carrier somewhere in the Pacific, sat down for mess with some enlisted men. The speed with which navy men stowed away their food intrigued him. His own account of what happened was:

"I bowed my head to say a few words of grace, and when I looked up again, a waiter asked me what I wanted for dessert."

First proud mother: "Oh, my son is getting along so well in the Navy. He's a dentist now."

Second proud mother: "A dentist! Why, I thought he was a torpedo man."

First proud mother: "I guess he's been promoted to a dentist. His last letter said he was working now on the Captain's bridge."

A Hollywood producer received a story entitled the "Optimist". He called his staff together and said, "Gentlemen, this title must be changed to something simpler. We're intelligent and know what an optimist is, but how many of those morons are gonna know it's an eye doctor?"

"So, your father was killed in an explosion? How did it happen?"

"Mother says it was too much yeast, but Grandpa thinks it was too much sugar."

Tommy was asked by his teacher to write an essay on agriculture. "Agriculture," Tommy began, "is about like farming, only in farming you really do it."

"I hear you and the leading lady are on the outs."

Electrician: "Yeah, it was one of those quick-change scenes with the stage all dark. She asked for her tights and I thought she said lights."

The emptier the pot, the quicker it boils--perhaps this explains why some individuals are short-tempered.

Joe: "What do you mean by telling around that I am deaf and dumb?"

Mike: "It is not so. I never said you are deaf!"

Mrs. Blue--I'm absolutely sure Gortmude isn't two-faced.

Mrs. Brown--Why do you say that?

Mrs. Blue--Well, if she were, I'm sure she'd wear the other face.

Coed--"I'd like to see the captain of this ship."

Sailor--"He's forward, miss."

Coed--"That's all right. This is a pleasure trip."

"No," said the girl returning from a date with a Navy man. "I don't know what his rank was, but I think he was chief petting officer."

"I had to change my seat several times at the movies."

"Gracious, did a man get fresh?"

"Well, finally."

Teacher--"Willie, how does it happen that your answers are right today?"

Willy--"My Dad went out of town on business."

GIRDLE GIGGLE

Joe--"I'm going to bring my girl a corsage tonight."

Bill--"I suppose you know your girl well enough to do that but I'm just going to bring mine flowers."

Two ladies who had not seen each other for a long time, met on the street.

"Oh, Mary," Blanch excitedly exclaimed, "I've had a lot happen to me since I saw you last. I had my teeth out and an electric stove and a refrigerator put in."

"You can't get something for nothing" Is a true statement, I'll grant;  
But there are things in my victory garden  
That I'm sure I never did plant.

"I envy the man who sang the tenor solo."

"Really--I thought he had a very poor voice."

"So did I, but just think of his nerve."

"I want to know what I'm best fitted for. Should I go to a palmist or a mind reader?"

"Better choose a palmist--you know