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YOUR IDEA OF GOD

What is your idea of God? Every human soul should have a comprehensive, a clear and undimmed idea of his deity. You owe a dimmed idea of his deity. You owe it to the light your life should shed along the sojourn of the earthly pilgrimage. Have an idea of God, then hold fast to it, and it will be health and strength for the journey. Only God is permanently interesting, other issues fade and perish, but God abides and cannot be dismissed. Beyond Him human thought cannot travel and short of Him the soul cannot rest. When we were young, we thought of God as a big man up in the sky. As we grew older, God appealed to us as the creator of all things, and as we advanced in our Christian experience God became a mighty spirit from whose presence we cannot hide. We are taught that God is light, God is love, God is wisdom, God is spirit, God is powerful, God is everywhere, God knows all things. Now my reader, localize your God, fix Him in your mind, keep his image ever before you, know your God. Man has been a creature addicted to worship from the beginning of time. His idea of God has often been hazy and stupid. He has worshiped beasts and birds, the stars of the heavens. He has molded and chiseled his images in clay and stone, he has gazed to the sun and the moon and stared into space and cried aloud for comfort, for companionship, for God. Your idea of God may be cold and formal; that of a creator, a builder and maker of worlds. Your idea of God may be that of a ruler, that is the monarchical idea that pre-

vailed in early Israel. Others have the idea of God as a developing process through man, God and man united, or cooperating for the advancement of the human race. This idea is known as the Human God. This idea of God eliminates the orthodox ideas of God as a creator, God as a King or God as a Father. Now what is your idea of God? Personally, I love to think of God as a spirit, and his relation to the world as that of spirit to body. "God is a spirit", Jesus declared, "and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." My discovery is that God is wisdom; that he does give mortals guidance; that in Him we can know and understand. I know God in the hour of need and trouble. He is my refuge, my strength, my courage. In Him I find it sweet to trust. I think of God as my Heavenly Father, my thought is that he cares for me infinitely more than my earthly parent could possibly do. I accept this doctrine because my Saviour so frequently taught of God as the Heavenly Father, such as: "In my Father's House are many mansions, my Father and I are one, my Father's business, no man cometh unto the Father but by me, my Father is the husbandman"; Jesus taught that God was our Father and on the Mt. of Transfiguration, God's voice acknowledged the sonship "This is my beloved son, hear ye him" My faith is that God is the one Being. "I am", He declared to Moses at the burning bush, God is as essential to life as air, or water, or light. In my very nature I feel the urge of God. His spirit moves within me like water bubbles up from the earth and as I give Him

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my life. my all, I find in Him the peace, the hope, the joy that makes life complete.

George M Hulme

BIBLE STUDY LESSON
 OCTOBER 3

JESUS AND THE TEN
 COMMANDMENTS

Golden Text—Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. Matthew 5:17.

Christ placed a high value on the Old Testament and said that every word of it must be fulfilled. He showed men the necessity for working out the commandments in their lives so that they would be more righteous than the Pharisees, or "right-wise." To quote Dr. Campbell Morgan, "If we take this actual word of ours, we find that its simplest meaning is no crookedness. Right is that in which there is no loop, no crookedness, no doubling, no deviation from the truly straight. God is the abso-

lute and eternal standard of right. Consequently, human conduct is righteous as it conforms to His will and approximates to His character."

A fine young man, wealthy and of excellent reputation, came to Jesus asking what he must do to have eternal life. Jesus told him to go sell all his goods, give to the poor, and follow him, at which the young man went away sorrowful.

Jesus does not demand that every follower sell off his belongings in order to possess eternal life. Such a demand was not made of his other wealthy friends, Nicodemus and the family at Bethany. In his wisdom Jesus knew that this man, rather than satisfy the longings of his soul, would cling to the possessions that gave him social pre-eminence. He would not empty his hands and heart of other treasures in order to let Christ in.

Now he had boasted that he kept every commandment from his youth but Jesus penetrated his veneer of morality and exposed the error of his statement. He had not even kept the first commandment — he loved money more than he loved God. When we are not willing to share with those in need, when we are overly shrewd in business and exploit the "underdog", when we gain selfish ends by trickery or bribery—do we not love money more than God?

Hazel Gillam



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TWO SERVICES SUNDAY MORNING

Memorial Service For
FRANCIS VIALL

And Quarterly Communion

Following the morning church service which will be in the form of a memorial for Francis Viall who was lost in action flying over China, observance of the regular quarterly communion or Lord's Supper will take place. Our minister announces that these will be two distinct services. The time of the first service is 10:45 A. M. when members of the American Legion, Roger Moore Post will take part.

CLASS BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of Hazel Gillam's Bible Class will be held Saturday evening, October 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Garver, 142 Arndale Road, instead of October 2 as previously announced. A good attendance is desired.

CHURCH NIGHT

After a covered dish supper at 6:30 P. M. in the church basement this Friday evening, October 1st, the regular monthly business meeting of our church will be held. All members should be present.

THANK YOU

The Ladies Bible Class wish to thank each and everyone who helped contribute to the success of their recent rummage sale. The sum of sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents was realized.

OYSTER SUPPER

An entertainment and Oyster Supper sponsored by Mrs. Gregory's Bible Class will be held in the parlors of the Stow Church of Christ, Friday, October 8th,

7:30 P. M. Mrs. A. L. Iesenman is in charge of ticket sales. Call OV-8965. (Children 20c, adults, 35c).

This event is for the benefit of the Children's Chapel Fund.

MITE BOX

This coming Sunday, October 3rd, mite boxes are again due. Don't forget yours!

D. OF A. NOTICE

Stow Council D. of A. will celebrate their fifteenth anniversary with a covered dish supper Monday, October 4th, 6:00 P. M. in Marhofer Hall. A regular business session will follow with a new deputy, Mrs. Edna Robinson of Hudson, in charge.

STOW SCHOOL NOTES

The Stow "Bulldogs" defeated Aurora last Friday with the triumphant score 27 to 0. Candy, hot dogs and pop were sold at this game, netting the Junior class \$20.00.

Band officers for this year are Bob Haines, pres.; Mary Louise McClaren, vice pres.; Jean Blackwelder, treas.; and Sunya Thayer, librarian.

On last Friday the Debbie's had a party for the members of last year. Maxine Simison was hostess.

A hay-ride has been planned by the Senior Hi-Y for Oct. 8. Each member will invite a guest. After the hay ride the party will go to the home of Eddie Call on Diagonal Road for refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Newton will chaperone.

The Senior Class has elected the following officers for this year:

President—Bob Gregory.
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Secretary—Charlyne Lympany.
Treasurer—John Park.

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FISH CREEK

Robert Lowery, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lowery, was the latest Fish Creek boy to go into the service, leaving Akron last Tuesday for Fort Hayes. The Lowerys visited relatives in Michigan last week before Bob's induction.

Mr. Ed. Shroyer came up from Maryland to see his son Roy before he returned to Camp Endicott at Rhode Island. Mr. Shroyer stopped in to see the Ted Britans while visiting another son, John and family on Darrowville road.

Mrs. L. W. Neumann joined her husband in Detroit the fore part of the week when Mr. Neumann combined his business trip with pleasure and helped the Neumann parents celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Speaking of anniversaries, Mrs. F. A. Coffeen's eighty-seventh birthday was last Wednesday.

The C. F. Turner's who had three sons return safely from World War I, received word last week from their son Donald in California that their grandson, Donald Jr., has been reported missing in action. The plane he was in on a bombing mission over Germany did not return.

F. B.

PERSONALS

Mrs. B. B. Mineard entertains the River Road Club on October 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Zirkle spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Whitmire in Kent.

The attendance banner was won by the Young Peoples Class

last Sunday with 100 percent present.

Harry Edminister is now home on a two weeks furlough. He has been in Canada for the past several months.

WANTED — Small upright piano. Will either store or buy same. Must be in good shape. Call OV-8761. (adv.)

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Mrs. George M. Hulme, Mr. Bert Mineard and Mrs. Chester Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Barron of Columbus, Ohio, were guests this last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas G. Lower, Kent rd.

FOR SALE—Leghorn Breeding Cockerels, Roselawn strain, 200 to 275 egg blood. Call OV-3270.—(adv.)

Strange things do happen. P. F. Robinson brought his house cat to church last Sunday, unintentional of course; but the animal probably knew it was Rally Day and thought it would slip in the car and go to help boost the attendance.

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STOW DAIRY

A. F. STEIN, Prop.

After an absence of several weeks on account of illness we were glad to see Mr. Bert Minnard at Bible School last Sunday morning.

Garden Plowing and Land Fitting. Mowing. Good Work. Cash. Louis Griggy, Ritchie Rd. OV-8407. (Adv.)

Edward Fortune, Jr., was taken to the Children's Hospital last Friday night with a broken collar bone. After having the bone set he was able to return home.

The Valley Sportsmen's Association meet on the third Thursday evening of each month at the Town Hall. Remember the date.

Cyril L. McCloskey home on a fifteen day furlough left on Wednesday of this week for camp while his brother Sgt. Richard McCloskey also home on furlough returns Oct. 5th. Both are stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas.

Returning last week from a visit at Camp Croft, S. C. with their son Joe, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fisher report that out of the seven days that they were gone, five days and five nights were spent on the bus.

Mrs. Betty Hulick Osman left Stow on Thursday of last week to be near her husband Cadet Edward Harry Osman, now stationed at Fort Stockton, Texas.

Mr. George Emery who underwent a major operation at St. Thomas Hospital Wednesday of last week, at the present writing is reported to be as well as can be expected.

Mention was made in last week's issue of this paper of Lt. Francis Eugene Thompson as being in the service eighteen months. His folks inform us that this is an error, his service actually being twenty-two months.

Paul Eisenman S2/c of the U. S. Navy left this Wednesday, after spending a four day furlough at home. He sails a destroyer and was in at the landing in Casablanca. Says he recently saw Tommy Bahel at Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Pauline Garriloff of East Arndale Rd., is now in St. Thomas Hospital. She underwent an operation on Tuesday of last week and the last report was to the effect that she was getting along O. K.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Monteith and son Edward recently spent three days in Stow visiting friends and relatives. They returned home with Mrs. L. Osman, who had been visiting in Lafayette, Indiana, the previous week.

Mrs. Leon Childs and daughter Lorraine of Lillian Road visited relatives in Ashtabula over the last weekend. On Sunday the day was spent with Mrs. Child's mother, Mrs. Clara Brooks at Andover, Ohio, at which time Mrs. Brooks celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday with

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Rev. Hulme in his sermon last Sunday morning stressing the fact that one of the great problems of the church is to keep awake spiritually, reminded us that Jesus was continually going about his Father's business making personal contacts, teaching and preaching about the Kingdom. We as Christians should do likewise, though without constant

Bible study and prayer we are powerless. His suggestion was that our lack of success as a church was due to lack of sufficient interest and contact with God and his Holy Word.

Word from P. F. C. Leon Childs now in the Canal Zone states that he is in the best of health. Would like to hear from Stow folks and also would like to go squirrel hunting in Ohio right now. He has been in the service 2½ years and it's a year and a half since he had a furlough. He works in the Medical Department at a base hospital there.

It is probably not out of order to report that in the postoffice last Saturday we saw Mrs. Rupert Ritchie who was happy in the possession of a letter from her soldier husband now in the Alaska neighborhood. Like Robert Culver writes, P.F.C. Rupert Ritchie informs his wife that soldiers in Alaska are allowed to hunt and fish. Restrictions for instance on bear are two per year per soldier. Mrs. Ritchie has visions of a fur coat in the not too distant future.

Word received this past week from Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kempel now of Mt. Rainier, Md., tells of several nice visits recently from Bob Stein who is stationed at the University of Maryland not many miles distant. As at Stow they are also neighbors of the Graners though a bit further apart there than they were here.

Sailor Tom Lawrence, home on a seventeen day furlough left last Monday for duty while brothers Sgt. Bob Lawrence home on an eleven day furlough left on Thursday of this week for Pueblo, Colorado, and Pvt. George Lawrence, home on Sept. 22 has a fifteen day furlough. Our last address for George Lawrence was at Camp Butner, N. C.

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"Nearer My God To Thee" as played by the Bible School Orchestra last Sunday was very much to our liking.

Charles Starner and wife flew in for a short visit with the home folks last week. Charles works as a mechanic in an aircraft factory near Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. George Upson, our Kent member of Community Church, who injured herself in a fall some eight weeks ago, is gaining slowly. She is reported as being able to get around the house a little now. We sincerely hope that she soon recovers and that we may again see her sometime ere long at church.

Folks were pleased to see former residents of Stow and members of Community Church, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ferris and daughter Manette, with Mrs. Ferris' mother, Mrs. Ona Williams at church last Sunday morning. The Ferris family who live in Cleveland had stopped off on their way to visit Mr. Ferris' brother and family in Kent. Son Pvt. Chalmer W. Ferris, a recent addition to Uncle Sam's army is now at Camp Berkeley, Texas. Daughter Manette expects to return to her position in the Personnel Department of the Douglas Aircraft in a few days. Her address is Miss Manette Ferris, 1321 Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California, telephone Santa Monica 5-4615. She would welcome a visit from any former Stow High School friends or acquaintances now in the Service who happen to be in Los Angeles over the weekend. Her home is right on the beach convenient for a swim in

the Pacific most any time. Remember the telephone number Santa Monica 5-4615.

Mrs. T. W. Harris of Williamson Rd. leaves this next week for a visit with her son in Mamaronck, New York.

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Mrs. Clair Olson and Miss Gaynell Olson returned on Tuesday of this week from Tennessee where they had been visiting husband and brother, Lieutenant Clair Olson.

In honor of committeeman Tom Clayton who leaves for Arizona, October first, some twenty-five members and those interested in Cub-Scouting gathered for a wiener roast at the home of "Den-Mother" Mrs. Gertrude Fietz, Diagonal Rd. on Tuesday evening of this week. Mr. Clayton was presented with a parting gift from the pack and the group at large. And at this time his son Charles received the "Bear Badge". Mr. Clayton is largely responsible for the organization of the Cub Scouts in Stow. He is connected with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

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AUTUMN LEAVES

We are coming to the time of the colored leaves. Already patches of rare beauty appear in scattered spots. These are but the forerunners of the masses of splendor which will soon appear everywhere—like an orchestra tuning up before the big show. What a year of color this should be! A kind nature has spared the woodlands from the blighting effect of killing frosts and has allowed them to reach maturity in their natural beauty. To me they seem like some old men that I have known who have gone through childhood, youth, maturity and have come down to the autumn of life possessed of all their faculties, full of the wisdom of other days well spent and ripe with the memories of fruitful years. For a short period they linger among us, a shining example of life as it was meant to be lived. A little while they shine in all their splendor before the wintry blasts of old age catch them and whirl them away to their earthly places of rest.

This year, rest assured of it, there will be a show to be long remembered as the trees put on their finery for autumn's parade of color. Nature is now giving advance notice, and the big event is just around the corner. This show plays at its best for about a week on the stage of nature's great outdoors, and you may have a front seat at each daily performance all for the price of a short walk near your own front yard. The news reel is now showing. Watch out for the feature.

JOE A. MITTEN

NOBLE DEEDS

No woman, young or old, needs to be reminded of the "why" of Red Cross Sewing. Each knows that every stitch taken is helping to make a garment or equipment sorely needed in a time when war has flung its ravages to the world's four corners and to those dear to the heart of someone.

Last year, Stow women made and prepared for shipment, 1282 garments which included girl's dresses, waists, slips; ladies slips,

gowns; children's rompers and sleepers; boys blouses and men's shirts and pajamas. Into these garments went efforts of thoughtfulness, kindness and Christian love, for unknown neighbors across the ocean's expanse, and satisfaction is felt and known that they touched someone in need of a helping hand.

Recently news has become apparent regarding the Fletcher Hospital at Cambridge, Ohio, a convalescent hospital for wounded men. It is heart warming to know that Stow Chapter will play a small part in making equipment to be used by this hospital. The Chapter has been assigned the making of 100 Bed-side bags also 100 Army Kits. Knowing that work is being done for our own Service men, wounded or well, should make every woman all the more eager to do her part.

Stow Chapter resumes sewing on Tuesday, October 5. The hours are from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. at the Township Hall. Those attending bring their lunches and tea is made during the lunch hour. Some come all day, others for an hour or so, but each is confirmed in the belief she has contributed something that day, for at eventide her heart sings.

Stow Chapter opens its door to each and all. Neighborliness, friendliness and informality is a silent partner through the day's activities, but over all reigns the spirit, that even though unheralded and unsung, noble deeds are being done.

NEW BOOKS STOW LIBRARY

Adult Fiction

Bellairs, Death of a Busybody; Deeping, Slade; DeLa Pasture, Late and Soon; Disney, Crimson Friday; Elston, Guns on the Cimarron; Foreman, The Road to San Jacinto; Gardner, The Case of the Smoking Chimney; Grafton, The Rat Began To Gnaw The Rope; Guy, Heaven Is A Sun-swept Hill; Idell, Centennial Summer; Longstreet, The Land I Love; McDermid, Ghost Wanted; MacDonald, Rebel Ranger; Sel-etz, Hope Deferred; Slade, Lilly Crackell; Slaughter, Air Sur-

geon; Thane, Light; Wilder, Away.

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LETTER

September 14, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Here is an acknowledgment and a salute to you and your able staff. Although your paper doesn't get here regularly, it does get here and that's what counts.

Everything down here is fine, that also includes myself. Although last week, I was a little in doubt. You see, I received a telephone call from Sgt. Brittan and what he asked me was, what I'm referring to. It seems that he had received a letter from home asking if he knew whether or not there was any truth to the rumor of my losing a leg. Well, I'm glad to say there is no truth to it at all.

And now that I'm considered all in one piece again, I would like to send a message to a friend of mine over here some place. To S/Sgt. Jack McVey, I want to say that in reference to a letter I received from him, but lost before getting a chance to answer. "I was in Tonga Tabu, Jack. And your letter was really appreciated, so write me another one, so I'll know your address and be able to write to you." Your Buddy, Buck.

Incidentally Mr. Stockman, I suppose your wondering how he's going to get that message. You see, he's from my old outfit, and there is a couple fellows in it who receive your paper, even though I don't know their names. But I'm sure that they will give it to him as that is the way he got my address in the first place.

Well I'd better close for now but will write very soon as I love to see my name in print. (Just joking). And if Bob Poe, or any other fellows from Stow care to drop me a line I'd sure appreciate it, and will answer the day I receive them.

But until I write again, I remain your faithful reader and admirer.

George R. Buchanan 205037CG
Q.M. Det. (0051)
APO 708 c-o P. M.
San Francisco, Cal.

P. S. Hello Mom, it's a tough fight, but we are winning. George

ED. NOTE: Certainly glad to know that you are in "fine" condition and all in one piece, though

that does not explain what happened. However, detailed explanations will probably have to wait until you come home. As for Bob Poe, his mother just tells us that he has moved from Keesler Field, Miss. to Milwaukee (maybe) though she is not sure. He has not sent word yet from his new location.

V-MAIL LETTER

Sept. 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Received my first copies of the Community Church News. Want to thank you and people of Stow who make it possible for me to receive it. I know all the fellows enjoy reading news from the home town.

I am overseas located somewhere in England. Sorry I cannot give any details as to what I am doing, but regulations do not permit. People here are very friendly to us. It was a little hard to get used to money system at first, also seemed strange to see people driving on left hand side of road.

I see from the different addresses that boys from Stow are all over the world. Guess there will be a lot of stories to tell when they get home again.

Give all the folks there my regards. Hope to be back there again real soon.

Sincerely yours,

Pvt. Richard Proe,
A S N 35389309
APO 305 c-o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

ED. NOTE: Your impressions of England we read with interest. And as for the "stories to tell when the boys get home" there will be a lot, no doubt, to tell, if, we can only get the boys to talk. Let us hear from you again.

H. J. S.

LETTER

Sept. 22, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a few lines to let you know that I have changed addresses after being in Tenn. for 14 months. After going through Tenn. maneuvers we came to Kansas, and this sure is a windy and dusty state, but it is a very nice camp.

Well I better sign off for now and I want to thank you and the people of Stow who make it possible for the boys all over the world to receive the Community Church News.

Sincerely yours,
Pfc. Robert E. Carlyon
Co. G, 318 Inf. 80 Div.
Camp Phillips, Kansas

ED. NOTE: You will observe that Raymond Rizor would like a letter from you. Better write.
H. J. S.

LETTER

Sept. 20, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a few lines to let you know that my address has been changed. I moved from Richmond, Va. to Milville, New Jersey.

This is a pretty good base where I am at, also plenty of work. I haven't been able to get to town yet, but some of the fellows say that it is just as nice as the country side. We saw some real nice scenery on the trip down as we came by truck convoy.

It has been quite a while since the last time that I wrote to you, so maybe it is a good thing that I got moved.

We had to sleep in tents our first night here, and believe me it sure did get cold toward morning.

I seemed to have lost a couple of my addresses of the fellows from Stow, so if they read this letter I hope they drop me a line so that I can get their addresses again. Their names are: Keith Rorabeck, Erhart Schreiber, Bud Carlyon, also Gordon Albright.

In closing this I wish to thank you Mr. Stockman and all the rest who make it possible for us to get the news, the other fellows enjoy it just as much as I

do, I think, as they are always wanting to know how soon I will be through with it, and besides that, when one of them gets my mail for me they read it before I get it.

So in closing, I thank you again, and I will try and write sooner the next time.

As ever,
Pfc. Raymond Rizor
325 Fighter Sqdn.,
Army Air Base,
Milville, N. J.

ED. NOTE: Some how we got you and your brother mixed up, so if you didn't get a paper last week that's the reason. Letters from both of you however, straightened us out. As for the addresses you will note two of your friends have letters in this or next week's issue and we will try and see that you get the other two.
H. J. S.

V-MAIL LETTER

Somewhere at Sea
September, 1943

My Dear Mr. Stockman:

Three years ago, while I was attending Garfield High School in my senior year, I recall hearing a speaker from Michigan during assembly one peaceful day. The orator's text for that particular day was "The United States at War." A look of remorse registered on the faces of the entire audience in that vast auditorium at the slightest mention of the United States at war. One particular statement made by the speaker in mind was, quote, "I will go so far as to say that within five years 95%, if not 99% of you young men will be at war with Germany and other Pro-Axis countries," end of quote. I can assure you that the speaker, whose name I fail to recall at present, was not exactly the best-liked man in the minds of those young prospective graduates at that gathering.

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After his speech there was no applause; only silence reigned as the throng of students was dismissed. The speaker was considered "balmy" by some of the students; others looked on him as a German propagandist; while still others dismissed his speech from their minds. Even some of the teachers admitted they couldn't cope with the speaker's far-fetched prophecy. Yet, Mr. Stockman, only 3 of those 5 prophesied years have gone by and here I am, along with buddies, mere friends, and complete strangers "Somewhere at Sea," having bade our farewell adieu to the good old U.S. for the duration of the present conflict and six months thereafter.

For the first few hours at sea I vowed that I was a dry-land sailor, and inwardly, if not outwardly, despised the ocean. But now I am either rapidly becoming accustomed to the rough waters or else we are sailing on calmer waters because I have really learned to like sailing. I can even enjoy the beauty of the dashing, white-capped waves, and the cool, fresh air. I feel great and I have regained my appetite, which was almost a stranger to me during those first hours out. The "chow" is very tasty and really hits the spot.

At present I am working in the Transport Commander's office and really enjoying life in general. Best regards for yourself and Mrs. Stockman, and many thanks for the C. C. News which I have received regularly to date and hope to receive on foreign shores.

Till we meet again, I am

Respectfully yours,

Cpl. Kenneth M. Lambert
(The Young Man with the
Elderly Coupe) 35283230
APO 253 c-o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

P. S. Will notify the C. C. News on arrival at point of destination.

ED. NOTE: Now that you are

over there somewhere your comments on the country, your work, the natives, the churches and anything the censor will let you write about will be awaited with interest. As the "young man with the elderly coupe" we never will forget the cold morning our car would not start and you came along the Hudson Rd. and gave us a lift.
H. J. S.

LETTER

Sept. 19, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

It has been sometime since I last wrote you to express my appreciation to you and the fine people of Stow for the paper. However, I guess everyone knows by now how much the men and women in the service enjoy it for there is a constant stream of letters and they all tell the same story. I know for I read every one at least two or three times.

I especially enjoyed the pictures of Al and Mrs. Stein and their store. I hope we can have more pictures of Stow's citizens as time goes on.

I also enjoy Joe Mitten's excellent articles. They are always interesting, timely, and well put.

We expect to leave this field in the next — days. I don't know where we will go but expect it to be somewhere overseas as we are supposed to be trained and ready for action now. I will inform you of my change of address as soon as I am able.

My best regards to everyone back home and those in the service, wherever they may be. May that grand day of reunion be not too far distant.

Sincerely,

Corp. Clyde F. Gerber,
ASN 35595748
March Field, Calif.

ED. NOTE: We will try and get other pictures of the home folks in the paper every now and then but as we explained before the engraver we used to

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have has gone out of business and others are not as convenient to reach, etc. We are in thorough accord with your closing remark: "May that grand day of reunion be not too far distant." H. J. S.

LETTER

Sept. 21, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I am dropping you a few lines to let you know of my new address and also to tell you how much I appreciate receiving the Community Church News every week. A person doesn't realize how much a paper like that can help until he has been away from home for awhile. Then when he starts to get lonesome and homesick, he can read your paper and it really makes him feel better. I know that is true because I have been blue and homesick on many an occasion, when the reading of your paper made me feel better.

Well I will tell you as much as I can about this camp. It is located in the hills in Maryland. I can't figure out why they put a navy camp clear out here. There are hills all around and our camp is on a hill. When it rains here, no cars or trucks come in because the mud is so bad. There is no grass at all in this camp. There is no big town near so we have to ride a train into any town we choose to go to. Right now this camp is a small one but by next year it will be one of the largest camps around. The only thing I like better about this camp than at Great Lakes is that here I get every weekend off and can go into town.

Well again I wish to thank you and all those responsible for my getting the paper and I hope you can continue to send it to all of us sailors and soldiers for we really enjoy it.

Cordially,

Frank Schuman S2/c
Quartermaster School,
Class 3-44-B
Bks. 122-6 U.S.N.T.S.
Bainbridge, Md.

ED. NOTE: Glad you like our paper. And we hope that the lady who sent us your address reads your letter. While most of the letters are addressed to the editor there are literally dozens of people who make it possible for you boys to get this paper.

Some day maybe we can tell you about it. On those weekend trips do you include a visit to some church or Young Peoples society? Write again and tell us about it.
H. J. S.

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LETTER

Somewhere in N. Africa
Sept. 12, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Few lines to let you know of a slight change of address. It is a new APO number, it now is APO 464.

Have been receiving the C. C. News regularly and thanks a million for you all who make it possible for us in the service to receive it. It really brings a person closer to home every time you read it. Although I moved away from Stow several years ago I still have a lot of friends and school mates in Stow.

I'm hoping to hear from some of them and would gladly answer any letters I receive. Will tell them about Africa if they desire and also my Army life if it's interesting to them.

See a lot of letters from fellows I know in the service and a lot I don't know. It is interesting to read all the letters and get their viewpoint on the war and the country they are located in.

I'm in Africa and really don't like it but try to make the best I can out of it.

Have the chance to go to a good sized town often and try to have a good time.

Sure will be glad when we all get back home again and enjoy the normal life under peace. What a wonderful world it will be then. And there is no place like the good old United States.

Thanks again for all you've done in sending me the News. It's really swell. Tell everyone in Stow hello and hope to see them soon.

Sincerely,
Pvt. Harold Behymer
35379067
APO 464 c-o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

ED. NOTE: And we too hope to see you again soon. Like

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SEASON IS HERE —EVEN THOUGH THE WEATHER IS STILL WARM.

Christmas gifts may be mailed by parcel post to All Service Personnel overseas only between September 15 and October 15. After the latter date such parcels may NOT be mailed unless a written request from the person in the service for the article is presented with each parcel. No one should have to ASK for a Christmas gift so gifts MUST BE MAILED ON TIME.

Rules for Christmas mailings to the fighting forces over seas include:

The parcel must not exceed five pounds, and must not be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. It should be marked "Christmas parcel" so that it may be given special attention to assure its arrival before December 25.

Not more than one parcel may be mailed in any one week to the same member of the armed forces by or in behalf of the same mailer.

The parcel must be well and strongly packed, in a container of metal, wood, strong fiber board, or similar material, then wrapped in strong paper and tied with twine. The cover should be such that it can be opened readily for censorship. The contents should be packed tightly.

Perishable goods, such as fruits that may spoil, are prohibited. Intoxicants, inflammable materials such as matches or lighter fluids and poisons also are prohibited. Gifts enclosed in glass should be substantially packed to avoid breakage. Sharp instruments, like razors and knives, must have edges and points protected so that they cannot cut through the coverings and injure postal personnel or damage other packages.

Since the armed forces are being plentifully supplied with food and clothing, the Army and Navy recommend against these as gifts.

Addresses must be written clearly and completely also showing the return address of the sender.

KEEP THEIR SPIRITS HIGH BY MAILING ON TIME!

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many another you are making the best of a bad situation. That is good. As has been said before, if we have the proper thoughts our physical surroundings do not make so much difference. As for peace, our Minister in his sermon last Sunday reminded us of this verse found in Isaiah 26.3. Speaking of Jehova (God) Isaiah says: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee." H. J. S.

LETTER

Sept. 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just a few lines to let you know I am still receiving the C. C. News quite regularly and thanking you very kindly.

I have also had another change in address since I last wrote. I

am now in the 106th Reconnaissance Troop at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

The 106th Division I am in, are in this last phase of advanced training and will go on maneuvers before many months, after a few months or so, who knows the next move.

The south is twice as nice as Kansas but I'll take Ohio and the hospitality of Stow for my earth-bound stay, in fact after this mess is straightened out and the boys come back home I don't think you will see them doing much traveling.

Well the sun has set and the close of another day is here, and I must get to work and prepare tomorrow's lectures, it'll be about midnight before I can hit the pillow as it is, so I'll say goodnight for this time and still looking

forward to the day I can drop in
Chet's for a milkshake, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Lt. Clinton E. Myers,
106th Reconnaissance Troop
Ft. Jackson, South Carolina

ED. NOTE: Glad to receive your letter and change of address. True Stow is not a bad place though some of those boys who marry girls from Florida or other distant places may decide to live there after the war. Then remember—you are away from home now and distance lends enchantment, so to you and most others away—Stow is a fine place. Write again. H. J. S.

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LETTER

Southwest Pacific
Sept. 10, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I think it's just about time for me to write again.

I'm still receiving the C. C. News and it really comes in handy over here.

I met Robert Morrison here by reading his letter in the News and discovered his APO number was the same as mine and began looking.

The weather here is quite damp and very disagreeable. It is supposed to be winter now, but I hope I'm not here this summer because I don't want to know just how hot it really gets. Some fellow that was in the hospital for a while was saying that one of the orderlies was telling him it stays right around 120 degrees. Too hot to suit me!

Well I'm writing to thank all the people of Stow who make it possible for us servicemen to receive the C. C. News which helps build morale.

I think I'll close for the time being.

As ever,
Pfc. Charles F. Miller
35382455
APO 932 c-o Postmaster
San Francisco, Cal.

ED. NOTE: We are pleased that you were able to meet Robert Morrison "over there" be-

cause of this paper. Let us hear from you again. H. J. S.

LETTER

Sept. 21, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I want to thank you for sending me a copy of the Community Church News. It means a lot to me, for, through it, I can keep in touch with all the fellows who went into the fracas from Stow.

I am attending a school in Chicago; studying to be an electrician.

I really have it soft here; no K. P., no guard duty, or any duty that I had back in camp. I live in an apartment right down town.

A maid cleans my room, which makes me feel like a civilian—almost.

Speaking of civilians, there aren't very many of that kind of people around Stow anymore, are there? I had a letter the other day from a friend back in Stow, and he says that the population is being rapidly thinned out.

Well, I guess that will all be ironed out when the Axis is washed out, and until that time, the situation has to be met with chins up.

Some of the fellows have sent you some fine expressions of their opinions which I read, with the thought that with such an army of men, we can't lose.

Well, I'll close now, and if I get to shake hands with Hitler or Tojo, I'll bring you back a thumb.

So long,

Pfc. James W. Aurand
1608 S.U. Con. 601
500 S. Paulina St.
Chicago 12, Illinois

ED. NOTE: No K. P.—No guard duty—and a maid to fix up your room. That is a great life—I know for with my wife in Texas (again) there is K. P. at home and as for the room—well it needs some attention—more than it is getting anyway. H. J. S.

LETTER

Camp Edwards
Sept. 19, 1943

Dear Friends:

Since I last wrote you many things have taken place. I believe the last time I wrote I was

single and in Camp Tyson in sunny Tennessee. Since that time I have gotten married to the "purtiest gal in them thar hills." I also have been home on furlough and been transferred up here on beautiful Cape Cod. It is nice up here but too cool. I hope soon to be transferred back to where the weather is warmer.

I have been accepted for aviation cadet and in a few days I will be moving. I hope to get a delay enroute so maybe I can be seeing you all soon. The C. C. News will still reach me if it is sent to this camp and as soon as I am settled in my new "home" I will notify you of my change in address.

Things are fairly dull up here now because of the summer vacation being over and the lack of weekend passes so there is very little to write about.

One thing I don't want to and can't forget is what every service man says about the paper. I want to thank you all for the C. C. News. It is certainly the best little paper I have seen any service man receive from his home town and church.

I will close for tonite but first I want to say good luck and write to all my buddies and schoolmates wherever you are.

'Til the happy day when we all can go home to Stow, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Pfc. Keith B. Rorabeck
15078947
Btry D. 570th AAA
(AW) Bn.
Camp Edwards, Mass.

ED. NOTE: Next time you are in Stow don't forget to bring that "purtiest gal" to church on Sunday A. M.—If we have our film, etc. along a picture would be in order. H. J. S.

LETTER

Sept. 18, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I received my first issue of the C. C. News today, and was very glad to hear about what has been happening around Stow.

The C. C. News has given me the names of several of my buddies already in the armed services. The weather up here is cold and dreary. It started to snow two or three times within

the last week.

I have been going to radio school for the air corps. Starting October 2, I will get my nine day leave.

Thanks for the C. C. News.

Sincerely,
Richard Franklin Rose A/S
Co. 1147 USNTS
Great Lakes, Ill.

ED. NOTE: After that nine day leave don't forget to give us your new address if you get transferred. H. J. S.

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LETTER

Alaska
Sept. 12, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

It has been quite sometime since I have written to you. It is early Sunday morning and will try to write a few lines to catch up on my writing. The mail has been fairly good. In fact I received one letter from Ohio in six days. That is really good concerning the time it took to reach me here at the outpost.

The time passes rather quickly up here during the summer. The fishing was good. Have quite a few good trout streams and in the salt water the salmon and halibut are fairly plentiful. Also the hiking over the mountains has proved a good diversion from the usual activities.

We now have electricity, which, although you consider it a necessity, we did without it until about two months ago. That will help this winter seeing our nights are longer than yours. Also we are able to have radios and picture shows.

I really enjoy reading the paper. I receive mine in bunches of threes and fours, so I receive news from home, and of fellows I used to know, quite a bit at one time.

In one issue during August I noticed that W. C. Perrin was in on the landing on Attu. That was a pretty rugged go. I am glad that the Japs abandoned Kiska knowing what I do of the landing on Attu.

Will you please send me Bob Helman's and Lt. F. E. Thomp-

son's addresses. Thanking you again for the paper, I wish to make this little contribution to the paper.

A devoted reader,
Pfc. Robert C. Culver 35503439
APO 939 c-o Postmaster
Seattle, Wash.

ED. NOTE: Your letter would indicate that Alaska might be a good place to spend a vacation. And with electricity now it sounds still better. Thank you very much for the contribution. It came thru O. K. Will send letter with the address. H. J. S.

V-MAIL LETTER

August 25, 1943

My Dear Sir:

Just a few short lines to explain myself. I have been in Sicily for sometime now, as you probably have surmised. I have had numerous occasions to write, but like most other people I "put it off" until tomorrow. I seem to be the most unfortunate fellow I know of for winding up in the hospital. This time malaria won the first few rounds. However, the Medical Dept. plus quinine and atebriane soon dealt old malaria a knockout blow. They carted me away from my outfit August 19th with a fever of 104 degrees. Needless to say, with that type of temperature, I wasn't feeling very well.

The cooperation in this Sicilian campaign was wonderful. One has to be right on the spot to see and realize the beautiful team work which brought the campaign to such a quick finish. Even traffic seemed to move along the circulation routes better than ever before. Hardly a soul was complaining. It really was remarkable in comparison to the last days of our African campaign.

The last couple of poems I sent you were composed and written late at night by the light of the moon. I would be on post, no traffic, so naturally a fellow would begin thinking of home, the past, present, and future. For the benefit of the anonymous letter writer who wishes to know when I got married, I definitely am not married. Furthermore,

in reference to the poem entitled "Our Son," I really got the idea from my sister and her baby last June (42).

I haven't had any mail since the 19th and probably won't have any for the next two weeks either, until I return to the outfit. In a three weeks period, I should have gathered a sizeable stack of mail. Gosh, I didn't realize that I had written so much already. Perhaps in a few days, I may have another brainstorm and send another poem for your analysis. Thanking the people of Stow and you for the C. C. News, I remain as ever,

Cordially,

Pfc. Kenneth L. Meyer,
ASN 15012672
Military Police,
APO 9, c-o P. M.
New York, N. Y.

ED. NOTE: Sorry to hear of your trip to the hospital, but when one is sick it is mighty nice to be able to be cared for in a hospital. When you tell us that the last two poems were written by the light of the moon—that explains why, possibly, we had some difficulty in reading your writing. You know the copy which we receive of a V-Mail letter is somewhat reduced in size from the original. And while we did not write you that anonymous letter, one of those last poems certainly made us think for a time that you were married. They are typed out now—but thus far—have not printed them.

H. J. S.

CARD

(Held over from last week)

Sept. 13, 1943

Dear Friends:

Here is a card just to let you know I am still receiving my C. C. News and that my address has changed. It is now:

Pfc. Raymond E. Simpkins
Serv. Btry. 313th F. A. Bn.
APO 80
Camp Phillips, Kans.

God bless you all.

RAY

ED. NOTE: You will probably observe that your mother has written us a letter this past week.

H. J. S.