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DR. FINNEY BACK FROM THE FRONT

HEAD OF HOPKINS UNIT IN FRANCE

ROBERT R. PRICE, SON OF MR. AND MRS. T. R. L. PRICE, OF CENTREVILLE, ALSO A MEMBER OF THIS UNIT.—DOCTOR ON IMPOROTANT MISSION.

Dr. John M. T. Finney, of Baltimore, who went to France as head of the Hopkins Unit in June, 1917, and as a member of which unit Robert R. Price, of Centreville, sailed at the same time, arrived unexpectedly in Baltimore Sunday morning. Col. Finney is chief surgical consultant of the American Expeditionary Forces and came home bound for Washington on an important secret mission connected with his work overseas.

The Baltimore Sun of Monday, in an interview with Dr. Finney, says:

"He seemed in fine health and spirits and radiated a serene optimism with regard to the outcome of the war, tempered, as he said, by the realization that the Americans have a man's size job ahead of them. He was full of praise for the wonderful morale and adaptability of our men and also for the work that is being done in this country toward winning the war.

"The voluntary Hoovertization of the American people," he said, "has done as much, if not more, to put heart into the Allies than any part of the Government's program. Our troops have been an inspiration to the Allies, but so have the willing sacrifices of the people in this country. On every hand I heard in France the most intense appreciation expressed of the generous self-denial over here.

"It must be a satisfaction to those who have cut down sugar, white bread and beef to know that not only our own troops, but all the Allied troops are well fed, and that there is plenty for everybody in France. I have been all over the country many times, my work taking me from one place to another and I have never seen any place where there wasn't food enough, and good food, too. Of course, luxuries were scarce, or lacking, but then no one expects those in war time. It is splendid to realize that the sacrifices people at home are making have actually made possible the condition in France at the present time.

French Marvel at Them.

"Since his detachment from the Johns Hopkins Base Hospital Unit at the head of which he went abroad more than a year ago, Colonel Finney has been in every camp or sector where American troops are stationed and he was enthusiastic yesterday over the spirit of our 'Boys.'

"Our men are a constant source of wonder and delight to the French," he said, "on account of their 'pep' and ginger. They just can't understand their 'kidding' under all and any circumstances. Another thing is their inveterate propensity for playing ball. Athletics are mostly unknown among the French troops, but whenever the Americans get a chance they pick up a bat and a ball and start a game. I have seen them playing baseball when they were under fire, and I actually believe they would play in 'No man's Land' if they got a chance.

"The French children are wild about them, and there is one word every child in France has learned. That is 'gum' accompanied by an outstretched hand and a pleading look that usually brings a piece of the coveted chewing gum from the Sammy's pocket.

"The way our men have fitted into the scheme of things over there is typical of the splendid teamwork among the Allies. Troops from all parts of the world, generals of all the different armies are part of a wonderfully organized plan. The systematization of the care of the sick and wounded is typical of the care and thoroughness with which the Allies are doing things.

"People at home may be absolutely comfortable about the members of their families and their friends overseas. They are getting just as good care as they would receive in the best hospitals here."

Gas Casualties 50 Per Cent.

"Colonel Finney was asked whether the number of casualties in the American army were relatively greater or less than among the other Allied forces.

"About the same," he answered, "and approximately 50 per cent. of all casualties are not wounds, but gas. Much of the Hun offensive is composed of gas attacks.

"Contrary to popular opinion here, Colonel Finney stated that the most severe of gassed men recover completely. He stated of the new asepsis practiced by surgeons in hospitals abroad which is revolutionizing modern surgery.

"The new antiseptic is the knife," he said. "All wounds received in battle are dirty wounds, and it has been found that the best and safest method of sterilizing these wounds is to excise them thoroughly before closing them. It has proved most successful."

Praises American Nurses.

"Colonel Finney spoke in glowing terms of the work the American nurses are doing in France. "They are really just as important as the surgeons," he said. "In many cases," he said, "they are doing work under the most difficult and dangerous conditions, and they are living up to their jobs superbly."

"One of the most wonderful things about the hospitals," he added, "is the attitude of the patients. No matter what they have been through, the boys are always keen to get back. One of the first questions they ask when they are brought in is, 'Doc, how long'll I be in here?'

"How did you find it in the trenches?" I once asked a boy who had been brought in badly wounded. "Oh, it wasn't so bad, not nearly so bad as I expected, and say, Doctor, when can I go back?"

"Would you like to?" I asked him.

"Sure," he said with a grin.

"Some Distance to Go."

"With regard to the Germans, Colonel Finney stated that while his duties did not throw him among the prisoners to any extent except the wounded taken to the hospitals, those whom he had seen displayed many evidences of weakened morale.

"But we have some distance to go," he added, "before we win the war, and if we want to do it we must think of nothing else. And, by the way, the manner in which the Red Cross is helping is magnificent. Things are in splendid running order now, and the distribution of Red Cross supplies has been admirably systemized. I wonder if the Red Cross workers here realize how much the dressings and garments they are making are helping our men overseas."

To Return to France.

"The length of Col. Finney's stay in this country is as yet undetermined, but it is probable that he will return to France as soon as he has completed his mission to Washington. His trip to this country was under taken at short notice. Two weeks ago he had no idea that he would make the journey. The crossing was quite uneventful and no submarines were sighted, though the passengers were ordered to sleep with all their clothes on and there were several warnings by wireless."

AT OCEAN CITY SUNDAY

Queen Annes county was well represented at Ocean City, Md., last Sunday where the refreshing breezes and delightful bathing gave pleasure, as well as beneficial results to those who took advantage of it. Among those noticed on the boardwalk were:

Dr. and Mrs. Norman S. Dudley and daughter, Miss Helen Dudley, Mr. Edwin S. Valliant and daughters, Miss Genevieve Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Walls and daughter, Miss Mabel Walls and Mr. Clyde Walls, of Church Hill.

Capt. Charles W. Butler, Messrs. J. Louis Rhodes, J. Griffin Embert, Harry Roberts, F. T. Price, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Bishop and son, Joseph Bishop and daughters, Misses Frances and Elizabeth Bishop, of Queenstown.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. L. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Lee C. Price, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Price, Jr., Mrs. Annie E. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. King, Mrs. J. St. Paul White, Misses Dorothy Brown and Juliet Price, Messrs. Wm. J. Price, 3rd, Eliason Legg, Thomas E. Bryan, E. Sterling Price, Beaton Connolley, J. Paul Brown, Robert W. Brown and Senator J. H. C. Legg, of Centreville.

MRS. LAVINIA R. CROUSE.

Mrs. Lavinia Russell Crouse, wife of Rev. T. O. Crouse, died very suddenly at her home in Denton last Saturday night. Mrs. Crouse was born in Chestertown, but had resided in Baltimore a number of years, where her husband was pastor of several important churches of the Methodist Protestant Conference. She also well known in Centreville, where her husband was pastor of Grace Church for a number of years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Francis H. Wyatt, Mrs. Henry Walls and Miss Helen Crouse, of Baltimore, and Miss Lavinia Crouse, of Denton. She also leaves a brother, A. H. Russell, of Baltimore. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Francis E. Wyatt, 2016 Gilmor avenue, Baltimore, after which interment was made in Loudon Park Cemetery.

NEW APPOINTMENTS IN TEACHING CORPS

MANY CHANGES IN THE COUNTY

A REVISED LIST TO DATE OF THOSE WHO WILL TRAIN THE YOUNG MINDS FOR THE NEXT SCHOLASTIC YEAR.—FOUR OF THE SCHOOLS CLOSED.

A number of important appointments of teachers have been made for the scholastic year 1918-1919, which will probably begin about September 15, unless the Working Reserve Force can ascertain that enough boys and girls over 12 years of age are employed on the farms to justify the postponement of the opening another month. Many changes have been made, among which are the appointments of three ladies as principals of schools in place of men who have either resigned on account of having been called to the colors, or more lucrative positions being offered them. Four rural schools have been closed, at least temporarily, on account of the shortage of teachers and also because the school attendance does not come up to the required number. There are still many vacancies in all districts.

Principals Appointed.

The appointments so far made follow: Miss Anna Harrison, who was first assistant of Sudlersville High School, has been made principal, vice Prof. R. V. Truitt, who recently resigned to enlist in the Aviation corps. Miss Elizabeth Trundle, of Centreville, has been appointed principal of Stevensville High School, in the stead of Prof. A. Leonard Leary, who is also in the service. Miss Martha Pennington has been appointed as assistant in this school. Miss Gertrude E. Morgan, who has been first assistant in the Centreville Grammar School since its erection, has been made principal to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. H. T. Griffith, who was appointed rural mail carrier recently. Miss Elizabeth West, of Centreville, will succeed Miss Morgan.

Miss Martha Phillips has been appointed principal of the Sudlersville Primary School with Miss Helen Peters as assistant. They succeed Misses Mary and Susie Sparks.

The other appointments by districts so far as made follow:

First District: School No. 4, Edith Neal.

Second District: School No. 1, Eva Anderson; School No. 3, Adelaide Clough; School No. 4, Elizabeth McKenney, Principal; Grace Burris, Assistant.

Third District: School No. 1, Dorothy Brown; School No. 6, Elizabeth Goldsborough. In the Centreville High School Miss Mary Clough has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ruth Stewart.

Fourth District: School No. 3, Florence Porter; School No. 4, Pauline Tilghman; School No. 7, Reba Roe, assistant.

Fifth District: School No. 2, Edna Price; School No. 6, Helen Potter, principal, Helen McConnor, assistant; School No. 7, Lillian Carter and Blanch Johnson; School No. 9, Elizabeth Bishop.

Sixth District: School No. 1, Ivy Jewell; Tri-County High School, Mary Cooper and Alice Barton.

Seventh District: School No. 1, Ruth McGinnes.

The schools that have been closed are: No. 3, of the First District; No. 3, of the Third; No. 1, of the oFurth, and No. 3, of the Seventh.

The principalship of the Crumpton school and that of Tri-County High School are vacant, as also is the first-assistancy of Tri-County. The rural schools without teachers are: Schools 5 and 6, of the Second District; School 3, of the Third; Schools 2, 3 and 4, of the Sixth. The schools not mentioned will retain the same teachers as last year.

Possible Postponement of Opening.

Frank B. Cahn, State Chairman of the Boys' Working Reserve, is making an investigation in an effort to ascertain the number of boys and girls above twelve years of age who are employed in farm work. If it is found that a sufficient number are thus employed to justify doing so, he hopes to secure the postponement of the opening of the schools at least one month, or until October 15th. It is believed by that time that all the crops will have been harvested and the boys and girls will have accomplished all the work in this line possible.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shortall has returned to the home of her mother, Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Wye Mills, where she is recuperating after undergoing an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

NEXT LOAN CAMPAIGN TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 28TH.

Fourth Drive Will Continue Three Weeks, Secretary McAdoo Says.

The campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan will open Saturday, September 28, and continue three weeks, ending October 19.

In fixing three weeks as the length of the campaign for the fourth loan, instead of four weeks, as in previous loans, treasury officials plan for a more intensive campaign. A shorter campaign, it was said, will also enable more business men to enlist as workers.

The date of the campaign was announced at this time in order to allow campaign organizations to prepare for the sale of bonds and to prevent the planning of other campaigns which might interfere with the solicitation of the loan.

Although official announcement has not been made, the amount of the loan probably will be $6,000,000,000 and the rate of interest which the bonds will bear will be 4¼ per cent. Should the treasury decide soon to place on the market certificates of indebtedness redeemable next June, when taxes are paid, the amount of the total may be reduced.

Secretary McAdoo has stated that he does not contemplate making an extended speaking tour for the fourth loan, as he has done in previous campaigns. President Wilson has received several invitations to make addresses during the campaign but as yet has not indicated whether he will make any addresses for the loan.

Officials in charge of the campaign have announced that a special appeal will be made to farmers to subscribed liberally to the loan.

RAINFALL IN QUEEN ANNES

The drought which [illegible] in Queen Annes county for [illegible] weeks was broken Tuesday [illegible] lous showers fell throughout the county. The rain was gentle and continued well into [illegible] Wednesday. It to be [illegible] grass, which had been [illegible] ed by the heat and [illegible] be benefited, [illegible] in the nick of time [illegible] corn, potato and tomato crops.

INSTANTLY KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

A YOUNG GERMAN THE VICTIM

AUTOMOBILE AND MOTOR CYCLE IN A COLLISION ON THE ROAD LEADING FROM CENTREVILLE TO THE QUEENSTOWN-CARMICHAEL ROAD.

A horrible motor cycle and automobile collision occurred last Friday evening on the Centreville-Carmichael road, near the lane of the "Cedardale" farm, occupied by Harry H. Boyles, when the motor cycle driven by Frank Pinder smashed into the Buick touring car owned by Joseph M. Brown, and driven by his son, J. Paul Brown, causing the instant death of Pinder.

Mr. Brown was returning to Centreville, and Pinder, who was a young German, was on his way to the home of Mr. James E. Carter, where he had been employed.

Pinder was traveling at a rapid gait, without lights, and was very close to Mr. Brown's car before he was seen, and on the wrong side of the road. Mr. Brown turned quickly to the left, but the motor cycle plunged into his headlight, and the contact crushed his skull, and otherwise cut and bruised his body. Mr. Brown's car had a broken headlight, a dented radiator and a battered fender, and the windshield was broken. The motor cycle was demolished.

Rushed Injured Man to Centreville.

Mr. Brown stopped his car and went to the injured man. By this time Mr. Boyles, who had heard the crash, was on the scene, and assisted Mr. Brown to bandage Pinder's head, and place him in his car. Mr. Brown then made a quick run to the office of Dr. J. M. Corkran, Centreville, where the man was pronounced dead. Dr. Corkran then turned the body over to the undertaker. In all probability death was instantaneous.

Mr. Brown immediately went to the office of the sheriff to report the accident, but the sheriff not being in town, he reported same to Robert Comegy, Magistrate, and Mr. Comegy summoned a jury and an inquest was held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Coroner's Inquest.

This jury was composed of Clayton Wright, foreman, and the following members: Hackett Turner, Alfred Green, J. Thomas Holland, Elmer Langrall, William H. Quimby, R. M. Hopkins, Handy Robinson, Pere T. Forman, F. P. Pratt, B. J. Grimes and Frank Whiteley. After viewing the body and examining Mr. Brown's car, the jury reached a verdict of "death due to the careless and reckless driving on the part of Pinder," and exonorater Mr. Brown from all blame.

The body was buried in Chesterfield Cemetery Saturday afternoon.

Registered as Enemy-Alien.

Pinder came to this country from Germany in 1914, after war had been declared by Germany and Austria against Serbia and France. He was registered here as an enemy-alien, but, it is understood, had taken out his first naturalization papers and had made application to have his registration changed to that of an American citizen. He had been working on the farm of James E. Carter for some time, and Mr. Carter stated that he was a most excellent workman. More recently, however, he had been employed in a garage in Centreville, but still slept at the home of Mr. Carter, and was on his way from Centreville to spend the night at Mr. Carter's home when the accident occurred.

It is also said that Pinder is the name taken by the young man since reaching this country, and no one seems to know what his real name was, and, as far as can be learned, he has no relatives here.

LIME CAUSES FIRE.

An alarm of fire was sounded from the plant of the Serto Packing Company, which is under construction, last Tuesday night about 10 o'clock. The Good Will Fire Company responded, and upon reaching the scene found that about half a dozen barrels of lime stored at the cannery had caught fire from the action of the rain that had filtered through the barrels. The blaze was soon extinguished and, other than the loss of the lime, no damage was done.

WITH OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

"OVER THERE" AND OVER HERE

DEVOTED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG MEN FROM QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY WHO ARE ENLISTED UNDER THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Mrs. Clifton Hicks, of Queenstown, has received a message informing her that her husband has arrived safely over seas.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Coursey, of Chester, Maryland, have been notified that their son, Sergeant W. W. Coursey, has arrived safely over seas.

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Milton McCollister, of Camp Meade, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McCollister, Church Hill. Mr. McCollister has been promoted to Lieutenant in the Medical Corps.

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Mrs. Mollie F. Tucker received a cablegram from her son, Lieut. William B. Tucker, of the Third Field Artillery, last Tuesday notifying her of his safe arrival overseas. Lieut. Tucker was at Camp Mills, New York, for several week previous to his sailing, and before that time had been stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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Mr. Jewell H. Fesmyer, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fesmyer, received a call last Friday to report at Norfolk, Va., Naval Training Station. Mr. Fesmyer, who is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. Fesmyer to join the colors, enlisted several weeks ago as a Landsman Electrician Radio in the United States Naval Reserve Forces.

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Mrs. Mrs. Katherine R. Holmes has returned from New York where she visited her son, First Lieutenant T. Reed Holmes, who expected to sail for over seas. Lieut. Holmes has been at Waco, Texas, for some months and recently was transferred to Camp Merritt. He is a member of the 55th Infantry.

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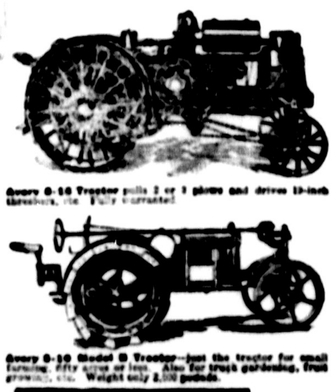

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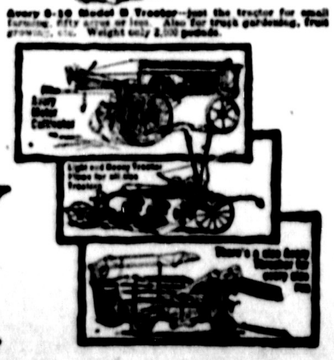

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