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EDITORIAL

For years we have carried on our mailing list the names of all persons who have had any interest whatsoever in either of the 21sts, no matter how prominently or remotely they had been connected.

From time to time our faith and patience have been rewarded. From unexpected sources we have received revenue as well as interesting letters and other information.

However, ever since this tabloid was conceived, the hue and cry of well-meaning members has been to remove from our list those persons from whom we had never heard.

When we had the funds, your writer, who has been responsible for the business end of THE ROUEN POST from the beginning in 1936, has always advocated a "liberal" policy toward continuing as many as possible.

This was much easier when our list consisted of less than 250 names and Arthur Melville printed THE ROUEN POST at a cost to us of seven, pre-Truman, dollars. Also the cost of mailing was less than one-half of today's costs. It was not necessary to evaluate each issue and wonder if the funds would be forthcoming to pay for it. Consequently, the need for cutting the list was less important.

Now, we do not have a philanthropic Arthur Melville to do our work for us, the result being that we have to have our work done at the prevailing costs. This means that we must pare our expenses to a minimum in order to reduce our overhead.

Trying to arrive at a formulae for the purge has not been easy. We have tried to take into consideration each possible factor. Nevertheless, there will be a lot of folks who shall not receive the March issue of THE NEWS LETTER.

Now we come to the real purpose of this lengthy editorial. We have cause to feel that our judgement in trying to maintain a "liberal" policy on the matter of who shall and who shall not get THE ROUEN POST has not been wasteful. We have just received a letter which we quote:

Feb. 21, 1951

307 Riverside Dr.

New York City

My dear Mr. Engel: I am the father of Albert Lustig and am very sorry to let you know that my son is still in the Veterans Hospital at Northport, L. I., N.Y. He would very much like to hear from his comrades. Won't you please ask your boys to write a few words to him and wish him well. By so doing you will greatly oblige his father, Louis Lustig, 80 years old.

The nature of Albert Lustig's illness or disability is unknown to us; nor do we know how long he has been hospitalized. It is evident, from his father's appeal, that it has been for sometime and that he will not soon be discharged.

To be candid, we had removed many names for our March issue mailing; however because of Mr. Lustig's letter we shall restore the lads from Brooklyn, Ozone Park, Richmond Hill and others nearby New York. We want the largest number possible to learn of this appeal. "Won't you please ask your boys to write a few words to him and wish him well." We want to add the suggestion that personal visits may also aid this 21ster.

It is hoped that this little episode creates a realization in the minds of some of "the boys" that thru the medium of THE
NEWS-LETTER we not only are rekindling the flames of the memories of our war associations, but we can be helpful to one another.

Remember, the curtailment of our mailing list means much less work for this writer, who not only acts as editor, manager, secretary but also is in charge of the mailing department with one employee—the same person who addresses, stamps, lick's and cart's the whole works to the post office. However, our preference still is that we shall be able to retain as many names as possible on the receiving end of the NEWS-LETTER.

And don't forget to respond to the appeal of Albert Instig's 80 year old father, whose son is hospitalized in Northport VA Hospital, Long Island, N. Y. You may be there sometime, although we pray you shall be spared.

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DR. EUGENE M. BRICKER
HEADS SURGEONS GROUP.

Dr. Eugene M. Bricker, associate professor of clinical surgery at Washington University, St. Louis and a member of the 21st G. H., World War II was named president-elect of the Society of University Surgeons at the twelfth annual meeting of the group at Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Dr. Bricker, of 43 Briarcliff Lane, Ladue, Mo., is on the staff of Barnes Hospital. He will assume office in 1952. Membership in the group is limited to surgeons of high academic rank in educational institutions and includes fewer than 200 Americans.

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PERSONALS

The Harry Kurkas of St. Louis are the proud parents of Douglas, born February 8, 1951. Weight 7½ pounds.

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The amiable Amy O. Tabor surprised a gathering recently by displaying a huge sparkler emblematic of her engagement to Mr. George Vossbrink, an educator identified with the schools of St. Louis County for many years. The wedding is to be in June, we understand.

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The nurses of the 21st G. H. are rapidly reducing the ranks of the unmarried. We have just learned that Margaret Beumer took the vow last year and became Mrs. Walter Smit. She now resides at 2516 No. Balboa, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Our most hearty felicitations to the Kurkas, Amy and Mr. Vossbrink and Margaret and Walter Smit.

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Recently we have lost two of our most interesting nurses, one Helen Bowen and one Frances Ward who are now in service at Phelps County Hospital, Rolla, Mo. We do not have any information as to what prompted these two fine gals to leave St. Louis but we presume the underlying factors were strictly economical. We shall miss these charming maidens from our gatherings. They were always on hand and when helping hands were needed for any purpose, Helen and Frances were in the forefront.

We are certain that we shall not have any difficulty in getting a second to extend our heartiest best wishes for much happiness to them in their new field. What is St. Louis! loss is Phelps County's gain.

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Frank Depke, who had quite a siege of disability—heart condition, has now returned to his office and is again endeavoring to correct problems of his patients' feet.

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James O. Sallee and his wife both were on the shelf for a period of time but several telephone calls to their residence were unanswered. We have since learned that 'Sall', the Coitie principal of the VFW, is back in harness.

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Edwin C. Kohn, a refugee from Arkansas, was in our office for quite a visit a few days ago. 'Violet' as Kohn was nicknamed by some wag of B. H. 21, loves to tell how he escaped from the sheriff in a certain Arkansas County in his twelve-cylinder automobile. He was being pursued in a 1906 vintage White Steamer.

Ed is doing quit well. He is the sole owner and operator of KOHN'S LADIES-READY-TO-WEAR EMPORIUM of PARSONS, KANSAS. He
The latest information we have is that Metz, Den. Corps, was reactivated some time ago and originally assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General, Wash., D.C. The latest information we have is Karl H. Metz is now a full Colonel and is stationed with the 21st General Comp. at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

GEORGE W. VOSSBRINK

Never before has this News Sheet endorsed a candidate for political office. The importance of the Office of the County Superintendent of Schools having all of the aspects of being non-political, we desire to inject our little bit in support of Mr. Vossbrink.

The candidate's educational background is perfect for the position he seeks. Civically he has been a genuine leader in his community. The combination of educational leadership and civic leadership, in our humble judgment, makes Mr. Vossbrink about as well suited for the position of County Superintendent of Schools as any one can be. We do not know the opposing candidate, but we do know George Vossbrink—and since he is endorsed by Amy Tabor, we'll try to aid his candidacy by adding a couple of extra paddles to his already well built canoe.

And you who are residents of St. Louis County we not only urge you to vote for Vossbrink—but let your neighbors and friends know that you propose to vote for a well-qualified gentleman for this particular post—and you would like them to do likewise.

ELECTION: TUESDAY, APR. 3, 1951.

S P E A K E R S

Members of the St. Louis County Medical Society currently were privileged to have Dr. Oscar Hampton, Jr. speak to them on the care of wounds of the extremities. Dr. Hampton is an instructor in orthopedic surgery at Washington University, St. Louis and served with the 21st General.

A 'DATING, MARRIAGE' CONCLAVE has just been completed at Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. One of the principle speakers was Dr. Sim F. Beam, formerly of 21st G. H. His subject, "It's the Backbone of Society," referring to the subject of marriage.

TWO CHIROPODISTS NAMED

Two St. Louis chiropodists have been named associate members of the National Foot Health Council.

They are Dr. Richard C. Pearce, who has offices at 5006 Delmar Blvd., and Dr. Frank Depke, with offices in the Mid-City Building. They have been named in recognition of their cooperation in promoting better foot care.

Reprinted from the St. Louis Star-Times.

LETTERS

In our last issue we took exception to the fact that many letters and much important news was being withheld from us, laying buried somewhere in the archives of one of our executives. The blast brought results. Several days ago a red-faced messenger appeared at our door bearing a packet—and it contained a great sheaf of letters dating back to September. They are splendid cross-sections of news and ideas from members of each of the 21sts and we shall use them as space permits. In order that wrongful accusations shall not be made, we shall eliminate any and all salutations appearing on these letters.

The letter which has been cause for so many ruffled feathers, we quote:

"Enclosed a small donation for the News-Letter. Sorry to have been so late getting it in. Bob Anschutz told me about needing money while I was in Alton Memorial Hospital. Bob was most faithful, came to see me twice daily, brought me
magazines and loads of cheer (and I don't mean alcohol). Dear John Wedig took me off all spirits, even coffee. Isn't that tragic? Will have to join Dixon and drink only cokes; however don't tell John, for they also contain stimulants, up to date he has forgotten to mention "No Coke."

Eloise Hagler, one of our 21sters, was married August 24 to Ray Morris, an employee of Standard Oil. Eloise still works with me at Shell. During the strike she was on the outside looking in (mostly because her wedding date had been set).

As for myself, got caught on the inside, looking out, my first day out to work after being sick--and the dear boys through a picket line keeping me in. It was the first time in my industrial nursing career that I have been caught in a strike-bound industry. The five weeks went by rapidly. Fairly busy considering nothing going on. Men seemed to receive more injuries while at play than they ever do while working. Doesn't sound too well, does it?

Bought a new house several months ago--National Pre-fabric home. It is comfortable and compact. Remember me to all 21sters. Until we meet again,

Lucille Brown

Note! Think what Lucille might have gotten had she dealt with Merl Young for a Lustron.

Come to think of it, wonder how Amy Tabor would look in a $9540.00 pastel shade mink coat?

900 Western Ave. Jeanette, Pa.

Enclosed you will find a money order as my contribution to the ROUEN POST. Please keep me on the mailing list. I miss the news and hope things look brighter for the paper. I will send more later.

I like to read about the people from my old outfit, most of them being familiar. I was the "bugler boy" and joined the outfit in North Africa. Also served in Italy and France until the time I was discharged on points.

I am happy to know there were more promotions after I left. I am sorry I could not attend any of the reunions so far. My reason is they are too far for me to travel because of my job. I also have my own local orchestra. I am using as my theme song one that belongs to Joe Montalbano, one of the 21sters, a song I helped write while overseas. Many of our 21sters have heard it. It is called "Jeanne."

More information about myself. I am a glass worker. I also belong to the society of the First Division which was my first outfit before I joined the 21st.

I am sorry to learn about your accident and I hope everything is fine again. You may print all or part of this letter if you wish. I have seen lots of familiar names in the paper. Keep up the good work.

Emil C. Kasparek, bugler boy

Many of our readers would be delighted with the recording of "Jeanne" if ever one was made. Otherwise, how about the sheet?

Mrs. W. Boyd Sargent of Kent, Ohio, pinch-hitting for her husband "the Sarge": Can't remember when our last contribution was sent. Somehow time gets away from us. Wish you could hit on some way to collect a certain amount each year. Is "Blank Dollars" enough?

"Sarge" says the "not so slick" sheet is fine with him. He is forwarding his copy to Stan Meier, a 21ster who has not received the POST. (Note! Please send us Stan's address). We had a grand visit with them in Madison, Wisconsin last Aug.

As a pharmacist's widow, I do all of the correspondence--my style--while he tries to figure a way to get rich quickly. (Note! How about contracting Merl Young or the R.F.C.) working it ten hours a day.

To the fellows doing such a nice job on the ROUEN POST, greetings. My very tardy contribution. Many thanks for continuing to send me the sheet even before
I came across. Very best of regards,  
Joe Wilensky

M/Sgt. Aubrey J. Ellis of the 21st G.H. sent a donation for the ROUEN POST. "I enjoy it so much." The former sergeant is now a student at Room #226, "B" Dormitory, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Sarge, we share like your football teams. Keep them up and at it.

And from Chicago, we have this interesting missive: Dear Mr. Engel: Enjoy reading the ROUEN POST NEWS-LETTER very much. So does my wife. To help keep it coming this way, here is a small contribution and hope it helps a little. Might be of interest, have a son named Gary, and the splitting image of his pop. Is going on two and already ruler of the roost.

Hope you keep the NEWS coming. Good luck to you and all the gang.  
Edw. E. Baltusius

Ex-Sgt. major Roy Prewett, now with the VA Hospital of Temple, Texas as Registrar writes: A couple of "bucks" to help the cause. Have enjoyed the news of the old gang's activities, etc. Will be looking to more in the future.

Will it be possible to ever publish a current address list of the 21st. Am sure all members would appreciate this. Already I have several letters returned "address unknown."

Note! The February issue contained the beginning of the list of current addresses. In each issue we shall continue with a few more. Should the treasury justify we'll try to add more pages to hasten the complete publication of all names and addresses.

The foregoing letters were from 21st G. H. guys and gals. The following are former B. H. 21 members.

R. J. "Shorty" Richner writes from Fresno, Calif. where he has finally settled: Enclosed find check to help the cause. Am a little late but still ahead of Truman. Don't expect to have much left after he makes the next grab.

I hope the spirit of the 21sts still lives in the minds of some. I would hate to see it die all-together. Best wishes to all.

Bill Engel's last NEWS-LETTER appeal made me weep tears so salty that the meat tasted like "Corned Willie."

The ROUEN POST has been my only contact with the "old gang." We live where that's game in the hills, birds and ducks in the fields and ponds, fish--trout--not catfish--in the clear waters. But we have to be a long way from Chicago, St. Louis, etc, in order to protect what we've got.

Here's a contribution. It hurts but what the hell! Joe Severly

Cliff Bindner, now a General Freight Agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad writes: I realize it takes money to get out an edition of the quality of the ROUEN POST and I am sorry I've so neglected my contribution thereto. I'll try not to overlook sending my share in the future.

Ross E. Parsons, representing Endicott-Johnson, makers of fine shoes, in the territory surrounding, Henderson, Ky, came in with a very liberal contribution and a letter: I am enclosing check, which answers a ROUEN POST appeal for funds.

Sorry to note so many are troubled with the "shorts" and don't kick in to support this paper. If it isn't worth at least $5 to every man, woman and child that reads it, their name should be removed from the list. Sincerely,

Ross Parsons

17418 Bradgate Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Enclosed please find check for ROUEN POST 242 and a bit for the paper.

I believe we would all miss the POST if it were discontinued. How about a subscription price for the POST? Why should you guys have all the worry and we on the receiving line just sit back and enjoy it?

I feel it is worth a try. Send out statements, see what happens.
If the weather permits, I hope to visit May File Harned and Ella Estes Duncan at the VA Facilities, Dayton, Ohio soon.

Sincerely, Marie Kammeier Stockhaus

319 No. Section St., Hannibal, Mo.

How long has it been since I sent a check to help defray the expenses of our paper? No don't answer that. I might prove to be my most embarrassing moment. I'm sure it has been too long.

I am sorry I didn't get this check on its way before I was told I had to. It's much pleasanter to do things because one wants to than because one must—or else. I've always meant to attend to this, but, of course, I know good intentions don't help pay bills, so I accept my verbal spanking as justly due me.

I'm glad our Bill Engel is being relieved of this burden. Getting the paper out is job enough for him, and we are all indebted to him for having done it so long and so well.

With best wishes to all of my friends,
I am, Cordially yours, Nina Shelton Tucker

Ed. Note! Thank you "Minna Shelton." The nurses of both the Units, as we have before stated, are our most stanch supporters. They have been steadfast and loyal to their Units—more so than any other group—officers or enlisted personnel.

This is in response to Mr. Engel's appeal for funds. I hope the POST gets out of debt.

Please change my address from 4353 McPherson, to St. Agnes's Home, 10341 Manchester Rd., Kirkwood 22, Missouri.

I have retired and am taking it easy in the OLD FOLKS HOME. This is a lovely place and I am very content here. Trust by now Mrs. Engel is well on the way to recovery and that more NEWS-LETTERS will be on the way soon again.

(Mrs) Olive Serafini Flynn

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