LET THERE BE HOPE

"Let There Be Hope," multiple sclerosis program heard over KWK St. Louis radio station Saturday morning March 1, had one listener for certain. Referring to Edward J. Manley of the 21st General Hospital, 4477 Beethoven, St. Louis, who has the disease himself and wants to help others, he is interested in forming a chapter here backed by contributions from prominent business people. Cash won't be accepted until the chapter is actually formed, and right now Manley is looking for fellow sclerosis victims who'll help with the organizing. Call him at Hudson 3956.

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ANNE R. McCOLLOCH DEAD

Martha E. Zimmerman of the Base Hospital 21 W.W.I nursing staff has sent in a postcard asking us if we had known of the death of ANNE R. McCOLLOCH. We had not, nor had we learned of it until we received Miss Zimmerman's card.

Our records show that Miss McColloch was at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Excelsior Springs, Mo., for quite a while and subsequently lived at the home of Dan Layton, 325 No. Elizabeth Ave., Ferguson, Mo., who was a nephew.

For months before her death she was a patient at the Marine Hospital located at Kirkwood, Mo.

Although we do not like to receive information of this sort about our former contemporaries, we are grateful for Miss Zimmerman's card.

Since we have not known too much about Martha Zimmerman for years, we know many of her friends among the nursing group of B.H. 21 will be pleased to learn that she is still about and well.

We are, indeed, most happy to report thi.
THE PIANO SERGEANT RETURNS

It has been a long time since we have had occasion to use the name of Thomas C. (Toby) Dunville in these dispatches. The colorful sergeant of Base Hospital 21, World War I, according to former Editor Bill Stack, rightfully earned the sobriquet of "piano sergeant" by his nightly performances at the officer's mess at Rouen, France. No inferences, please!

Dunville, for years, has been associated with government agencies as an accountant and legal adviser for the Comptroller's Office at Washington. For a number of years he has been located at Louisiana, Missouri with the experimental department of the Department of the Interior, endeavoring to account for the expenditures of Federal Funds for the development of combustible liquid fuel from such solids as bituminous coal. The process was successfully developed in Germany and it is our understanding that we have fully developed our own.

Hence, we wonder why Dunville is coming home? Of course, he can always return to the piano which stood him in such good stead in 1917, 1918 and 1919.

Be that as it may, we're glad to have Toby return to our midst. Even though his wit is a bit unfathomable at times, he is a cheerful guy--and Irl Evert Trickey does need a stand-in.

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MIDWEST SOCIETY OF ORAL SURGEONS ELECTS OFFICERS

Re-elected secretary-treasurer at the Society's convention in Kansas City held recently was Dr. Lester H. Jasper, 608 Florence Avenue, Webster Groves, Mo. Dr. Jasper was a member of the 21st General Hospital, World War II.

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INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat runs a daily column concerning topics which they consider of public interest. At certain places throughout the city, daily they "spot" a photographer who asks questions of persons near or passing by.

Recently, "Asked at: Beaumont Medical Building, 3720 Washington, St. Louis, was:

QUESTION: What do you think could be done to encourage more women to go into the nursing profession?"

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Among those questioned that day was Rouen Post's own and one of the 21st General's outstanding nurses, Erma Frohbieter. Since we are vitally interested in the subject, as we have previously indicated, we shall re-print each of the answers to the question on the subject that day.

Further, we feel it is so all-important a subject, that we invite our readers to submit answers to the same question.

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Following are the answers the "Inquiring Photographer" received as published in the Globe-Democrat.

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Miss Erma Frohbieter, nurse South St. Louis: "There isn't much that can or needs to be done. The really successful nurse is one who dedicates her life to the care of humanity. She must have the desire to be a nurse as early as possible. The work, the time and the money aren't important to her if she really wants to be a nurse."

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Mrs. Rose Lee Reed, checker, North St. Louis: "I would like to be a nurse myself. I have joined an organization that plans to train a group for nursing, but I will have to devote a lot of time to it. Working at the same time will make it difficult. I think more interest should be shown by the hospitals."

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Mrs. Mildred Lechner, Housewife, South St. Louis: "I think the high schools should offer classes in nursing, just as they do in home economics or anything else. This would give the student a chance to be trained early and would help create the desire to become a nurse. I also think raising nurses' pay would help encourage more women to go into the profession."

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Miss Marie Schwieder, nurse, Northwest St. Louis: "I think the nursing profession should be discussed with the high school students, especially those in the senior classes. Assemblies should be held to explain the need for nurses. It would also help if the hospital association took more interest in the problem."
Miss Martha Ziebell, Housekeeper, West St. Louis: "I think the hospitals should offer a retirement plan that would make it worthwhile for the young women to become nurses. This program would also tend to keep experienced nurses at the hospitals longer, as many of them now enter other occupations where a pension plan is in effect."

Miss Ruth Wrausmann, student, Bel-Nor: "I think the training programs at the hospitals should be made more interesting to the girls. By this I mean that they should be allowed greater freedom. The rules and regulations now are so strict that they discourage some people, and the girls must put in too many hours of work."

AFTER MONTHS OF SILENCE, THIS.

Here's a check for the Legion dues but for the life of me I can't see where I'm getting 7 bucks worth of good out of it. I could very well do without that crumby Missouri Legionnaire thing and there's never a word in it about Rouen Post. Isn't there such a thing as an associate membership? like we have in the nurses' organization?

I want to stay with "my" bunch but holy smokes that's a lot of money for sentiment, "specially when we don't even have reunions anymore to make the ties strong thru the years. How about that? We who are not in St. Louis but have the same "special" and warm feeling for good ole G.H. 21 - after all, I spent the time between April 21, 1942 to June 1945 with the 21st - but unless there's a regular reunion I can't get away - so won't you get on the ball?

I see Stan every week (Stan Goldberg, the chopper repair man) and, Oh boy when he gets thru with me, I should have the smile you'd love to kiss! It better be good because that's all I'll have left - the divil cleaned me right along with my teeth! Oh well, that new house of his must be paid for! All kidding aside, Stan has a very modern office, with the latest equipment and gadgets - I know - he used them all on me - rite from the vises (how do you spell vice, that's a tool not a pleasure?) to the trip hammers - and he has a very busy practice and the cutest nurse in his office.

Yep, he's got a good life!

Mr. Jackson, due to moving and just plain forgetfulness, I didn't send my dues. Anyway, now I'm up to date.

Say hello to my pal Bill "angel" - HAH! and tell him I'll send more money next month for the post - the three bucks will have to do now.

Between the two glamour pusses - Mel Casberg and Lucille Spalding, we can all get a vicarious pride in their travels - up-up-up. Suppose Mel has Washington in the palm of his hand now. If so he'd better point out a few pertinent facts to old H.T. - huh?

Love to all,
Knute

Now Mrs. T. Jensen for one year, come March 24. Wow, does time fly! 6427 - 22d Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin.

P.S. Just became "grandmother by marriage" to my fifth grand-child - a little dainty "Cathy," weighing 10 pounds 7 ounces. Believe it or not, I am seldom sitting down unless I have my knitting going - those babies sure need soakers!!

Second P.S. - Raymond O. Andersen, the boy with the hooks for hands who was Ernie Hageman's, "Georgia's" and my pet patient in France, has now a lovely little daughter born on Xmas day to him and his pretty wife Betty and consequently named Carol. Ray lives in Augusta, Wisconsin and is driving a regular Chevy and making a nice living selling Watkins products (vanilla, etc.) to the farmers thereabout. G.L.J.

LETTERS

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrade Engel: I want to express my appreciation to you and to Bill Stack before you for the splendid work you have done as editors of The Rouen Post.

If we would not have our Rouen Post we would have lost contact with our former comrades and our "memory friendships" would be dim indeed. Even though we do not see some of those with whom we soldiered our friendships are kept alive through our Post which is so splendidly written.

I particularly liked the letter from
Padre Edwards and appreciate the address column.

The February issue I have but have misplaced the previous one, the January issue. If you have an extra copy will you please send it to me.

Thanking you, I remain,
Sincerely
Charlie Koch

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Jackson: This is really the first notice I have received for my American Legion dues. Am enclosing for Legion dues and the rest for the Rouen Post paper.

I think it would be a good idea if Editor Bill Engel in the next Rouen Post-News-Letter would explain just what benefit a member receives by belonging to the American Legion, etc.

How do you and Mrs. J. enjoy your new home?

Spending a couple of weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the end of March. Will assume the position of travel companion for an elderly woman.

My very best wishes to you both.
Sincerely
Mae Gluck

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrade Jackson: Enclosed is my share to keep the Rouen Post News-Letter a-rollin! I enjoy each issue and hope that you loyal workers who make the Post possible will not tire of your work.

Charlie Koch

Fresno 4, Calif.

Dear Jackson: Enclosed find check to help defray the expense of the Rouen Post News-Letter.

I am most sorry to learn of the death of our Comrade Charles Jablonsky. He will be missed and remembered by all as a square shooter, and a sincere friend.

Very truly yours
R. J. Richner

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear "Buddies": As I am changing my street address March 1, I don't want you to lose me. I'm moving from 1109 Walton Avenue to 5719A Page.

Thanking you for past favors and with good wishes for all of you.

Mabel Gray

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Bill: Received the Rouen News-Letter this morning. I think you devoted too much space to Mary and me. However, many thanks particularly on Mary's account. She is home now and much improved.

Sincerely
Phil Conrath

Dear Justin: Herewith is my check. Sorry I was late. Please enter on your records my new address, 8028 Grandvista.

Harry L. Kurka

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Jackson: Enclosed is payment for my dues and something extra for the Rouen Post. Sorry I am late with this.

Kittie Huckins

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Friends: I am enclosing another contribution.

The family spent an enjoyable Sunday recently with another 21stter and his family, Erwin Kenneth Fellerman, who is now a Major stationed at Governors Island.

Would you please send me application forms, etc., for membership (full-fledged) in the Rouen Post of the American Legion.

Warmest regards.
Oscar Kraines

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Justin: Enclosed please find my check to help a little in continuing the fine "Rouen Post."

Just as everyone, I immediately devour it upon arrival.

Kindest personal regards.
Earl G. Shepard
Dear Mr. Jackson:

As you can see the address is the same but not for long. Our new assignment (foreign duty) comes up either July 1 or the last of August. Guess we’ve been lucky to be here this long.

We are also expecting an addition to the family next month - a girl we hope.

Keep up the Rouen Post. We both enjoy it so much and I want to be sure I’m still on the list. Will be sure to send our new address.

Martha Kitchen Klinck

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Dear Mr. Jackson: Please accept the enclosed check for ten dollars for the Rouen Post News-Letter. I enjoy reading them. Keep them coming.

Kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours

John Freedman, M.D.

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SIU TO DROP ITS NURSING COURSES

Carbondale, Ill., March 26 (Special) - Southern Illinois University will drop its year-old nursing courses at the end of the spring term, President D. W. Morris announced today.

The university’s Board of Trustees acted "in the light of all available evidence," Morris said. It approved a report by its Committee on Education and Area Services which held that the Board "cannot justify such expenditures" as the program entailed.

Started last fall to help offset the critical shortage of nurses in Southern Illinois hospitals, the program called for 36 weeks of pre-clinical training on the campus and the remainder of the three-year course in hospitals.

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SPECIAL EDITORIAL

The foregoing news item further emphasizes the need for a definite and sound program to encourage more interest in the vital need for nurses.

It can only be our guess that it was not possible for the board "to justify such expenditures" as the program entailed because of the lack of students.

What is wrong? What and where are the obstacles? With the amazing talent we have had in the two 2lst units plus Miss Louise Knapp as Director of Nursing Education at Washington University, St. Louis, surely we can do more than we have till now.

The pages of The Rouen Post News-Letter are available for constructive information or otherwise on this highly important subject. It seems to this humble writer that you "old grads" must have some conclusions on the subject worth "airing."

May we have them and when do we start?

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Thank you, contributors...

You are making it possible for us to continue the News-Letter both by sending us funds and material. Let the flow continue. We would like to add some new names, please and thanks.

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Please mail funds to:
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Letters and other material to:
Bill Engel
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April 21, 1952

Dear Fellow Member of Rouen Post 

This letter is to inform you that at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 6, 1952 at the Commander's home (5371 Waterman), there will be a very important meeting of Rouen Post #242. The meeting is called to discuss the present and future of the Post. It is important that we get the viewpoint of every member so that any decisions that are reached will represent the majority and not be open to the criticism of minority or dictatorial action.

Knowing that several of our members live at a distance and could not be expected to attend, I am appending the following information and a proposed agenda for the meeting. It is earnestly requested that all those members who cannot attend, send a letter to the Commander, stating their opinions. These opinions will be read at the time of the meeting. We shall attempt to keep reasonably accurate minutes of the meeting and will then circularize the membership as to the decisions reached.

Background

Rouen Post was organized in the interval between World War I and II by several veterans of Base Hospital #21. Its membership was limited to those men and women who had served at one time or another with that hospital. Following W.W.II the membership was extended to those who had served with the 21st General Hospital. Our peak membership of 125 was in 1943. The membership role for 1952 numbers 89. Of these 38 are veterans of W.W.I and 51 are veterans of W.W.II. 72 of the members are men and 17 are women. 63 of the members live in St. Louis or St. Louis County. 5 of the members live in outstate Missouri and 21 in other states.

The Post originally took a moderate interest in State and National Legion affairs, sending delegates to the meetings and participating in joint Legion functions in St. Louis. It has been the present Commander's impression that there is no longer an interest by the membership in the American Legion as a City, State or National organization. I have felt that the Post #242 acted only as a nucleus to hold old comrades together. At present each member of Post #242 pays annual dues of $7.00. $2.25 of this goes to the State and National organizations. The Post in addition pays an assessment of $0.40 for each member to the local St. Louis organization. This leaves $4.35 to be used as the Post sees fit.

Agenda of the Proposed Meeting

1. Shall Rouen Post #242 continue to maintain its status as an American Legion Post?
   a. If not, shall an attempt be made to create an organization which will replace Rouen Post #242?

2. Shall the membership as a continuing active Rouen Post #242, or as an independent organization, continue the sponsorship and partial support of the News-Letter, "The Rouen Post"?

3. Shall preliminary plans be made for a possible reunion of all former members of Base Hospital #21 and the 21st General Hospital in some future year?

4. The agenda will be open to any other proposals made before or at the time of the meeting.

Please fill in and return the enclosed post-card.

Sincerely

R. W. Kelley, Commander.