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## LETTERS FROM OUR KHAKI BOYS IN FRANCE

### Traveling at the Rate of 9 Miles in 34 Hours in No Man's Land is Anything but Joy Riding

### BROTHERS MEET ON BATTLE FRONT

Following are letters from H. H. Harbaugh's three sons which doubtless will prove interesting to their many friends in Westminster where they are all well known and popular:

Camp Merit, N. J.,
Oct. 27, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:—

I landed here at 5 o'clock this morning to leave at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning. We will hike four miles to the boat, so it is impossible for me to get home. Please do not worry about me; I am in the best of health and happy and have everything to keep me warm. I do not think we will be long "over there". We expect to fix up all the broken trucks, so we will be safe. This letter leaves me well and I hope you are the same, Good-bye, with love to all.

Private Ezra W. Harbaugh,

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Somewhere in France
Sept. 20th, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:—

Just received a letter from you, but will not write as I am busy showing Roland around—ha! ha!

Surely I was made happy this afternoon when I saw a fellow waiting out front. I was just coming back to the office when to my utter surprise and excessive joy I discovered it was brother Roland. I can hardly realize that he is with me but he is right here at my desk writing and smoking cigars. Roland is in fine health, looking good and fat as a pig. He will be with me until tomorrow evening, when I go his way with rations for some of the men. From now on we expect to see each other often. Roland was greatly surprised to see me and I can not express on paper how glad I was. He slept on my cot last night in our billet next to me. Roland is going to put his signature on my letter and I will do the same, so that you can realize that we are really together. We hate to part, but hope soon to meet again. With best wishes and kindest regards to all.

1st Class Chauffeur,
Harry V. Harbaugh,

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Sept. 20, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:—

I received two letters from you on Thursday and was about to answer them on Friday, but was called to go after some broken cars. I was delayed a couple days waiting for parts. I was twenty-six Kilometers from Vernon, but managed to get to see him. It was a difficult task to find him, having had to walk about three-fourths of the way. I found him about 5 o'clock. He is so stout I hardly know him. We are in his office writing to our dear father and mother.

Vernon is a supply sergeant, but has put in his application for a commission, expecting to get it any day. We are not so far away from each other and hope to see each other often. I am going to stay all night with brother and tomorrow he is going with me as far as he can, where I get my cars. I met Vernon's captain and had quite a talk with him. He told me what a fine man Vernon is and how pleased he is with him. Vernon is very popular around here, everybody seeming to like him.

We have the largest drive on now ever was and making great success with it. I have been to the front several times in a closed Dodge which I am driving. On one occasion I got stuck and had to stay out all night in No Man's Land. It was a great experience; it took me 34 hours to go 8 miles—some speed. I have been assigned to drive a Dodge car all winter. Don't worry about me; when it snows I will be comfortable. I still have plenty to eat, a good place to sleep and the Red Cross gave me a sweater, wristlets, helmet and one pair of woolen socks. The Red Cross is doing fine work here. I would love to tell you more and will when I come home. I send love to all.

Private Roland W. Harbaugh,

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**Letter From Carroll R. Schaeffer**

We take pleasure in publishing the following letter from Private Carroll R. Schaeffer, who is "Somewhere in France". Like the letters from other boys of our community, it will be read with considerable interest. Here it is:

October 6, 1918.

Dear Mother.—

I know you will be worried not hearing from me for such a long time, but I have not had time to write or do anything for myself. I am writing this today, but will never know when I will be able to mail it. I just got my last letter off to you before we went up to "go over the top," and believe me, we did go over. We started on the drive early one morning and kept on going for several days with an awful gain. I think we advanced about 15 miles, and you can imagine what that means—to follow up with all our equipment. The first day out we were very lucky to get through. We ran right into a machine gun nest and I thought I had passed in my last checks; but somehow we got through it and am sure God was with us. We had very few losses, and I am glad to say none of the county boys were knocked off. We have been going some since we were relieved and you can bet I am mighty tired. We were on the Verdun front and they tell me the hardest fighting took place there. You might know the Maryland boys would be in it. We were in the first wave to "go over" with the 313th Infantry and the boys certainly did put up some fight, with great losses. I don't know how we got through; but we did, and I only hope it will be a long time before we have to go into it again. One cannot imagine what it is like unless they have been through it.

I was glad to run into Ober out in No Man's Land. Of course he was pretty far back, but he was within reach of artillery fire, and, believe me, we got into it several times. One Sunday we were on a hill when the Germans started to shell us and I expected one to hit me any time. They came so close all around me some threw dirt over me and you can well imagine I was breathing hard. Fortunately none of us were hit.

Tell Nell I am always so glad to get her letters. I have just finished a short one to her, but forget to mention it. I was also glad to get the pictures of all of you; they certainly were good. I have not received the Times yet, but have been receiving mail right along. We even got mail when we were at Cunningham, a short time at the front. Lots of love to all.

Russell

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The following is a letter from Sterling R. Schaeffer to his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand D. Schaeffer, of this city.

Somewhere in France,
October 10, 1918.

Dear mother:—

I just received two of your letters I am getting your mail all O. K. Keep on sending me the paper I like to read it very much, of course it is a month late when I receive it but it is all news to me. Well I guess by this time you have received a letter from Ober. I have not seen anything of him yet .I do not know where he is but I have received one letter from him since we have been over here. Well mother I wish I could tell you where I am stationed, but it is impossible. I am in a very pretty part of France. This country certainly is beautiful. You asked me about the roads; they certainly are great. They are all like the state road back home. Tell aunt Laura that I am going to write her a letter just soon as I get time. Well we have a good place to sleep and plenty to eat. I am running a three ton Riker truck, just about the size of one of Shriver's trucks at home. We start out about 9 o'clock in the morning and get back about 5 o'clock in the evening then we are through. Well must close for this time, I am well; good bye, write soon.

Corporal Sterling R. Schaeffer,

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**Motor Messengers Help in Campaign**

On Thursday, October 30, members of the Motor Messenger Service distributed the posters and literature for the Unitel War Work Campaign. They put up posters at all stores and places of public gatherings throughout the county. Captain Marian S. Shriver is ill at her home at Union Mills, so the drive was in charge of Mrs. Charles O. Clemson, Adjutant. Those driving their cars were: Mrs. William Young, Mrs. Martha Shaw, Mrs. H. E. Koontz, Miss Ruth Walsh, Miss Marie Senseney, Miss Thelma Littlefield, Mrs. C. L. Bennett, Mrs. David Baile, Mrs. David Geiman and Miss Nellie Hibbard.

## REPUBLICANS! MEET WILSON'S CHALLENGE

### Chairman Hays' Call to All Americans to Resent at the Polls the Unjust Accusations and Political Moves Made by the President

To Republicans: "President Wilson has questioned the motives and fidelity of your representatives in Congress. He has thereby impugned their loyalty and denied their patriotism. His challenge is to you who elected those representatives. You owe it to them, to the honor of your great party and to your own self-respect to meet that challenge squarely, not only as Republicans, but as Americans. I, as your chairman, call upon you to do it.

Mr. Wilson accords the Republicans no credit whatever for having supported the 'war measures' proposed by his administration, although they have done so with greater unanimity than the members of his own party. Despite that fact, he accuses them of having tried to usurp his proper functions.

"At no time and in no way have they tried to take control of the war out of his hands. The President knows that. The country knows it. You know it. A more ungracious, more unjust, more wanton, more mendacious accusation was never made by the most reckless stump orator, much less by a president of the United States, for partisan purposes. It is an insult, not only to every loyal Republican in Congress, but to every loyal Republican in the land. It fully merits the resentment which rightfully and surely will find expression at the polls.

"Mr. Wilson grudgingly admits that the Republicans have been 'pro-war.' Then why does he demand their defat—because they are still pro-war Hardly that. No. It is because they are for peace through—not without—victory; because they do not believe lasting peace can be obtained through negrotiation; because they consider that 'U. S. stands for unconditional surrender as well as for United States and Uncle Sam. The Democratic Congress does not. Mr. Wilson does not. There is the issue clear as the noon sun. The country will decide.

**WANTS ONLY RUBBER STAMPS**

"Mr. Wilson wanted only rubber stamps—his rubber stamps in Congress. He says so. No one knows it better than Democratic Congressmen. He calls for the defeat of pro-war Republicans and the election of anti-war Democrats. He, as the Executive, is no longer satisfied to be one branch of the government, as provided by the Constitution. Republican Congressmen must be defeated and Democratic Congressmen must, as they would, yield in everything. That is evidently his idea—the idea of an autocrat calling himself the servant, but bidding for the mastery of this great, free people.

"Republicans in Congress have seemed to him good enough when they assented, as they did assent with highest patriotism and sometimes against their best judgment, to his proposals. Republicans at home have seemed good enough to send fully a million of their sons into battle, to furnish at least half of the army and far more than half of the money for winning of the war, but they are not considered good enough to have a voice in the settlement of the war.

**WILSON'S REAL PURPOSE**

"But Mr. Wilson's real purpose has nothing to do with the real conduct of the war. He has had that from the beginning, has it now, and nobody dreams of interfering with his control. He wants just two things. One is full power to settle the war precisely as he and his sole, unelected, unappointed, unconfirmed personal advisor may determine.

"The other is full power as the 'unembarrassed spokesman in affairs at home' as he actually demands in his statement to reconstruct in peace times the great industrial affairs of the nation in the same way, in unimpeded conformity with whatever socialistic doctrines, whatever unlimited government-ownership notions, whatever hazy whims may happen to possess him at the time, but first and above all, with absolute commitment to free trade with all the world, thus giving to Germany out of hand the fruits of a victory greater than she could win by fighting a hundred years.

**PLEASES GERMANY**

"A Republican Congress will never assent to that. Do you want a Congress that will? Germany does. Germany looks to Mr. Wilson to get it for her, as he pledged himself to do in one of the few of his famous articles which is explicable. Germany understands that.

"See the New York World, spokesman of the administration, of last Saturday and read the testimony of Henry C. Emery, former head of the Tariff Commission, just returned from seven months in Germany. 'The German people,' he says, 'seemed to realize that in President Wilson lay their only salvation. They have turned to him in the belief that he is the one great political leader who can be trusted to make a permanent peace which shall permit equal economic development."

"Mr. Wilson forces the Republican party to lie down or fight.I say fight! Answer with your votes!

"Mr. Wilson is for unconditional surrender—yes, for the unconditional surrender to himself of the Republican party, of the country, of the Allies—all to him, as the sole arbitrator and master of the destinies of the world.

"Do you stand for that? Answer with your votes!"

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**"Bob" Gilbert Came Back**

There is joy at "The Wharf". "Bob" Gilbert, after having been drafted by Uncle Sam, and found "wanting" in something or other, was thrown into the discard and is now back at his job as Express Agent at the railroad station. When Bob was drafted every one at "The wharf" was sorry to see him go because he is one of the very best agents the company ever had here and during his absense Mr. H. Ryman, route agent of the company has had a high old time keeping the office going. He brought a young man here from Emmitsburg but, being rather unsophisicated, he very soon got cold feet or homesickness and beat it back to the mountains from whence he came. Mr. Ryman then got Miss Goldie Stonesifer to help out and she is proving to be very efficient help. But then the work of hustling large packages is not a woman's work and a man also is required in the office.

Just when Mr. Ryman, the route agent, was about to give up in despair "Bob" Gilbert blew into the office from somewhere and now Mr. Ryman is wearing that proverbial smile. "Bob" and Miss Goldie are just running the office to the queen's taste and Arthur Arbaugh, the wagon man, is also as "happy as a big sunflower that nods and bends in the breezes."

The return of "Bob" Gilbert has made others around "The Wharf" very happy. Take, for instance, Uriah J. Babylon, the genial and dependable taxi man. He got so happy he danced a jig, on at least tried to dance one, on the station platform in the presence of Mr. Thomas A. Gracie, right of way agent of the C. and P. Telephone Company, Mr. H. Ryman, route agent of the express company, and a number of other well known and highly respectable gentlemen. When the jig dancing had reached its height special officer William F. Helm stopped the whole show, and if it had not been for the pleadng of Mr. Gracie there is no telling what might have happened.

Anyway, "Bob" Gilbert has returned, and that's joy enough for everybody.

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**Auto Smashed on State Road**

Last Friday night an automobile driven by Mr. Charles Gilbert, of Manchester, broke down on the state road to Baltimore just this side of Finksburg. Shortly thereafter Mr. Harry Wilson, of Tyrone came along from Baltimore and not seeing the Gilbert car smashed into it, demolishing both machines. Mr. George Hoff of Klee and Hoff, this city, hauled the Gilbert car to this city on a truck and towed the Wilson car. No one was hurt.

**HON. HERBERT R. WOODEN**
**Republican Candidate for Congress**
He is a typical representative of the people of this district.

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**Vote Against Issuing Bonds For Schools**

By an agreement entered into between the County Commissioners and the Board of Education of this county, the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars has been appropriated by the County Commissioners for the purposes set forth in the bill passed by the Legislature of 1918, and no bonds should be issued for the purpose of raising $100,000 with which to build school houses in the several districts of the county.

The amount appropriated by the Commissioners is payable to the Board of Education in five equal payments of $20,000 each during the next five years, and will be in lieu of money proposed to be raised by a bond issue.

Carroll county is not in debt, and its citizens do not desire a debt placed upon them when ample revenue is being raised to take care of school buildings which are necessary or which may become necessary during the next five years, and to allow the proposition of bonding the county under the Act of 1918 to become a law might create a debt of an additional One hundred thousand dollars.

The money now being spent for a new school building in Hampstead and the purpose money of $9500 for the Stewart property in Westminster was advanced by the County Commissioners under the agreement with the Board of Education and is about all the money needed for this year's work on school properties. If the whole $100,000 were now in the hands of the Commissioners they could use very little of it as the war conditions now prevailing prevent buildings being created, and may continue so for some time to come.

The money not being needed, because the whole matter has been arranged satisfactorily, every one should vote against a bond issue and thereby save us from a situation filled with embarrassing financial potentialities.

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**W. M. Brings Home Laurels**

On Saturday last the Western Maryland College journeyed to Annapolis and in a hand fought battle with St. John's college succeeded in taking the prize by a score of 14 to 7. Western Maryland got away in front in the first quarter when Batty of St. John's, kicked off and Western Maryland took the ball down the field for a touch-down, Kelley, of Western Maryland squad, who is captain of the team, made 15 yards in the second attempt. After some very hard playing by both teams Western Maryland succeeded in making another touch down. By this time St. John's began to pick up a bit and carried the ball to Western Maryland's 30-yard line. There was an exchange of punts and finally St. John's carried the ball over.

Yount, one of Western Maryland's players was not in the game due to injuries received when the bus in which they were journeying skidded and collided with a tlegraph pole at Seven Miles Lane on the Reisterstown pike.

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With three hundred and twenty-five students on the campus, and two hundred and fifty enrolled to start their work October 15, the State College has started on the greatest year in its history. All Maryland counties are represented liberally in the student body, while both Baltimore and Washington have large quotas enrolled, the engineering and radio courses attracting the majority of city students.

## UNITED WAR WORK DRIVE BEGINS NOV. 11

### Wednesday, Nov. 6th, a Big County Meeting Will be Held at the Armory in Westminster

### ORATORY AND MUSIC FEATURES

Next week active preliminary and educational work will be carried on throughout the county for the United War Work Drive which begins Nov. 11th.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, a big County meeting will be held at the Armory in Westminster.

The committe has been fortunate in securing as speakers for this meeting, Dr. Phillip Cook, rector of St. Michael and all Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church and Hon Chas. W. Henisler, of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city. Dr. Cook spent the summer on the battlefields of Europe and returned to Baltimore last week.

He was a passenger going across on a vessel that was torpedoed by a German sub-marine.

He is "a man's man," an eloquent speaker and will bring us an interesting message from personal knowledge of the work that is being done by the organizations represented in this campaign.

Judge Henisler is one of Maryland's prominent citizens, an able speaker, and his address will be one that all should hear.

The Liberty Quartet will sing and there will be patriotic songs by the audience, led by Dr. T. H. Lewis.

Meetings have been arranged for every evening next week and on Monday, Nov. 11th, at 9 A. M., all the church, school and farm bells in the county will ring and the steam whistles will blow for five minutes to announce the opening of the drive for contributions.

A "get-to-gether luncheon will be held at the Firemen's Building, Westminster, at 5.30 P. M., on Wednesday evening, Nov. 6, and will be over in ample time for all to attend the big meeting at the armory.

The purpose of this luncheon, at which the District chairman, their committees and soliciting teams togeher wih the Advisory Campaign Committee, composed of prominent men from each district will be present; is to have the plans of the work clearly outlined and an informal interchange of views as to the most effective methods to secure the best results. It is earnestly urged that all who are to take part in the active work of the campaign attend this meeting. Everyone must work in accordance with the bigness of the task. This campaign means 70 per cent more must be contributed than ever before and this means that all must work 70 per cent harder and give 70 per cent more than ever before.

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**Auto Bus Strikes Pole**

The members of the Western Maryland College football team were painfully hurt and a number of the others shaken up when a big auto bus owned by Wm. Bowers that was taking them from this city to Annapolis skidded on the Reisterstown road near Seven Mile lane early last Saturday morning and crashed into a telegraph pole. The impact broke the heavy timber off short at the ground, but brought the uncontrolled machine to a stop and prevented it being turned over.

The players hurt were F. A. Yount, whose head was cut and bruised, and O. B. Langville, ankle sprained. The others were thrown from their seats and more or less bruised and shaken up. Passing autoists, Sam W. Pattison, clerk of the Criminal Court, among them, took most of the young athletes to Baltimore, the others taking the trolley. The bus was considerably damaged about the hood and was put out of commission.

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**Auto Runs Off Bridge**

On Sunday afternoon, last an auto driven by Mr. Leslie Lambert, of New Windsor, accompanied by his wife, three children and a colored man ran off a twelve foot bridge a short distance west of Medford. One of the children was slightly cut and bruised, the others were considerably shaken up.

The machine although slightly damaged was gotten back on the road and the p[illegible] proceeded their wa[illegible]

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