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NORMAL SCHOOL NEWS

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LETTER FROM NORTON

The following letter was received from Corporal Francis B. Norton, better known as "Berne." He was president of the class of '18 and joined the marines shortly after school was out last summer. He is now in France and gives this account of his military adventures up to the time of writing.

I left Paris Island August 11. I joined the Thirteenth Regiment Marines which formed at Quantico, Virginia, on the thirteenth of August. There I trained intensively for a month. I got everything it was possible to get pertaining to modern warfare. Of course, I only got a taste of the things, but on the whole, the training was considered thorough. For instance, we did not have a chance to get a useful lesson of any kind. At all times we wore our gas masks, and many times have I dropped my rifle while making a bayonet thrust, or a shovel while digging a trench, or to quickly put on my gas mask, at the alarm, "gas." I went through a gas chamber once, where, if there had been a leak in my mask it would have been good-bye to yours truly. For several days we lived in trenches for actual battle conditions. We fired live ammunition at dummy Hun in enemy trenches; and stars and machine guns whistled the steel over our heads. It was interesting work and I thoroughly enjoyed it, although it was a strenuous life.

Our colonel, Butler, now a brigadier general, had great faith in the number thirteen, and I can see our hoodoo regiment's boys have always centered around the number 13. Possibly I chanced to see some articles in the New York papers concerning our arrival on September 26, 1918, the thirteenth, you see. As might be expected, we left Quantico on the morning of Friday, September 13, and embarked that evening on the Von Steuben, which lay in the harbor at New York. We lay there until the next Sunday morning, when we steamed away leaving the Statue of Liberty behind.

We had a calm voyage, and at all times was the water what a sailor would call rough. Had it not been for the flu scourge on board, our trip would have been a success. I felt so bum most of the way over that I didn't care whether the old boat got across or not. The object of most interest to me on the way over was

a big iceberg. It seemed to be only a mile or two away, but the sailors said it was at least fifteen miles off. It must have been some chunk of ice. If the Public Service Company could have harvested that chunk, they would have been able to lay off one summer.

At Brest I stayed a month. We did very little there except to build camps and care for the sick. While we were there soldiers were coming in by the thousands and a great many were suffering from the flu.

It was quite a hike from the docks to the army camp and we marines went down and carried many a poor sufferer's pack for him. There were a few stone barracks in the camp, said to have been built by Napoleon. It happened that Ed Harris and I were there at the same time and only about a quarter of a mile apart, yet we did not know of each other's presence until we were separated. Wasn't that tough luck? Ed was luckier than I for he was quartered in the stone barracks while I had to live in a shelter tent. It rained almost every day and our little shelter tents were only made large enough for two men to occupy while lying very quiet. Whenever we entered our home we had to crawl in and go to bed. We usually had to hang our feet out to keep the mud off the blankets. O, that was some life! One nice feature about such a home was that the door would never slam and wake me up when I was asleep.

About October 24 we came down here to Bordeaux where we are now doing guard duty on the American Docks. It was some trip down here. Forty men with their heavies were packed like sardines into each little box car. The box cars were not as large as the street cars there in Charleston. They had only four wheels. In such baby buggies we rode thirty-six hours. Believe me, we were glad to get out when we got here. Here, we are quartered in squad tents. One corporal and six privates occupy each tent. We have been here over a month and have our tents fixed up like homes. In each tent we have a stove.

MASQUERADE PARTY

The recreation committee wishes to announce that there will be a masquerade party given in the Gymnasium Saturday evening, January 25. Dancing will not be a large feature of the evening's programme. Get your costume ready between semesters.

RECITAL THURSDAY

The concert given Thursday evening as the first number on the 1919 entertainment course, was one of the best ever given at our school. Mr. Steindel and Miss Diemer, known to Charleston people as Miss Elsa Koch, are both artists of very marked ability. Only a fair-sized crowd heard the concert. Those who were not there missed one of the best entertainments that has been given in Charleston in a long time. The following is the program that was given:

1. Sonata Valentini
First movement (Grave).
Allegro)
 2. She Never Told
Her Love Haydn
 3. The Heart's Call Heurter
 4. Just for This Mitchell
 5. My Shadow Hadley
 6. The Dawn Curran
 7. (a) Adagio Pathétique, Op. 128 Godard
(b) Harlequine
Scene, Op. 3 Popper
(c) Gavotte (No. 2) Popper
 8. My Native Land (Russian) Gretchaninoff
 9. The Blackbird's Song Scott
 10. Ode to the Kingdom of Dreams Gilmour
 11. Chinese Nursery Rhymes Crist
(a) Lady Bug (d) Of What Use Is a Girl?
(b) My Baby (e) Patacake
(c) The Mouse (f) The Old Woman
 12. (a) Berceuse Gedart
(b) Menuet No. 2, in G Beethoven
(c) Rondo Boccherini
- Without a doubt the other entertainments on the course will be as well worth hearing as was this first one, and every one who possibly can should certainly avail himself of the opportunity presented. The next number will be a reading by Mr. Leland Powers, who many think is the peer of any reader of the kind.

GYM DEMONSTRATION

At the Saturday evening party on February 1, the boys of the school will give an exhibition of gymnastic stunts, boxing and wrestling. Under present plans, the demonstration will be given as a part of the party and no admission will be charged. The exhibition will no doubt be both thrilling and at the same time comical. All students and teachers are invited.

Miss Davis did not meet her classes Thursday because of illness.

Trevor Serviss is suffering with an attack of mumps at the hospital of the Great Lakes Naval Station.

E. I., 50; Ashmore, 4

The basketball game Saturday with a team from Ashmore looked like a cross between a slap-stick comedy and a game of croquet. The E. I. second team played the first half and at the end of the period the score was E. I. 8, Ashmore 2.

In the second half the first team went in and during the twenty minutes of play they caged 21 goals. During the first period almost every second-string man was given a chance. Lynch got two goals in this session and R. Allen and Crowe each put in one.

The Ashmore team seemed to have a total lack of ability to hit the basket. Towards the end of the game, they succeeded in getting one field goal, their other three points being made on fouls.

During the second half, the Ashmore five didn't have the ball in their possession long enough to shoot more than half a dozen times. That part of the game consisted of an exhibition of good shooting by our team. The team as it played Saturday consisted of McKenzie, center; May and L. Cook forwards; Baker and Leathers, guards. McKenzie fills in the gap at center, and the team will be still further strengthened by the entry next term of Ralph Adams, Herbert Anderson and Floyd Wilson.

GIRLS' BASKET BALL

In a game marked by fast playing and close guarding, the Freshmen girls defeated the Juniors 4 to 2 Saturday afternoon. The guarding was so close that neither team had much chance to shoot. All the points were made in the first half, the score at half time being the final one. Aleen Thompson and Dorothy Nehrling starred for the Juniors and Freshmen respectively. Dorothy Sellars got her team's only goal. The Junior team was handicapped by the loss of Edith Bombarger, who was unable to play on account of illness. She has been playing a stellar game at forward.

ANNA DOSCOSKA

Word was received here last week from Akron, Ohio, that Anna Doscoska, '12, died in that city Thursday. Until a few weeks ago she was teaching in Painesdale, Michigan. She resigned her position only a short time ago and was married in December to Dr. Wright in Akron, and died soon afterwards. Death was due to pneumonia.

Mr. Koch was ill Saturday and did not meet his classes.

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Did it ever occur to you who are going to school at E. I. S. N.'S. that the campus and the buildings there are among the most beautiful that there are anywhere? The first thing that every visitor to our school notices is the wonderful beauty of the campus. There are many who have said that this campus is the most beautiful school ground they have ever seen. Even now it is well worth looking at, but a little later when it is blanketed in snow, or later still when the trees are in full leaf and the flowers in full bloom, it is more wonderful yet. The flowers, the great trees, the green lawns, the lake, the gardens, the forestry, the neat white driveways, the circle in front of the main building, are all beautiful. It is hard to say which appeals to the eye the most. The dazzling white of the snow in winter, the tender, green leaves and the delicate blossoms of spring, the blaze of color throughout summer and autumn, all are marvelously attractive, and, again, it is hard to say which season of the year brings the most beauties to the campus.

This brief attempt at describing our campus has been wholly inadequate. Nobody can really appreciate it without seeing it. And yet we whose privilege it is to see it every day take it as a matter of course that it should be our lot to have these beautiful surroundings.

We do not half appreciate the place to which we come to school. How many schools have such a level, naturally attractive forty-acre tract for a campus? How many schools have the skillful care taken of their campus that we have? The number is comparatively small.

This is not a boast of the beauties of E. I.'s campus, but an at-

tempt to make our students alive to the fact that they have a really wonderful place to go to school—wonderful from the standpoint of pleasant surroundings. The kind of thoughts a man thinks are determined in no small degree by his environment, if he is conscious of that environment. Let us see if we cannot more often be conscious of the pleasantness of our surroundings and see what effect it will have on the thoughts that we think.

As a general thing it should not be the policy of a paper to correct the manners of its readers, but here is one case where we feel that we are excusable. When a person goes to a concert and is forced to sit in front of a student of the school which is directing the concert, and listen to an almost continual stream of inane remarks spoken in an undertone, then, in our judgment, that person would be perfectly justified in demanding back the money that he paid for the ticket to the entertainment. This is exactly what happened the other night. Everybody within a radius of five or six feet of the student who carried on the chief part of the conversation, could not help hearing him. Enough remarks on such behavior have been made from the platform so that the student should know better. If he hasn't known before he does now. Let us hope he will use his knowledge at his next appearance in a public gathering.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Pearl Yost shared a birthday
box from home with some of her
friends Wednesday night. Those
present were Edith Downs, Lu-
cile Prather, Bernice Greathouse,
Ruby Cummings, and Inez David-
son.

Henrietta Brown was pleas-
antly surprised on her Nth birth-
day last Friday night. The surpris-
ers were Elsie Smith, Audrey
Shuey, Harriette Foreman, Mil-
dred Love, Gene Gordon, Glen
Baker, Robert Williams, Leslie
Cook, and Floyd Wilson. The
evening was spent in making
fudge and playing cards.

The dance in the gymnasium
Saturday night was very well at-
tended, about thirty couples tak-
ing part. Several students were
there who waxed red above the
collar but who nevertheless are learn-
ing to "shuffle." Music was
furnished by Barbara Miles, Fran-
cis Grafton, and William Arm-
strong.

Y. W. C. A.
The members of the Y. W. C.
A. met together in an interesting
meeting Friday evening. The
subject discussed was, "Voca-
tions for Women." Ruth Hadden
led the meeting. The merits of
the following vocations were dis-
cussed: Settlement Work, Miss
Anna Morse; Foreign Missionary
Work, Helene Ruck; Y. W. C.
A. Secretaryship, Ruth Hadden.
Other vocations for women will
be taken up in some meetings
that are to follow. All girls of
our school are invited to come, as
it is thought that they will be in-
terested in and benefited by the
discussion of this topic.

ENTERTAINMENT COURSE
It is now almost certain that
the Clifford Deveraux Players
will furnish two numbers on the
entertainment course. This com-
pany gave several plays here last
spring and was very well thought
of by every one in attendance.

There have been only 330
course tickets bought so far and
only 11 single admission tickets
were sold at the first entertain-
ment. The remaining three num-
bers of the course will have a
single admission of either fifty or
seventy-five cents, so it will still
pay to buy a course ticket for
\$1.25.

NO SKATING
The skating on Ahmoweenah
was greatly enjoyed, while it last-
ed, but on Friday the well known
Mr. weather man saw fit to boost
the mercury and the danger sign
was accordingly posted. Al-
though the ice was not nearly as
good as it has been, quite a num-
ber of skaters disported them-
selves.

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GAME TONIGHT

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RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP

All of the classes that could join the Red Cross as a unit have done so, and have therefore 100 per cent. The Junior and Senior classes have not done so well. They each have about a two-thirds membership, which is very poor, indeed. Last year each student was solicited individually and almost everyone joined. This year, however, it seemed best not to follow that method, which in part accounts for the lower membership.

ANOTHER GOLD STAR

Official word was received last week of the death in France of Bruce Lemon, a former student and athlete at the Normal School. Some time ago he was reported as missing in action. The later dispatch says he was killed by the explosion of a heavy shell near him. Bruce Lemon is the seventh one of the boys on our honor roll to give his life in the great war. With the close of the war it is hoped he will be the last.

A CONCERT TO BE GIVEN

There will be a concert given in the Normal School auditorium next Friday evening, January 17. Vladimir Neneloff Skongaard, said to be Denmark's greatest violinist, will appear with the New York Metropolitan Company to furnish the evening's program. The concert is presented under the auspices of the Charleston Music Club, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance at this worthy entertainment. The price for general admission will be \$1.00.

Fred Western, '18, who is teaching at Roberts, Illinois, visited school Saturday.

Maurice Hampton, '16, manual training teacher at Mattoon, was a school visitor Saturday.

Lieut. Charles Conrad, a former student here, visited old friends Saturday.

Mr. Taylor was out of school Thursday on account of illness.

Ether Doty was taken to the sanitarium Thursday suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Pie-debauches are in vogue in the Freshman class this year. Bi-weekly meetings are held at Birch's store. The casualties are few notwithstanding.

Elwood Carrell '17, who has been working on gas masks for Uncle Sam since last summer, was here on furlough last week.

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