THE DEAD LETTER

The telephone rang, I answered it. Is this Rev. Hulme? Yes it is. Have you a man on your church roll by the name of John Doe? (Name is fictitious). Just a minute and I will look at the register of church membership. Yest we have a John Doe, a Mrs. Doe and three Doe young folks. Too bad, but they are on our old church roll, a new roll was made April 24th, 1936 and these five Does were not placed on the active list. A notation was made however that they had moved away, first to Cuyahoga Falls then to Akron. Our records show that for probably two or three years before the new roll was authorized this family was away from Stow, no communication, no support, null, void dead to the church. Now the good man who called me (a minister said he was asking for a letter for one member of the family, a son now in the army, and said he, I am sure the parents consider themselves members of the Community Church in Stow for they have so informed me. So I asked, what does your church do when a family moves, gives no address and it is all a blank for some eight years, do you consider them in good standing? O no said he, we just drop them. So when I sat down and reflected, I said, what a pity, that young man needs a church letter, his parents think their church letters are snug and safe in Stow but they are counted dead here, for they have not been respected for eight years or more. The parents of Jesus took it for granted that their Son was in the company. To find Him in the Temple was a wonderful relief. Dare people assume that they can cast for years on a dead church membership? Come join our church the minister pleads, be one of our church family, go with this happy helpful group here where you live, where you work, where you spend the precious days and weeks of your earthly sojourn. No, no, they cry we belong to the church back home, our letters are there where we joined twenty years ago. Now the hard ugly truth is that the names are on an old church register, the family is all recorded there; inactive, moved away, no support, dead to old home church. Null and void in the new land where milk and honey flows; too bad! too bad! to treat your Saviour so; say nothing of the church far away, and the church where you ought to be active, and the saddest of all is the neglect of your own soul; to say nothing of a lost influence, and a pitiful neglect of a little missionary work for human souls, that was your opportunity and privilege. Take your religion more serious, my friend. The Almighty God did not give his only begotten Son a sacrifice for humanity, that that humanity should trifle and neglect blood bought privileges. It is not love to Christ nor is it devotion to the old home church to claim a stained page on an old antiquated church register, when far removed from the little church across the hills. Surely the same sun shines, surely the same stars appear, surely the same God is nigh in the new home land as was in the old. You can-
not glean in the dear fields across the mountains, for you don’t live there anymore, so in your adopted land take hold. Let God do the planning and brighten some corner here. I know you reason that father and mother are buried there and grandfather and grandmother lie buried in the church yard and you wish to respect their memory. But they are dead, you can do nothing for them. No sob or footfall can disturb their slumber; rest a stone. Come out of this delusion, for it is not of God. Only the deceiver of human hearts can make such a false impression, only the evil one, the enemy of our souls would dare blind our better judgment, for the call is here and now the fields are white unto harvest.

Geo. M. Hulme

BIBLE STUDY LESSON

IN THE UPPER ROOM

Golden Text—Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6.

Psychologists say that reading the New Testament thirty minutes a day will definitely improve the health. The fourteenth chapter of John should be memorized so that one can never be without its relaxing, healing, enriching comfort.

"Let not your heart be troubled." Who has not been troubled at some time? Every-day living brings its sorrows and worries—not to mention this horrible thing called war which has troubled millions. Yes, the stormy days come but the child of God has these sympathetic words to lead him to calm and repose.

"In my Father’s house are many mansions." The first impression of “mansion” may be some huge dwelling more ornate than homelike. This is not at all

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the meaning intended. Literally the word means “a resting place”, especially a place along a highway where foot-weary travelers might rest. Though this world be wearisome, Jesus leaves the cheering thought that he is making ready for our comfort a little further down the road.

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” Most men have an inner desire to be at peace with God; that is why they pay for dying rituals, why they bury gifts with the dead, why they are afraid to die in sin—there is only one Way. Men are buffeted to and fro with lies—Jesus is the Truth. Men are subject to moral and physical decay, to death—but there can be no death with Jesus, for he is life!

Hazel Gillam

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GUILD

The Ladies Guild meet at the church in the basement Wednesday, March 17th. Come at 10:00 a.m. There will be Red Cross sewing. There will be a covered dinner at noon. Bring needles, thimbles and own table service.

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DEATH

John William Goodenberger, 76, of Ritchie Rd. Stow died suddenly and quietly of a heart attack at his home last Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at McGowan’s. Rev. Petry, pastor of the Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial was in Stow cemetery.

He leaves his wife, Anna V.; two sons, Alan J. at home and Frank L. of Hudson; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Morris of Cuyahoga Falls and Mrs. Winifred Hulderman of Independence. Cal.; three brothers, Daniel E. and Charles of Akron and Frank of Stow; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Hartline of Akron and Mrs. Clara Deramer of Canton; nine grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Born in Greenburg, Mr. Goodenberger spent his boyhood days in that neighborhood. He fought with the U. S. Army when it was still battling Apache Indians in the west, he was one time a deputy sheriff and for twenty-eight years was a member of the Akron Police Department. It is reported he drove Akron’s first police cruiser. He was known as the “strong man” of the department.

Retiring in 1924 Mr. Goodenberger was a resident of Stow for the past eighteen years. He was best known to his neighbors as an expert horticulturist and gardener. Tomato plants that grew twelve feet high with extra large fruit, delicious apples, peaches, plums, pears, grapes, a well kept lawn with numerous varieties of ornamental trees and shrubs—those are the things for which we know him best. We shall miss him and to the bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy is extended.

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BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

At church business meeting last Friday Mr. Camp was elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of
Trustees.

At this same business meeting it was decided to observe the anniversary of the mortgage burning the last Sunday in March. A committee consisting of Mrs. Harruff, Mrs. Dunn and H. J. Stockman were appointed by Moderator Monteith to plan for this event. It was decided to hold an evening meeting to be followed by movies taken by Dr. Henry on that day, providing proper arrangements can be made.

To fill a vacancy on the Board of Deacons caused by the resignation of Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. J. Willard Davis was elected.

Announcement was made by Rev. Hulme regarding union Pre-Easter meetings with the Church of Christ. The first three nights, i.e., Sunday, Monday, Tuesday services to be held in the Community Church; the last three on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to be held in the Church of Christ. Rev. Miller of Cuyahoga Falls was suggested as the evangelist. The singing to be led by Mr. Swanson. Preceding this week of meetings cottage prayer meetings would be held throughout the community.

Further business was the decision to have the church walls and ceiling painted before Easter. It was also decided at least for the present to dispense with the painting of a mural back of the pulpit. Plans were also presented by Mr. Snyder for improving the acoustics properties of the main auditorium. This will be investigated further.

THANK YOU

Besides numerous subscriptions received this past week from folks in Stow we wish especially to thank out of town readers who have recently sent us their subscription monies and gifts for soldiers and sailors papers.

PICTURES

While we may or may not print any cuts in the paper this week (it all depends), just so Wm. Henry Jr. and others interested may know we are making some progress toward getting pictures of hometown folks. Promised from week to week at the shop we customarily patronize that their old engraver is about to return to his job. We live in hope of pictures next week. It's always NEXT week. Or it may be that the C. C. News editor will be able to overcome a certain amount of inertia and gather up pictures, envelopes, stamps and patronize a mail order engraving company.
THANKS AGAIN

It is with much gratitude that we of Roger Moore Post No. 175 further acknowledge receipt of the following generous contributions for the Honor Roll:
American Legion Auxiliary
Scout Mothers’ Troop No. 167
Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Littell
Mr. and Mrs. Merle Guise,
Meadow Brook Lake Garden Club.

D. OF A. NOTICE

It will be time for the wearing of the green when the Stow D. of A. meet in Marhofer Hall Monday, March 15 at 7:30 p. m. All members please come out or you will miss a good time begorrah. Just a little bit of old Erin.

LETTER

Mrs. Dibben writes a letter to the Editor’s family, portions of which we believe are for and will interest Arndale Road folks. In abbreviated form is as follows:

March 3, 1943
Dear Friends:

Have been intending writing to you for a long time, but never seem to get beyond good intentions and thinking about all you folks on Arndale. So much happens these days, I can scarcely keep up with it. Jane enlisted in the Navy (WAVES) last November at Columbia, S. C. and was put on the inactive list until January, when she was sent to Iowa for her Indoctrination training.

She has been home on a short leave and has arrived at her next station where she will be trained for active duty in the trade she has chosen. She looks wonderful in her uniform and is in fine condition and good spirits.

Phillip, as you know, has been in Hudson nearly a year and has done well at the trade he took up and has just been classified by the shop as Machinist 3rd class. He is leaving Hudson today via Akron for Columbus where he will be classified and sent on for further training. He chose Army Air Corps.

So it leaves us pretty lonely, but we are starting our garden and keeping busy keeps up our spirits. I hear one of your boys is in Florida in training. How are all of you people on Arndale? I often think of each one of you and would like to look in on you some day. Tell Mrs. Furst I intend writing to her soon, in answer to her Christmas note.

Enclosed is a payment of the little paper Mr. S. so kindly sends.

Bulbs are up here and shrubs starting out and Will has early peas, onions and radishes in. A garden is almost a necessity this year. It is quite cold today and a good fire feels good.

With love,
Helen Dibben

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PERSONALS

Remember Mrs. Gillam's Class will entertain the members of the Men's Bible Class and the Ladies Bible Class at the church this coming Saturday evening. All Bible School teachers are also invited.

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Mr. William Large and Jimmy Cox. The attendance banner was won by the Young People's class. Ninety three percent of the membership were present.

Rev. Petre who delivered the funeral sermon of Mr. Goodenberger last Sunday said that in Jesus Christ we find the solution of the following three problems: 
1. suffering and death. With our Lord as Master we can overcome all three successfully.

Lost about ten days ago: Dog, mostly white with brown spot Part wire-haired terrier, Spitz and Cocker Spaniel. Answers to name of "Snowball". Afflicted child's pet. Reward for return. Call OV-3341. (Adv.)

When Miss Hallie Nickerson and Mrs. Mary Wetmore Palmer recently called at the home of Miss Fern Brittan, Fish Creek and East Kent Roads, they remarked about the bird on the lawn. It was a Killdeer. Calling Naturalist Mountz he agreed that a Killdeer in Ohio at this time of the year was unusual.

Bessie Joy Nesbitt and Zora Jean Nesbitt leave within ten days for duties with the WAACS. Their mother Mrs. Nesbitt will hold a reception for the girls 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday at which time relatives are invited to be present. From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. friends and neighbors are invited.

This Friday evening at the Nurses Home in Akron, Miss Margaret Laughlin, Stow High School Class of '41, will receive her cap in "nurses aid training". Miss Laughlin, who is now working at Firestone has taken this work in nurses aid at night at the City Hospital.


Duane Snyder, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Snyder, now in the Children's Hospital with a broken leg is getting along nicely but will be there for five or six more weeks. He passes the time by keeping a scrap book of cards which people send him. We suggest you help with his scrap book by mailing him a card. Just address him at Children's Hospital, Akron, Ohio.

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LETTER
Drew Field, Tampa, Florida
March 1, 1943
Dear Mr. Stockman:
I wish to thank you for the Community Church News and apologize for not writing before. I have received your paper every place I’ve been.
I’ve been in the Army four months now and have been in five army camps and eighteen states, and as far as I am concerned Stow, Ohio is the best place in the world. It has been warm down here with the temperature in the high seventies except for a few days when it was rather cool at night and early in the morning. I am Corporal of the Guard tonight and I am in the guard house right now, so I’d better close this because in a few minutes I’ll have to post a new guard.

It’s nearly ten o’clock now and its still warm enough so that the boys are walking their posts without jackets. Well thanks again for the Church News, I sure enjoy it very much.

Will you please send me Donald Markwalder’s address, or better yet print it in the paper. Thank you.

Cpl. Robt. Sunthimer
Det. A Signal Corp Unsgd.
Attached to 501st S.A.W.R.
Drew Field, Fla.

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LETTER
March 1, 1943

Dear Friends:
While I do not know many of you people so well I feel that I am a member of Stow community. Each week I receive the Community Church News and I like to read about the folks back home. We are having nice weather down here and from all reports we are lucky because the north has been having a hard winter.

Don Stein of Stow is in the same company with me and we cheer each other up whenever we need it. Tell Mrs. Stein that Don is getting fatter all the time. I am neighbor to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Davis on Ellsworth Rd. That is when I am at home.

Sincerely yours,
310th Inf. 78th Div.
Camp Butner, N. C.

LETTER
Air Corps Tech. School
Keesler Field, Miss.
March 3, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:
I received my first copy of the C. C. News today, and I want you and all the people responsible, to know that I really appreciate it. I had lost track of most of my friends at Stow, since I had been working out of town and they had entered the service before me. Now it will be possible for me to get in touch with them once again, thanks to the C. C. News.

Sorry to read about Bill Lee, but I know he will be up soon for they can't keep a good man from Stow down for long.

I can't say that I enjoy army life either, but you can be sure I'll make the best of it.

Yours truly,
301 TSS Flight, 752 Bks 6
Pvt. R. F. Buchanan
Keesler Field, Miss.

P. S. I hope if there are any boys left they aren't sent to Miss. Climate is lousy.

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March 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is just a letter to tell you that my address has been changed again. It is now:
A/C R. Stuart Ferreira
Sqdn. B. Group 7
Navigator Wing,
Ellington Field, Texas

I've missed the C. C. News very much. I get the copies eventually, but they are always late. It takes quite a while for them to forward them from Santa Ana.

I think I like Texas better than California. The weather is very nice down here; not too warm nor too cold. I imagine it will get warmer pretty soon though.

Thanks a lot for giving me Louis Graner's address. I'd also like to take this chance to thank all the rest of the people who forwarded his address. Louis and I are again in contact with each other, thanks to the C. C. News. Well I've got to get at the books and do a little studying. So long for now.

Yours truly,
A/C R. S. Ferreira

LETTER

Douglas, Georgia
March 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I have been an Aviation Cadet for five months now and to date I have fifteen flying hours. It is a long hard road, but I hope to get through some time. I spent nine weeks in Nashville, Tenn., at the Classification Center, nine weeks at Maxwell Field, Alabama at Pre-Flight School, and so far four weeks here at Douglas, Ga. in primary training. I like flying very well so far and am having a wonderful time, while at the same time learning something that may be of some value to Uncle Sam. A lot of my buddies have washed out here already and there is no telling who may be next; if we don't catch on just the way they want us to, we are eliminated. I have my fingers crossed but don't know how long my luck will last.

I read in C. C. News that Robert Weyrick had received his Commission and was home on furlough. I am very glad to hear that, I know just how hard he had to work to get it and I wish him good luck.

The weather here in Ga. has been rather uncertain lately, but for the most part it has been just about right, cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon. It rained for the first time today since I have been here.

This is a swell field and we have it very nice; very good food, stucco barracks, swell officers and everything just about as good as anyone could wish for. Especially under the circumstances.

I agree with Bill Henry in a way. It certainly would seem good to see pictures of some of the people and places back home. And I also like the pictures the other fellows send you from all over the country.

Hoping to receive the C. C. News always, I remain,

As always,
Robert E. Green
Squadron B, A.A.F.F.T.D.
Douglas, Ga.

LETTER

Coffeyville, Kansas
March 1, 1943

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Just received the Feb. 26 copy of the C. C. News, and like all other editions, I found it very interesting.

I have been receiving it regularly for about two years, and want to thank you and others who make it possible for me to keep up with the news of my friends at home. It has followed me thru numerous changes of address, my present one is 43-F, C.A.A.F., Coffeyville, Kansas.

I have really appreciated the C. C. News and am looking forward to future copies.

Sincerely,

Steve Sancic

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LETTER
In a letter this week from John Thomas Adams S/2c I. R. 3 E. N. Barracks 71, U. S. Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, Florida, he tells us that while there is lots of hard work in going to school, he does manage to have some “good times.” Other boys who have left recently he wishes luck. Incidentally his stationery heading is something you should see, six pictures in as many colors, of scenes in and around the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville.

LETTER
March 2, 1943
Army Air Base
Casper, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Stockman
and Readers:
Received your latest issue of the C. C. News only today, and after reading it through, decided it was time to drop a line to those who read your little paper as eagerly as I do. To those who have a hand in this publication, (Editor, newshounds, sponsors, contributors and subscribers) I think I am in a position, as a serviceman, to offer hearty thanks on the behalf of all our Stow boys who are now separated from home and loved ones. (Please ask my boyhood grammar teachers if this last sentence is too long to make sense, and if it is incorrect). You have probably guessed that a person in the service often develops his own manner of speech. Though I have no doubt, the soldiers’ letters are more nearly perfect, because he has to try so hard and think of each succeeding word separately, in order to be sure that he has said the right thing in the right manner. A soldier’s responsibilities are heavy, and pressing, so the very fact that he does try to improve, along any line whatever, proves that war does not break down civilization as we know it in peace time. I’ve read innumerable letters from soldiers since I’ve been in the Air Corps, and I’ve found a very small number that have grammatical errors in them. For my part I think the boys use their grey matter to a pretty high degree considering what other things must be occupying their minds at all times.

I received a letter from Pvt. Paul Grether last week. His opinion of the A. C. seems to be pretty low, as compared with the Signal Corps. What about that the rest of you A. C. men? Would you make a swap with him? Let’s have a little discussion (by mail) as to whether or which of our respective branches of service is the best. We might as well get re-acquainted now, as later.

461st Bomb Squadron (H)
T/Sgt. Glenn S. Cork
AAZ, Casper, Wyo.

P.S.—It was -17 degrees here this A. M. Six inches of snow. I wear a sheepskin jacket, hat, pants and shoes when this kind of weather hits us. 60-80 mph wind.

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LETTER
By "V" MAIL
Feb. 9, 1943
Dear Mr. Stockman:
Am very sorry that I haven't written you before, but my army
life has been pretty much on the move, although I have received
the C. C. News regular. I would like to take this time to thank
you, and those that make it possible for us fellows to re-
ceive the C. C. News. The boys in camp also enjoy the paper.
We have been having some terrible hot days here. I am
stationed in New Guinea, where I cannot say.
There isn't much more that I can say so will close now with
best of luck to all. Thanks again
for the Community Church News.
Yours sincerely,
Cpl. H. A. Liskey
2475th Q. M. Co. Trk (Avn.)
APO 929 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

LETTER
Lowry Field No. 2
Denver, Colo.
Hello Mr. Stockman:
Just a few lines to let you
know how I appreciate your
paper. The paper lets a fellow
know how the people of Stow are
getting along. And they don't
seem to be doing so bad. I was
in Miami Beach for a month
taking my basic training. It sure
was nice down there, we were in
a nice hotel right along the
ocean shore. And the weather
was swell.
I've been here at Lowry Field
for about two weeks, and it is
pretty darned nice out here. In
general I think the army isn't as
bad as most people think it is.
I'm in the Air Corps and I'm go-
ing to an Armament School for
now, which will be for nine weeks,
then from here I am going to
an Aerial Gunnery School for
five weeks; then I'll be ready for
the job we were sent to do.
I want to thank all the people
for making it possible for me to
to get your paper.
"Bob"
Pvt. C. R. Lawrence
361st T. S. S. Sp. Bks 723
Lowry Field No. 2
Denver, Colorado

LETTER
Camp Hood, Texas
March 4, 1943
Dear Mr. Stockman:
I am indeed thankful to those
who are responsible for my re-
ceiving the C. C. News.
It is a very good medium by
which to locate many of my
friends.
I am surprised to find out that
Bill Lee is in the same camp as
I am. And I agree with him that
this is really a tough spot. Bill
was inducted one day before I
was and I never dreamed that he
would be in the same camp as I.
I am now going to mechanics
school and like it very much and
I hope to be a mechanic in a few
weeks.
Well I will have to start a cor-
respondence with some of my
friends whose addresses I recent-
ly found in the C. C. News so I
will close for now.
Pvt. R. A. Schreiber 35596111
Co. A 136 T. D. T. B.
4th Reg. T. D. RTC
Camp Hood, Texas

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