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LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Charlie Seale, who is yet confined to his bed from the automobile accident received a letter this week from his son, Aubra, in France. We publish, in part, the letter which was written at Beaune, France under date of December 8th.

I am well and working every day. Haven't lost a day since I came to Beaune, two months ago. But that suits me as I had rather be working than loafing as long as I have to stay over here.

I went out on a motorcycle yesterday afternoon with the lineman here. I certainly did see some pretty country. We went down to Nolay, a little town about 20 kilometers from here. The roads here are simply fine just like a pavement all over the country. There are some pretty big hills around Beaune, and yesterday we drove out over them. It sure was a pretty scene to look from the top of them back down on Beaune. The atmosphere was damp and foggy like, and no wind whatever. You could see the trains running around the hills toward town leaving a big cloud of smoke behind. I never saw anything like it in the states. But with all the pretty place I am more than ready to leave here. It seems a long time since I left the good old U. S. I don't know how I would feel to walk down the street in Colorado now, where I could step into a store and buy what I wanted without using my hands and feet to talk with. But it is coming more natural now than when I first came across.

I went down this afternoon with one of the telephone operators. We visited one of the French hospitals. In time of peace it was a big hotel. We saw some wonderful things in it. Lots of painted portraits that were several hundred years old, and worth no telling how much money. They said that they had refused two million dollars for one that we saw, so you can judge that it must be some picture. We also visited the French cemetery; it is very nice and well kept.

I wish I could hear from you more often; its been a long time since I have had a letter. It wouldn't be half so lonesome if a person could hear how the folks at home are.

I wonder if you are preparing for a big Christmas this year. I would like to be there.

Have you had any rain there yet? I sure hope so, if not I hardly see how the people can stay there. It has not rained here so much the last month. Of course it is damp and foggy most of the time but the mud is not so bad.

It is now 11:15 and about time for me to eat midnight lunch and I'm hungry too, so guess I had better be on the way over to the mess-hall.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PVT. AUBRA M. SEALE
12th Service Company Signal Corps,
Beaune (Cote D'or) France; A. P. O.
909, A. E. F.

OIL MAN GETS MARRIED.

Cisco, Dec. 31.—J. J. Patterson a well known oil operator and president of the Ranger-Cisco Oil Co. with general offices in this city took his many friends here on surprise a few days ago when he left the city for Dallas where he was married to Miss Lucinda May Pettit of that city. The bride and groom arrived in Cisco last Thursday where they are receiving the congratulations of a host of friends here.

The groom came to Cisco a year ago when the oil boom first began to liven up and cast his lot in Cisco. He has been very active in assisting the Cisco Chamber of Commerce in locating many big oil companies here since his citizenship began. He interested quite a number of Cisco capitalists in organizing the Ranger-Cisco Oil Company with some splendid holdings and leases in the Ranger oil pool. They are now drilling their first well which will be in about Jan. 15th, with every indication of a big producer.

WEST TEXAS FIDDLER TO PLAY AT "PARTY"

The employees of Armour and Swift will be given a dance Wednesday from 1 to 6 p. m. in the Livestock Exchange Building. Square dances will feature the entertainment. Wes Allen of Colorado City will play his "fiddle" for the dancers.—Ft. Worth Star Telegram.

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THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

Nearly two thousand years ago this was written by a physician, Luke by name:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room in the inn.

And Matthew, a contemporary of Luke's but not of the same profession, he being a tax collector, relates that the angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, . . . thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew also relates that when Herod the king gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea. Here was the origin of Christmas, a day celebrated in all the earth. While the babe was yet in the manger, there came wise men from the east, and fell down and worshipped him. This child, growing to manhood, became a great teacher, and did many wonderful works, and so was established the Christian religion that today numbers its adherents by the millions. The child of the manger is the second person in the ever adorable Trinity—"God manifest in the flesh." is the statement of the Christian Scriptures. This it is that gives significance to Christmas; as viewed by Christians, earth and heaven are linked together in an understandable manner, and "death is swallowed up in victory."

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Texas, County of Mitchell: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Mitchell County, on the 2nd day of December, 1918, by W. W. Petty, Clerk of Said Court, for the sum of One Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-five and 46/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Pierce Oil Corporation in a certain cause in said Court, No. 3690, and styled Pierce Oil Corporation vs. E. M. Smiley, placed in my hands for service, I, W. J. Chesney, as Sheriff of Mitchell County, Texas, did, on the 25rd day of December, 1918, levy on certain personal property situated in Mitchell County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Ten (10) promissory notes, signed and executed by G. B. Petty, payable to E. M. Smiley or order, numbered 1 to 10 (both inclusive), Nos. 1 and 2 being each for the sum of \$60.00, and Nos. 3 to 10 (both inclusive) being each for the sum of \$160.00, said notes maturing serially from Jan. 1, 1918 to Jan. 1, 1927, both dates inclusive, each bearing interest from date at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum, interest payable Jan. 1, 1917, and annually thereafter, payable at the First State Bank of Lorraine Texas, each containing stipulations for past due interest bearing 10 per cent interest per annum from the annual maturity thereof, for maturity of the series at the option of the holder of all or any of them in case of default in the payment of any note of said series, or any installment of interest when due, and for the addition of ten per cent upon the principal and interest due as attorney's fees if same be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if collected by suit, or through the probate court, and all showing on their faces that they were given in part payment for and secured by the express retention of the vendor's lien against the S. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 of Section Thirty-two (32) of Block No. Twenty-four (24) of the Texas and Pacific Ry. Co. Surveys in Mitchell County, Texas, containing eighty (80) acres of land, conveyed by E. M. Smiley and wife to G. B. Petty by deed dated August 26th, 1916—which is the date said notes show to have been executed and recorded in Vol. 42, Deed Records of Mitchell County, Texas, at page 631, said notes being actually taken possession of by me, and levied upon as the property of E. M. Smiley, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1919, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the court house door, of Mitchell County, in the City of Colorado, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said E. M. Smiley.

Witness my hand, this 23rd day of December, 1918.
W. J. CHESNEY,
Sheriff Mitchell County, Texas.
By Ocy Green, Deputy. 1-3-19

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