Torrance High Grad Writes from Korea

Pfc. Stephen Reynolds, a Torrance High School graduate now serving in Korea, wrote a letter to his parents recently, telling them why he felt thankful. His parents, the Warren Reynolds of Walteria, felt that the Thanksgiving Day letter from their son should be shared, since it expresses the sentiment of most of the boys over there.

now. So here it is:
Thanksgiving Day,
791 days left in army,—
365 left in Korea
Hi folks,

Well, today is Thanksgiving Day. We are going to have a turkey today. They should have a good meal for us. I sure wish I could eat Thanksgiving dinner with you folks. This is the first Thanksgiving that I've ever spent away from home.

Everybody is busy now, writing home. I've already written to Lou Ann. Someday Lou Ann and I will be able to invite YOU over to OUR Thanksgiving dinner. (Ed. note:—Lou Ann is the former Lou Ann McFarlane, whose parents live here).

I guess you would like to have me tell you what I am thankful for. Well, the first thing I am thankful for is that I have a wonderful wife. And a son too, that I didn't have a year ago. Also, a wonderful family, who brought me up from a baby, took care of me while I was sick, and tried to help me out of any problems I might have had.

I mustn't forget to mention for being born in the United States, where a man is FREE to make a good living for himself and his family,—for NOT being born in a Communistic or Fascistic country, where ONE man can say what you can do and what you can't do.

Yes, I am very thankful that I am American born. I am thankful, too, that though I am here to protect the American born, there is no fighting here now, nor have I ever seen any.

I am thankful, too, that everyone at home is healthy. These are just a few of the things I am grateful for. There are many more, but I won't list them now.

I've seen people that eat only a little rice every day, and are eating very poorly this Thanksgiving Day. If it wasn't for G.I. clothes, these people would have hardly anything at all to wear! — I hope that my son won't ever have to go to war!

Yesterday I received the get-acquainted issue of the Torrance Herald, and it was very good. It showed all the industry in Torrance. It even had an article about National Electric, where I used to work.

I guess Walteria must be growing too. That same issue said they are going to build around Sepulveda. From what they say, I figure Torrance will be like Lakewood. I hope I can find a real nice place when I am ready to buy this is what Lou Ann and I are planning! And how I'm waiting for it!

I'm glad we don't have to train today. Everyone is looking forward to chow today! Turkey! — I can hardly wait! It should be very good because the cooks stayed up all night preparing it for us. They're a fine bunch of fellows, to do that for us, don't you think?

I received another package from you, also a letter from Priscilla and Grandma yesterday. You can't know how good it makes a guy feel to get something from home.

It's time for chow now. — Gee, I sure wish I was home.—

I sure miss you a whole lot!
Love from your son
STEVE.

Group Creates Yule Village In Walteria

Banding together in the spirit of Christmas, six shop-owners in the Walteria area have changed their particular spot of earth into a festive candy-cane lane complete with life-size figures depicting different Christmas carols, and they call it "Walteria Village."

Working from designs drawn by Mrs. Marion Manning, of 1603 W. 219th St., the merchants constructed figures in plywood, each dramatizing a Christmas carol. The shops, which are located just off Pacific Coast Hwy. around the Fish Shanty, will keep their displays up until the New Year.

In front of each shop is a huge candy cane made by G. A. Bauman, owner of the area. The plywood figures, which light up at night, depict "Jolly Old St. Nickolas," "Jingle Bells," "Away in the Manger," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "O Little town of Bethlehem," and "Silent Night." The merchants hope to make it an annual project.

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Benson Plan Faces Defeat in Congress

WASHINGTON — A Republican Senate leader says the Eisenhower administration "cannot" enact its reported proposal for lower price support on major farm commodities.

Senator William Langer of North Dakota, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, told this correspondent in an exclusive interview, that the new agricultural program will be very similar to the present one of the Democrats.

Langer was asked if Congress will enact Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson's plan for a two-price system, with lowered supports on "basic" crops.

"Indeed not," the Senator said emphatically. "They can't pass that."

He agreed with a comment that the Congress will probably extend a large part of the present law which provides fixed supports at 90 per cent of parity for wheat, corn, rice, peanuts, cotton and tobacco.

Langer represents a state where the Farmers Union, foe of Benson, is strong. Langer often speaks at variance with the more conservative Republican opinion expressed by some leaders of his party.

He said the farmers of his state want more supports, not less. He said they do not want to tamper with the present support system which, they think, is working fairly well.

Benson's agricultural advisory committee is preparing a new plan whereby supports would be limited only to the part of a crop used in his country, allowing the rest to be sent abroad for a lower price, or whatever it might bring.

This is called a 'two-price' system. It would enable the United States product to be sold for less abroad and thus meet foreign competition. But Langer and some other Senators say it would be hard to administer.

Leakage in Huge Reservoir Minor

Leakage in the new 10,000,000-gallon water reservoir in Pacific Hills is well within tolerances allowed for such a huge storage tank, City Manager Stevens told the City Council this week.

Reporting on the findings of Hydro-engineer James M. Montgomery, who designed the city's modernized water system recently, Stevens said the leakage has been cut from about 12 to 8 gallons per minute and that still further reductions in the loss might be anticipated. It was indicated that such leakage is practically negligible.

The huge reservoir is located south of Pacific Coast Hwy. and east of Rolling Hills Rd. It was filled for the first time last summer.

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