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# THIS SOLDIER SAW THE REAL FRANCE

## Romance Language Instructor Describes Clermont-Ferrand University.

### BOYS SORRY TO GO

#### Americans Introduced Sports—Young Men of Both Countries Profited.

Found: A former member of the A. E. who was sorry to leave La Belle France.

Bredelle Jesse, until August 1910, Corporal Bredelle Jesse, Infantry, one of the severest attached to the sixth army corps of the army of occupation, now instructor in French in the department of Romance languages, of the University of Missouri, is the man who had good fortune to become acquainted with what he terms "the real France, the France of culture, of the great traditions."

Mr. Jesse was one of the seven men sent from his regiment by the Education section of the A. E. F. to the University of Clermont-Ferrand for a four month's course of study.

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"In the next four months we learned much of France. I think it is not excessive to say that the boys who were in love with France by July, when we were ordered home. I remember that many of the men had long faces on the trip from Clermont-Ferrand to Bordeaux, where we were to board transports for home."

"Why all the gloom, Jack?" one of the men asked his friend as we jolted along in the hot-car toward the sea.

"I honestly hate to leave old Clermont-Ferrand," replied Jack. "And think the most of us feel the same. I know I did."

**American Boys Gave Athletics.**

"The American students at the University gave as much as they got, too," Mr. Jesse went on after a pause.

You know, the French student never had athletics until we came. We put on football games, baseball and track. I think we lived up to the social end of a good bit, too. We organized an orchestra, have dances with American girls as the piece-d-resistance, gave a school play in English, formed a Franco-American Club, held debates and published a newspaper, Dixie Mois.

The universities of France and the United States represent two extremes, Mr. Jesse thinks. The French university stands for a definite professional specialization. The university of the United States is the exponent of the extreme of general education.

**Students Study for Professions.**

"Every student who enters the French university goes there to prepare himself for a definite profession," he continued. "And although they attend the university with the purpose of specialization thoroughly in their chosen field of work they do not study feverishly, but patiently. They are never too deep in their work to enjoy themselves or to give pleasure to their friends."

"It was no uncommon thing at Clermont-Ferrand to see a student enter the university, where everyone goes to study, and, before starting his work, go from one table to another, greeting his friends with a hand-shake and exchanging a happy word or so with them. The French student seems able to have plenty of time. He is not busy gobbling up France learning that he can digest."

**Few Quizzes in France.**

"I noticed another difference between the French and American system of university education. The student is not incessantly quizzed by his professors. He is allowed to work out his understanding of the subject naturally. Of course, it is assumed in the French university that every student is there to learn all that is possible to know about the subject he elects to study. The French insistence on specialization is responsible for this assumption."

"The lecture method of teaching is used almost exclusively. The lectures are supplemented by assigning to students narrow sub-divisions of the general subject. The student is allowed time to go into exhaustive research on his assignment before making his report to the class."

"While this specialization produces trained students, matter of professions do not believe it encourages initiative in study, research or experiment. But then, the French, as a people, are less initiative than Americans. They have more culture, less imagination."

Mr. Jesse believes that the placing

of two hundred men from the ranks of the A. E. F. in French centers of modern learning was worth while to both nations. He points out that both French and Americans learned much; that at the end of four months at least two hundred Americans have come back to their homes in all parts of the United States with a sympathy and admiration for the French people and their work in the entire lacking had they come directly from the provincial, price-gouging little towns of northern France.

### RAILROAD TAX REPORT IS MADE

Valuation of M. K. & T. in Boone County Is \$782,839.70

The railroad tax report turned over this morning to M. G. Proctor, county clerk, gives the value of railroad, telephone and telegraph lines in Boone County, as adjudged by the State Board of Equalization. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad ranks first with a valuation of \$782,839.70, and the Wabash Railroad next with a \$761,485.26 valuation. The Kansas City, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad has \$19,595.90, the Columbia Telephone Company \$68,897.00, the Western Union Telegraph Company \$37,458.84, the Home Telephone Company of Central \$4,475, the Inman Telephone Company \$6,721.52, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company \$2,535.65, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company \$2,347.25 and the New York Telephone Company \$2,646.00. The total taxes from these corporations amount to \$23,870.14, of which \$188.19 is the county and municipal tax.

### COL. E. R. HARRIS IN COLUMBIA

Assistant Recruiting Officer Says Many Are Enlisting in Larger Units.

Colonel E. R. Harris, assistant recruiting officer of the St. Louis district, who was in Columbia yesterday, reports that recruiting for both the army and navy are on the increase in the larger cities of his district. He attributes this to the desire on the part of young men who are without steady jobs to get on the government pay roll before the war ends.

He believes that many young men could benefit themselves in a financial and educational way by enlisting in some branch of the service for at least one year until the prevailing street in the world subsides.

### WILL ATTEND CONVENTIONS

Nine Students Will Represent University at Clinton Meetings.

Delegates from the student body of the University of Missouri will attend three conventions to promote Christian movements soon.

Friday afternoon a three-day convention will open in Clinton to foster understanding and agreement among the men who are working with Missouri youths in Y.M.C.A. work. The local Y.M.C.A. expects to send six delegates to this meeting. It will also send representatives to the national convention of the Y.M.C.A. in Detroit, November 19 to 23.

### (Advertisement)

## SPECIAL LARD SALE

Hetzler Offers 50 Lbs. of Pure Country Lard For \$14.90.

In a special sale for tomorrow, Friday and Saturday, Hetzler's Market will offer 50-pound cans of pure, open kettle lard for the extremely low price of \$14.90. This price is below the wholesaler's price. Now is a good time to store your winter supply of lard. (adv.)

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### NEW BAKERY FOR COLUMBIA

Large Organization Locates Branch In Galtier Building.

The new bakery which T. K. Karcher is installing in the Galtier Building is a part of the Federal System of Bakeries of America, an organization which has bakeries in practically all of the important cities in the Middle West.

The system follows the making of the bread, the entire process being done in the front part of the shop where it can be viewed from the outside. Mr. Karcher is installing a large revolving oven this morning which he said is capable of turning out eighty loaves of bread every forty minutes.

### NEW BANKING CONCERN FORMS

Holder of Columbia Sewer Bonds Has Capital of \$500,000.

The William K. Company Company the investment banking concern of St. Louis which recently bought the Columbia sewer bonds is organizing a trust company with a capital of \$500,000 and a surplus of \$100,000. The new concern will probably be known as the Compton Trust Company and will be located in St. Louis. In addition to the St. Louis office, the company has branch offices in New York, Cincinnati, Chicago and New Orleans.

W. E. McDonnell Returns in Kansas.

W. E. McDonnell of Ottawa, Kan., and Mrs. J. M. Linger of Kansas City, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmet McDonnell, 409 South Fifth street, have returned to their home. W. E. McDonnell, who was graduated from the University in 1916, is managing a farm at Ottawa.

Five Fined for Disorderly Conduct.

Arch Turabough, L. W. Finicum, Florence Holton, Lorraine Senior and Ethel Miller were arraigned by the police Saturday night in a house on South Fifth street. They pleaded guilty in police court to a charge of disorderly conduct. Each was fined \$5 and costs except Ethel Miller, who was fined \$10 and costs.

Girls Will Be Organized Soon.

Prospective organizers of the new girls at the Columbia High School, will meet soon for the first time this

year to elect officers and start work for the year. It was organized in 1914 as a pep club. It has been successful that the girls now claim that they outnumber the boys at the games. Aside from developing an interest in athletic sports it is a prominent factor in other school activities.

School of Law Is Against Paddling.

Abolition of paddling was recommended at the mass meeting of the School of Law yesterday afternoon. The yavor some modified form of paddling to be directed by the Student

Council and Student Senate. Only dance in the Senate and Council is deal with padding property was presented. Y. F. Crove was elected president. Y. F. Crove was elected president for the School of Law.

McGregor Beauty Parlor to Open.

The McGregor Beauty Parlor will open its doors the latter part of this week in the Miller Building, over Miller's Shoe Store. Mrs. J. D. Fay of Kansas City, will be in charge of the shop. She will be assisted by Mrs. C. L. Crandall, who has been managing a beauty parlor in Tulsa, Okla.

# REHEARSALS "OH, OH, CINDY" FOR

## Will Start Monday Night, October 27

All persons who expect to participate in this play are urged to be at the Hall Theater at 7:30 p. m. on this date. This is important as the coach will outline his plan of rehearsals.


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