

Three sailors just back to the states, walked into a restaurant. The only seats that they could find were at a table occupied by a little old lady. After they had been seated, the sailors began to swap stories.

"I haven't had a bath for a month," boasted the first sailor. "Well, I haven't had one for two months," said the second. "I got you both beat," shouted the third. "I haven't had a bath since God knows when."

At that instant the little old lady chirped, "Would one of you stinkers please pass the salt?"

—From the Belvoir Castle, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia

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A sergeant was waiting in line at the PX when an Army wife elbowed her way ahead of him in line.

"Beg pardon, madam, I was here first!"

The lady drew herself and declared, "My husband is an officer!"

"What rank?"

"Lieutenant!"

"Sorry," said the sailor, stepping ahead, "My wife's a captain!"

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DEAR JOE: We are enjoying (?) our first hail, sleet and cold drizzle of November. The weather man wired this morning and said, "Look out, it's coming". And sure enough, here it is . . . Elmer Apt and Irwin Greenleaf are back from the frozen north where, bearded like pards, they stalked and killed their moose and deer. They brought back a moose hide big enough for a rug, a pair of antlers that ought to be in a circus and some tall tales that are strictly from Paul Bunyan . . . When you want a new car now, you can at least look at one. One new Ford came in to the Apt Motor Company about two weeks ago and last week Swaney's got their first Chevrolet. Very fancy, but no one knows yet what the prices are going to be. But thousands are looking and asking . . . Other hundreds are wondering where they are going to live in the old home town. The Chamber of Commerce has already registered over a hundred families desperately in need of dwelling places. Yesterday a young man, unmarried and recently out of the army, was in to see us to know if we knew where he could find a room. He has been in a hotel for a week and now the hotel, under the rule that all the hotels have adopted against permanent guests, is asking him to move. They want the room for transients. Two families are being asked to leave another hotel for the same reason. The meanest woman in town has cut off the gas in an apartment occupied by the widow of a soldier and her three children in an effort to make her move so that she can rent the apartment to someone else for more money. Bill Clark, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Poole and many others, are making every effort to get something done about the situation. Trouble is, the building supply houses and lumber yards have almost no building materials and labor is almost nil. The same situation exists all over Iowa and all over the United States for that matter. No houses have been built in three or four years and now we have this pent up demand for houses, and for apartments and for rooms. I don't know what the answer is going to be but, Joe, we'll do our best . . . A big banquet is in the offing for the Dodgers, unbeaten and untied and for our money the top team in Iowa. Frank Cooley is making the arrangements for the Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . Ticket sale for the Charity game against Shattuck has been phenomenal and at one dollar a ticket . . . When you come home you will find new asphalt on 2nd Avenue North, on 12th Street, on 2nd Avenue South, on 1st Avenue North west of 12th street and on many other heavily travelled streets in Fort Dodge. The job is being done right now . . . C. A. Garlock is back in town after having spent the last few months traveling through the southwest. He saw Frank Allen in Albuquerque . . . When you get home, chances are you'll find your own doctor or dentist ready to take care of you. The ones you knew are coming back by twos and threes. And one or two new ones have been added. For three years most of us have stayed well because we were afraid to get sick. When you are sick is no time to stand in line . . . Postwar note—the cigarette lines have ended, beer is being sold by the case and you can get candy bars almost anywhere. The soft drinks are still on the short side because of the sugar shortage. Most restaurants are serving butter again; the conservatives are still issuing the half square but the liberals are giving you the full pre-war square.

AROUND THE TOWN. M. H. (Joe) Van Horssen is back at his insurance work again . . . Lt. (j. g.) James Pilcher is in heavier-than-air flight training at Dallas, Tex. . . . Work has started on the Horn Manufacturing Company's new \$500,000 plant on the former Martin fireworks location west of the city . . . Chris Constantine plans to resume his work at the Olympia . . . Miss Doris Pauline Hendrickson was killed last week when she fell from a hay-mow on her parents' farm . . . Mack Bruce has taken over the management of the Wilder Funeral home . . . Petit jurors for the trials of the former employees at the Eldora training school total 85 . . . Walter Apt, who was with the Marines, has accepted a position at Apt Motors . . . Mrs. James Volberding wished her husband, Lt. Volberding would get home on her birthday last Friday. He did and now is a civilian again . . . The state bowling meet will be held here March 2-31 . . . Art Young caught a walleyed pike Tuesday weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces. It's the largest caught around here so far this year . . . Lt. Richard E. Davis recently discharged from the Army, has accepted a position with the American Red Cross . . . Several real estate deals have been made public. Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Dunsmoor have purchased the Carter building and plan to reopen the Dodge theatre when equipment is available. W. E. Caldwell has bought the Terminal building, Central avenue and Eleventh street . . . Dr. Walter R. Fieseler has been elected vice president of the Iowa "I" club. His son John is captain of the Dodger prep grid team . . . Lt. Fenton Isaacson who was reported missing Sept. 28, is safe . . . For training coon dogs out of season, Dillard Brown, of Stratford, was fined \$25 which he is laying out in the county jail . . . So far, Indiana is the only undefeated Big Ten team. Last week's scores are: Indiana 46, Minnesota college 6; Ohio State 16, Northwestern 14; Michigan 26, Minnesota 0; Wisconsin 27, Iowa 7; Purdue 28, Pittsburgh 0 . . . Carl T. Feelhaber, senior high principal, has been elected head of the State teachers association.

SCOREBOARD. Dodgers, 21; Mohawks of Mason City, 0. That did it. The Dodgers are the untied, undefeated and undisputed champions of the Big Seven. Every other team in the conference had been beaten at least once. The Dodgers did that job themselves for all but one of them, North High of Des Moines. The next afternoon after the Dodgers had taken Mason City, East

High of Waterloo, the team we beat 26 to 6, defeated North 7 to 6. The Mason City game wasn't the Dodgers best. It was a good workman-like job but it didn't sparkle. It lacked the brilliant running, the sudden flash of greatness that most other Dodger games had shown. That terrific Dodger line just went in and nullified every effort the Mohawks made to gain so positively at times, that we were penalized during the game a total of some 100 yards. For the scoring, it was the combined efforts of Wasem and Constantine and Leffler and Potter that did the trick, steady grinding gains that pushed over three touchdowns for a total of 19 points. We missed two of the kicks. The other two points came when the Mohawks incautiously tried to run from near their own goal line. Paul Eide went crashing through and tackled the luckless Mohawk back who had fumbled and then attempted to run from behind his own goal. Heinie Wasem, travelling behind the deluxe interference to which he has been accustomed all season, accounted for the first two touchdowns. On one sweep he went from the thirteen, on the second from the 21 yard line. Al Potter scored the third touchdown on a quarter back sneak. It's been a great team all year long with an outstanding line and a brilliant backfield. John Fieseler and Irv Robinson are unquestionably all state choices. And Verne Horne ought to run very close to them. You could take the whole backfield for "all state" and you wouldn't go wrong. It has been a wonderful backfield on defense as well as on offense, breaking up every passing attack started against it and being deadly on tackles . . . Tonight it's the Charity game with the Dodgers meeting Shattuck Military Academy at the Dodger Stadium. Shattuck is big, well coached, has dropped only one game this year.

COMING HOME. Cpl. L. H. Koerner is on his way home from the Yokosuka Naval Base, Honshu, Japan . . . Sgt. Glenn Larson on his way to a discharge, will soon be living at 176 Whiting Lane, West Hartford 7, Conn. . . S/Sgt. Guy Feeley is on his way home after 22 months in Persia and 8 months in China . . . Pfc. Arnold Bakkanta is at Metz, France, getting ready to ship back to the states . . . Sgt. Robert T. Martin is on his way home from out there a-way. If all goes well, he should be "in the old home town around the fifteenth of December" . . . Lt. Wm. Fennessy is getting out of the Army. He is at the Roswell Air Field, Roswell, New Mexico, for separation. He writes, "Tell Ed Breen to renovate the carpet and roll it out—I'm comin' HOME". From Sendai, Honshu, Japan, Bill's brother T/4 Marc Fennessy was starting home on October 19th . . . CCS L. M. Segreto and Mrs. Segreto and son, Frank, are flying home from San Francisco soon . . . T/4 J. R. Sullivan is awaiting discharge in Indiana. Should be home soon . . . Joseph F. Nastruz, S 1/c, is awaiting discharge at Great Lakes, Ill. . . Sgt. Jimmie Nolan writes the letter he has been waiting 41 months to write to tell me that he is getting out. He'll be home soon from Ft. F. E. Warren, Wyo. . . Lenus Weiberg is on his way home from Camp Carson, Colo., after more than four years in the army. He is planning on living in Jefferson City, Mo.

FROZEN NORTH. Cpl. John Charles Maason reporting from Fairbanks, says "We have about three inches of snow up here now and this morning it got down to six below."

HIGH C'S. Derald Linn, S 2/c, is on the USS Hugh Rodman and his brother Harold F. Linn, EM 3/c, is on the USS Midway. The Rodman is out of San Francisco, the Midway out of New York.

We play all requests. Send 'em along, the more the merrier. Put in the gal's telephone number and street address if you please. It helps. It sure does.

IN JAPAN. Max Essery, GM 1/c, had some liberty recently in the Tokio bay area . . . Lt. Herbert Kersten is stationed at Kioto, Japan.

AROUND OKINAWA. Lt. (j. g.) Robert R. Welp flew over Okinawa on a sightseeing flight.

IN BELGIUM. T/5 Robert Brooks is recovering from an appendectomy in a hospital in Belgium . . . Cpl. Wilfred Peterson is still waiting for that ride at Leige, Belgium.

PACIFIC. Howard Crosby, S 1/c, is on Samar in the Philippines and anxious to see any other Dodgers thereabouts. How is with the Sea Bees . . . Pfc. Walter H. Cripps is on Saipan. So far he has seen Jack Rohn, Richard Schmidt and Jimmie Williams. "I hear there are other fellows here from Fort Dodge but as yet I've still to see them." . . . Marie Pilcher, ARC, is in Hawaii . . . E. J. Carney, Y 3/c, is on the USS Eagle 57, somewhere out there a-way . . . Pvt. R. W. Taylor is on Guam. "I'm so low on points I don't believe I'll ever get out." R. W. has met many of the Dodgers on Guam but is still looking for others. "Tell 'em to look me up with the Guard company of the 5th Service Depot." . . . Pfc. Clarence A. Wegman is on Guam and hoping to be home by Christmas . . . Sgt. Arling I. Ostrem is on Guam in Service Center H in charge of technical supply. He has met Bob Martin, who is with Service Center G as a sheet metal man . . . Pfc. David A. Wiley is at Tamasaki, Japan . . . Bruce Miller, Cox., is now in Pearl Harbor and hopes to be home by the first of the year.

SERVICE PAPERS AND INSIGNIA. A first mail envelope from Matsuyama, Shikoku, Japan, October 22nd, from Lt. (j. g.) H. E. Fryer. Thanks, Lt. . . . The program from the Army and Navy Air Forces football game at Furlong Field, October 14th, from Jerry Carroll, S 2/c. Thanks, Jerry. The Navy averaged 202, the Army, 208. Jerry is on his way home . . . A whole treasure trove of hotel stickers from Switzerland and a very beautiful medal from Pfc. Andy Jennings, just back from Switzerland and now stationed at Leghorn, Italy, sitting on 61 points and hoping for passage home. Thanks, Andy. We'll say those hellos.

☉ **MERRY ENGLAND.** Donald M. Krog, S 1/c, is now at Exeter, England. He was in Oran until the Navy base was closed there. Then "many of us were transferred to England."

☉ **DAS REICH.** An honor guard to General Ike Eisenhower, Pfc. Edwin H. Lawton is stationed at Frankfurt, Germany.

☉ **NEW AMERICAN.** Sgt. and Mrs. Bill Goodman announce the arrival of Jack Harold at their home, October 15th, weight 6 pounds and 13 ounces. Congratulations, folks. The Goodmans are now living at 1407 Tripp Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

☉ **HOME FOR GOOD.** Neal V. Irvine, GM 3/c . . . S. B. Mariele . . . Cpl. John W. Tunwall . . . Donald Bonnell . . . Leo J. Delamore CPM . . . Alfred Thompson, GM 2/c . . . Pfc. Marvin Bowers . . . Sgt. Norman T. Castenson of Hareourt . . . Hillis A. Peterson, MoMM 1/c . . . Pfc. Harold Spittal . . . Clifford L. Clabaugh, CCS . . . S/Sgt. Joseph R. Stapleton . . . Don Stedman . . . Anthony Char-doulis . . . S/Sgt. Theodore Pallos . . . Hal Stewart . . . Eugene P. Fallon . . . Lt. Ella Mae Kusterer, terminal leave . . . Capt. L. N. Larson, inactive duty . . . John Fritz, CCM . . . S/Sgt. Herschel J. Ducker . . . Lt. Mildred V. Johnson . . . S/Sgt. Arthur C. Marlow . . . Pvt. Robert J. McGee . . . Verne W. Smith, AMM 2/c . . . D. V. Laurent, CMM . . . Sgt. Howard A. Lewis . . . T/Sgt. Leroy Hart M/Sgt. L. R. Gunderson . . . Lt. Charles G. Martell . . . Lt. Howard B. Johnson, terminal leave . . . Capt. Joe Tierney . . . Pfc. Lenus Wieberg . . . Pfc. Florence Dixon . . . Pvt. Ed C. Holland . . . F. R. Hartman CBM . . . Pvt. Richard D. Sperlan . . . T/5 Blair E. Livasy . . . 1/Lt. Vaughn C. Blaine . . . Dale C. Read MM 1/c . . . Lewis Dean Woodle CSM . . . Pfc. Marvin Inman of Duncombe . . . Alfred Thompson, who was in the sub service, is out of the Navy and back at Badger . . . 1st Lt. Robert LeValley is now the proprietor of the LeValley Cafe at Dayton. His brother, John, is out of the Marines and is now at the State University . . . Cpl. Ronald Isaacson is out on points. He is going back to work for the Bankers Life. His twin brother, Bob, is also eligible for a discharge but is still waiting for a boat in Yokohama . . . Vaughn McIntire, formerly a major in the air corps, has bought a fishing resort at Dead Lake, Dent, Minnesota. He and Mrs. McIntire are there running it. Six cottages, and a house and lots of fish. It sounds wonderful. We'll be up next summer . . . James "Bud" Gormally, RM 2/c, is home from Norfolk, Va., and for good. He has been on the same field with Ensign Jim Dolliver. Bud enclosed a clipping from the Ring magazine in his last letter which shows Cpl. Henry Jones, formerly of Fort Dodge, to be the unbeaten North African Allied Heavyweight boxing champ. In the main bout recently at Leghorn, Italy, Henry recently outclassed Gino Buonvino, runner up for the Italian heavy title. Thanks, Bud . . . H. G. Benson, CPhM, is out of the Navy and now living at Ogden . . . Dr. Harold Larson is home for good; so is Dr. Baker and the good word is that Dr. John Schroeder will soon be home for good.

☉ **OVER HERE.** Pfc. James W. Chingren is at an Army hospital at Topeka, Kan., for a checkup before returning home . . . S/Sgt. Ross Tierney has arrived at Portland, Ore., from the Pacific theatre . . . Sgt. Alice B. Woolsey has been transferred to Camp Pickett, Va. . . Pfc. Curtis Sanck has arrived at Camp Stoneman, Calif., after 30 months overseas . . . Ens. Wendell Watts is awaiting his honorable discharge at Moffett Field, Calif. . . Capt. William J. Whalen is confined to a hospital at Drew Field, Fla., following a minor operation . . . Lt. G. Fletcher spent Navy day in Portland, Me. . . Lt. Comdr. Mason Damon has been named Counsel of Buships . . . Sgt. Sidney Haase has arrived at Portland, Ore., and expects to be discharged soon . . . W. S. McGill is now master at the Bainbridge Separation Center, Md., in charge of berthing about twenty-three hundred men . . . Pfc. Walter W. Lehne is at Ft. Knox, Ky. . . Pfc. John Martin is at Ft. Benning, Ga. . . Ginny Brofer Frye, PhM 2/c, is in Newport, Arkansas. Her husband, Kenny Frye, PhM 2/c, is now in Nagasaki, Japan. They hope to be out of the service and home together by Christmas . . . Pfc. Don Martin is at Las Vegas, Nev.

☉ **DOWN THE CENTER AISLE.** Beverly Williamson to Lt. Paul F. Kuhn, here Nov. 4 . . . Olga Rubos to Albert J. Machian, MoMM 2/c, here Nov. 4 . . . Shirley Danielson to Donald Law, here Oct. 30 . . . Jean Steigerwald to Ens. J. E. Cross at Cleveland, Sept. 4 . . . Betty DeSchmidt to Erwin Ramus at Elmore, Minn., Oct. 30 . . . Elinor Peterson to LeRoy F. Guderian at Gilmore City, Oct. 31 . . . Betty Ann Chaim engaged to John Fritz and to marry Nov. 21 . . . Beverly Greenway to Harvey Beavers at Sioux City, Oct. 27 . . . Mary Elbert to Ralph E. Shaffer, here Nov. 6.

☉ **ENJOYING MOM'S COOKING.** M/Sgt. Merlin Rufer back after 30 months in European theatre . . . Lt. Comdr. Harlen F. Reid on terminal leave . . . T/3 Leonard Mochal after 20 months on New Guinea and Luzon . . . Sgt. Bill E. Algood home after 18 months in the Pacific.

☉ **GOING UP.** Bronze star to T/5 Emmett J. McGough . . . Vernon E. Voss, AMM 1/c, is acting Chief petty officer aboard the U. S. S. Amsterdam . . . Bronze star to Sgt. Warren W. Winslow . . . Norman L. Page now is a petty officer third class . . . John C. Madson, Pvt. to Cpl. . . Arthur Hamann, Pfc. to Sgt. . . Walter E. Lehne, Pvt. to Pfc. . . Wilford O. Peterson, Pfc. to Cpl. . . Edwin H. Lawton, Pvt. to Pfc. . . Kenneth E. Blair, Y 2/c to 1/c . . . Edwin A. Bergman, Pvt. to Cpl. . . Wm. C. Ruebel, Pvt. to Pfc. . . Arling I. Ostrem, Cpl. to Sgt. . . Andrew Jennings, Pvt. to Pfc. . . Thomas C. Nash, RM 3/c to 2/c . . . Lewis Rodewald, Pvt. to Pfc. . . Tom J. Ruebel is now T/Sgt. . . John L. Martin, Pvt. to Pfc. . . David A. Wiley, Pvt. to Pfc. . . Bruce Thomas Miller, S 1/c to cox'n . . . Robert G. Porter, Cpl. to Sgt. . . Walter Woodman, EM 3/c to 2/c.

☉ **FROM THE FIVE CORNERS OF THE WORLD.** Sgt. Robert G. Porter, Apo 704, San Francisco. "I got here in Japan October 1. We are stationed in the former Tachacawa Aircraft Factory about fifteen or twenty miles from Tokyo. They said it was thirteen miles from Tokyo, but it seems like about fifty when riding the electric train. I thought trains were crowded in the Good Old U. S. A., but after riding one here they weren't even loaded to capacity. I had the good fortune of seeing my brother while at Ie Shima. His ship came into Okinawa about seven miles from Ie Shima and he sent word for me to come and see him. I caught the first water taxi over and he was waiting for me at the beach. I stayed with him on board ship about two hours and had to get off as they were supposed to pull out at any time."

Walter Woodman, EM 2/c, Fpo San Francisco. "I am at present at Sasebo, Japan. Have been here for a week with load of cargo and troops. Will tell you about the city if one could call it one. There is no main part of town left. Looks like a few bombs hit right in the

center of it. Most of the buildings are down or ready to fall. Army is cleaning up and using to store supplies. Streets are very narrow, also winding. People here do not seem to mind us being here. They do not bother us and have very little to sell. Also not much to eat. They have gardens about 4 feet square every place you look. Town is in very bad condition as sewers which are open are full of debris. This was quite a naval base with a swell harbor which is full of our ships at present. I can see from where we are anchored, three Jap carriers which are beached. Two are of small type and one very large one. By looks of them they were about completed. Also there is quite a few subs of all types close by. This city is about five miles inland with opening to sea of 500 feet. The harbor is just like a very large lake with mountains all around. I expect to be discharged December 1, with more than enough points. But it is a lot easier to get points than it is to get a ship after one gets points. They always find some excuse to hold men. As you know, they have some very good jobs in this navy and some are trying to make them last as long as possible. Every ship is the same." Thanks, Walt, for the money and the stamps.

Cpl. W. C. Strom, Apo 633, New York. "I don't want to miss any of those morale builders you send us. Boy we need them now with the redeployment situation the way it is. One day I'd bet my last dollar I'll be home for Christmas, and the next day I'd bet the same dollar I won't be home for Christmas in 1946. But then I guess it's life, and the best we can do is grin and bear it. As the old army phrase goes, 'this is the army's way of doing things and they don't give a damn what the men think.' Well anyway, I still want YLFH to reach me every week, so please note the change in the Apo. We have a little change in weather here, and we are really getting a taste of fall and a good reminder that winter is just around the corner, and how I hate to think of it. But won't have to look forward to sleeping in tents or walking Guard in a foot of snow this year like we did last. We have a wonderful set up where we are. We live in one of the nicest homes in Homburg. We have carpeted stairs, rugs on our floors, marble sinks with hot water at all times, built in bath tubs, drapes at the windows, and have the best chow I've had since I've been in the army. We have three German women do our cooking and clean the house for us, so it's as close to being at home as can be."

Lt. R. J. Heinze, Apo 958, San Francisco. "I am now stationed in Oahu with the 580th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion. Have charge of a radar station and eighty men, on the northwest part of the island, about 40 miles from Honolulu. The station is similar to the one that picked up the flight of Japanese planes December 7, '41, and one of 7 stations still operating. Am enclosing a picture of our type radar, taken from the Stars and Stripes. Our camp is located between a mountain range and the ocean. This makes it very convenient to go swimming. The temperature has been between 70 and 84 degrees. How's that for October weather?" Thanks, R. H. for the radar picture.

Cpl. Darr Brand, Apo 317, San Francisco. "I am now in Kure, Japan. This used to be, before our airforce visited it, a big naval base. The main part of Kure is burned out. Airplane factories are smashed to rubble. About twenty-five miles away is Hiroshima, the site of complete destruction. Words can't describe it. The Japanese were beaten before the atomic power fell. Japan was once a beautiful place, but now it's just like the slums of New York. People are poor, they have nothing. The government took everything but the shirt off their back and to look at some, they did that too. Children beg for candy but they always have money to pay for it. Everbody has money, lots of it. 15 yen for one dollar."

Pfc. William C. Ruebel, Apo 503, San Francisco. "Mito is a great railroad junction of Honshu island. One really has to give the air corps boys credit for the beautiful bombing job they did here. For a radius of approximately a half a mile around the railroad yards there is all but complete destruction. There are but a few large buildings left standing and they are nothing but shells. Everywhere in the railroad yards there are pullman cars standing that are fire gutted so bad that they are ready for the scrap pile. In Tachikawa, the situation was of an entirely different nature. The only thing in the city itself that was of any importance was a POW camp. However, in the area surrounding it there were innumerable underground factories. These were ingenious. They were complete with electric lights, air vents throughout, hot and cold running water and all the machinery necessary for the production of bomb sights, rifles, etc. These factories were inspected by an intelligence corps, and then we poured gasoline everywhere and set fire to them. We have been issued Japanese Lugar pistols which are about 8.8 mm. We are to get sables, binoculars, flying suits, boots, and many other things. Our job here is to collect all those things along with ammunition so therefore we get our choice."

John D. Bockert, AM 3/c, Apo New York. Panama. "It is still raining. You probably thought I am was kidding when I told you I was getting web-footed. Well down here we can tell how long a guy's been here by the way he talks. If he quacks like a duck he has been here quite awhile. If he sounds like a goose he's a native."

The mail continues to pour in. There were wonderful letters from everywhere and we enjoyed everyone of them. And the theme of many of the letters is this. "The war may be over but we are still out here and we hope you will continue to send YLFH our way." And that we will as long as you want it . . . The newspaper that Iowa is supposed to depend upon has been a little reluctant to give the Dodgers the place in the sun that we feel they have earned. The sports writers in the big city talk glibly about the unbeaten teams of Carroll and Elkader and Cottage Grove and other hamlets and villages. Toward the bottom of the column it is usually admitted that Fort Dodge also has an unbeaten and untied team. So our man, Frankie Sims, has been unloosing a few blasts over the air lately that the fans have enjoyed locally and that may one of these days provoke comment in the paper that Iowa is supposed to depend upon. If and when the reply comes, we will let you know. Ames is about the only unbeaten and untied team in the state that we feel is in a class with the Dodgers. There we have a comparative score to look at. The Dodgers beat Boone 13 to 0. Ames beat Boone 7 to 0. Those were the only games that Boone lost . . . It's been a wonderful year for Dodger football, one that you can put alongside '16 and '18 and '19 . . . Good luck, fellow. Be seeing you.

Your home town correspondent,
Ed Breen.