

County, Michigan. While living in Athens they took Minnie Green, fourteen months old who had lost her mother. Later they lived two years on what is now the Nagle farm and twelve and a half years north of Vermontville when they bought the farm east of town which they owned for many years finally moving to Vermontville village where Mr. Norton passed away sixteen years ago. Of late years, because of failing health she lived with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Remalie of Lansing until her death July 7, 1923.

Uncle William Surine celebrated his 80th birthday Monday by getting up at two o'clock and knitting a pair of mittens, finishing the job complete by eight o'clock just in time for breakfast. Some speed for eighty.

JULY 19, 1923.

U.S.S. North Dakota,
Gothenburg, Sweden.
June, 30, 1923.

Dearest Mother,

Well here goes for another letter. As you can see from the heading we are lucky. When we got to Copenhagen last Tues. (26th) we anchored out about four miles. Then at 4:00 the first liberty party shoved off. I didn't go until the next day. I only had two Krone dollars to spend, but that was 10 Krone, 40 Ort their money so it seemed like lots of cash. The Krone is a paper bill about two thirds the

size of our dollar and equals 100 ore. They have 1-2-5-10-25 ore coins. Everything is very cheap ashore. I had as much fun on two dollars as I could on ten in the States.

The city itself is large, modern in everything and very very clean. I thought the cities in the U. S. were clean, but you can't find a scrap of waste paper or anything else on the streets. The streets are all paved and everyone rides bicycles. Just a steady stream of them down the streets all the time. Everybody uses them, young men, old men, middle aged ladies as well as girls and even police and government officers. It sure looked funny to me. The parks and public buildings are simply beautiful. I never saw the equal of these people here. They just do everything in their power to make us welcome. They think we American sailors are almost gods. They run excursion gods. They run excursion boats out to the ships just as long as it is light enough to see and it stays light until nearly eleven.

Thursday we took on 2000 ton of coal and early Fri. morning 5 a. m. left for Sweden. We are the only battleship making this port so you see why I said we were lucky. This morning a swell yacht came out and circled around us. She was in full dress (covered with flags.) Her band played the Star Spangled Banner, and we played the same also the tune of America. Also a very large liner (English passenger ship) also in full dress coming into the harbor repeated the performance with the exception that their whole crew and

passengers sang the National anthem father and sister and old friends. My it was pretty sounding over the water.

We stay here over the Fourth and leave the 6th I hear. You see there is some kind of an Exposition over here and as soon as they heard of our Battleship at Copenhagen they asked that a ship be sent over and we happened to be the lucky ones. It's one more country and one more part that I can say I've visited. Well I guess I'll close this. I got three leers and wo Echos so far in the mail.

Love to all,

Laurence.

A pretty wedding took place on Sunday afternoon, July 15th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Hopper. when their daughter, Evelyn Eleanor, was united in marriage to Harold B. Marsh.

JULY 26, 1923.

Mrs. Carrie Sherman, has returned to her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Smith, after spending some time with relatives in Sunfield.

Mr. Earl Garinger of Royal Oak has been visiting his father and sister, John Garinger and Miss Agnes for a few days.

Miss Madeline Eckhart has been visiting, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathews this week, returning home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mowrey, and family of Virginia are visiting his

Rev. H. B. Johnson will deliver the address at the Eaton County Pioneer meeting, at Bellevue, August 8th. in connection with their big celebration.

Mr. Edison Fuller will motor over from Detroit, and take his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fuller to his home for a visit, and from there they go to Saginaw to attend the Hemingway family reunion, early in August. They expect to be gone two weeks.

A. N. Canberg has taken charge of the Imes store. Carroll Imes is planning a trip to the northern part of the state to look after his interests there.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Snell and daughter, Norena, and son, LeRoy Snell and family of Detroit returned from their trip to the northern part of the state last Thursday. They report a very enjoyable time.

A large company of Vermontville people, old neighbors, and friends of Homer Bale, of Fennville, met the Bale family, children and grandchildren, and Mrs. Will Bale, at Gull Lake Wednesday, for a big picnic dinner. There were also present, Mr. and Mrs. John Lake, Mr. H. H. Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Hale Sackett and sons, of Nashville.

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