FROM HANS TO FRITZ

Being a letter which might have been written by Hans Brucker, of Milwaukee, U. S. A., to his brother Fritz, living in Hamburg, Germany)

November 10, 1940.

Dear Brother Fritz:

You may not be interested,
But over here, in the U. S. A.,
We've just had an election.
Free people all over the country,
Over fifty million of them—
Merchants, farmers, lawyers, doctors,
Nurses, mechanics, teachers, miners, fishermen,
Everybody in fact—
Went to the polling places,
North, south, east, and west,
And cast their ballots,
Secret, free, and unrestricted,
For the man they preferred
To guide the affairs of this great country
For the next four years.
You in Germany, Fritz,
Where liberty is unknown
And the people are docile puppets
Who are told what to do,
What to think, and what to feel,
Who are treated like cattle
And used as cannon fodder,
You, of course, can't understand
A free election
And governmental processes
In a free country
Where an individual is treated
As if he counts for something
And has some intelligence
And a mind of his own.

You just don't know anything, Fritz,
Except the things that aren't true—
The lies that Hilter constantly feeds you
Along with your substitute foods,
Half starving you and your children
To provide the means to make guns and tanks
And planes and bombs
Wherewith to conquer and enslave
Peace-loving and unoffending peoples
To glut his unholy ambition.
I wish you understood America—
It might open your blinded eyes.

We really had a warm campaign.
Our newspapers printed the speeches on both sides,
And the people talked, argued, and fussed
About the virtues and the faults
Of Roosevelt and of Willkie.
And the air-ways were jammed day and night
With political talk,
As the voters sat and listened
And pondered and deliberated
And tried to decide which side was right,
It surely was a hot debate,
And some harsh words were said on either side,

But hark you, Fritz,
Though both sides fought hard to win
And each thought its cause was just,
All thought alike on just one thing.
We all agree over here
That Germany under Hitler
Is a pirate and a robber nation;
That Hitlerism is a vile and hateful thing
That must be destroyed
If life on this planet
Is to remain endurable
And individual liberty is to survive.
An American would rather die
Than live under Nazi rule.
We can't understand
How good, self-respecting Germans
Can tamely and blindly submit
To brutish tyranny,
And credulously swallowing Hitler's lies,
Continue to live as slaves.
You used to be a man of Spirit, Fritz.
I'm ashamed to see you with all your countrymen
Grovelling in the gutter like whipped curs
And fettered by such infamous chains.

Our election is over, Fritz,
And America is united.
United to defend itself
And to defend civilization
Against the brutish might of Hitler
And his gang of murderous racketeers.
And—there'll always be an England, Fritz.
England—and America—will see to that!

This "New Order" for Europe
That Hitler prates about
And is now forcing weak nations
To join and sign on the dotted line
Under threat of extermination,
Is nothing more nor less than an order
To submit to Nazi tyranny and domination
Forever and a day.
There'll be a new order, Fritz;
Don't fool yourself on this!
But it will be an order
Built on decency and liberty
And honor and democracy
And respect for human rights—
An order that will spell the final end
Of Hitlerism
And all its hellish works.

Yes, Fritz,
In spite of political quarrels
We're all united now.
I just felt like writing
And telling you how Americans feel.
But on second thought,
I can't send you this letter.
I'll have to hold it here
And save it for you to read
When times are different
And Germans are no longer slaves.
The police would get this letter, Fritz,
And murder you straightway
Because you have a brother
Who lives in America
And hates brutish tyranny
And still loves liberty
And believes in human brotherhood
And the ultimate triumph
Of justice and truth!

—E. Clarke Fontaine

Chestertown, Md.

Queen Tea Muffins

1¾ cups sifted cake flour
2 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons butter, or other shortening
4 tablespoons sugar
1 egg, well beaten
¾ cup milk

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream butter, add sugar, and cream together thoroughly. Add egg, then flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Bake in greased muffin pans in hot oven (450 F.) 20 minutes. Makes 18 small muffins.

Beefsteak Special

Lily or no lily, an onion is no sissy and when dressed up in fine feathers it can take it's place among the most elite and hold it's own. But after all, if it wasn't for onions, where would many a good dish be today? Here is one that presents onions in all their glory and what a fine dish with a juciy beef steak.

ONION SOUFFLE

6 medium sized onions
3 eggs
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon flour
1 tablespoon butter
Salt

Peel and cut the onions in quarters and boil them until very soft, changing the water once. Drain well by allowing to stand in a sieve five minutes; chop very fine and drain again. Season with salt and a very little pepper.

Cream the butter and flour together. Bring the milk to a boil and pour it on the mixture of butter and flour, gradually, to avoid lumping. Beat the yolks of eggs to a pale yellow and add them to the cream sauce, then add the onion pulp, and finally fold in the stffly beaten whites. Pour into a buttered baking dish and bake in a moderate oven 25 to 30 minutes.

STILL POND

The Official Board met Tuesday evening at the parsonage. Rev. Davis was delighted with the splendid work of the different organizations, one has already gone over the top.

Mr. B. R. Fellows and Mr. Chas. Hague were Philadelphia visitors on Friday.

Miss Louise Toulson, of Greenville, Del., was a week end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. William Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper and mother, Mrs. L. B. Harper, with Miss Betty Hill, of Clayton, Del., Baynard, Charles, John, Audrey, Marjorie and Howard Harper, were Sunday guests with Mrs. Harper's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Vanegrift, near Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Greenwood has as their house guest the past week, Miss Nellie Dontonio, of Chester, Pa.

Friendship Rebekah Lodge No. 57 of Still Pond was visited by Rebekah Assembly Officers of Baltimore; President, Amy E. Huey; Vice President, Edna Pitts; Sect., Lillian Bailey; and a former Past President, Lilia Pitcock. Other visitors of Baltimore were Emily Hurst, Ruth Hetter, Mrs. Edith Allen. Special Deputy accompanied by Mary Sentman, and Clara Mantzer, of Havre de Grace. A turkey dinner was served to all.

Rev. C. E. Davis visited his father. Mr. Davis has been quite sick at his home in Delaware.

Still Pond-Betterton W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, December 12, at 2:00 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Edward Smith's, Kennedyville.

Mrs. Edward Dittman has been on our sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stayton, and friend of Wilmington, were visitors with their cousin, Mrs. Florence Watson, Thursday.

Mr. Joe Atwell visited in Baltimore several days last week.

Miss Margaret Fellows, of Phila-

Miss Margaret Fellows, of Philadelphia, was a week end guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fellows.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service held their regular meeting on Tuesday evening. A good crowd was present despite the pouring rain. Each officer gave good reports of the work being carried on. The hostesses served delicious refreshments. The hostesses drawn for next meeting were Mrs. Warren Geary, Mrs. L. B. Harper, Mrs. J. Leonard Price and Mrs. Frank Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Toulson and Miss Avis Clark, of Philadelphia, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark.

Miss Lena Geary, of Wilmington, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geary, the week end.

The League held their business and social meeting Thursday evening in the Church school room.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Price of Middletown, Del., and Mrs. Layton Mahoney, of Wilmington, were Sunday guesst of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rollinson are spending some time in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Glenn visited Mr. and Mrs. Sparks Vansant, in Piney Neck, Sunday also attended the funeral of Mrs. Lloyd Adley.

Mr. Luke Nicholson, of Camp Meade, visited with his famliy Sunday.

Mrs. LeSage celebrated her birthday Sunday. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bostic, of Price, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas, of Bridgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman and son, Woodland, of Massey; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nicholson and chlidren, John and daughter Margaret Ann, of Betterton; Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of Chestertown; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Freeman, of Sudlersville. Mrs. Frank Meeks was given a surprise on her birthday Monday by her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders entertained over the week end their grand daughter, Miss Phoebe Robinson, of Washington, D. C., and school friend of Westminster.

Mrs. Earl Thompson, Mrs. Carson Greenwood, and Mrs. Ernest Brsicoe attended the executive meeting of the Home-makers Club in Chestertown, Tuesday afternoon, at Miss Schellinger's, office.

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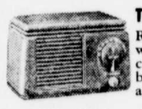

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