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Greetings, all.

A funny thing happened to me the day I put the last issue into the hands of the snail mail service. I was cruising merrily along on the local highway, and all of a sudden I wasn't cruising at all. My car just stopped lighting up the gas, and I pulled over to the side, and kept hoping that some poor soul would see and be sorry for my plight. It just didn't happen for the better part of an hour, and believe me I was not going to walk up that busy road. I was finally joined by a kind gentleman who thought I might need some help, and I did. He had a cell phone, and I got AAA interested in my problem, and was finally towed into a repair facility. To make a long story short, all the mechanic found was a no spark problem, and he found where it probably was, and rejoined the cable, and started the car. He kept it overnite, and it still started the next AM, so I got my auto back. He probably spent more time on it but charged me 2 hours labor, and I was happy. My first trip was to get myself a cell phone, and I will have some protection when and if that happens again. Sure did feel helpless. I don't know how to use the crazy phone, but I suspect it will come easy, if I need it.

Had a pleasant thing happen the other day. I was just sitting on the internet, doing nothing of importance, when on my indicator I noticed that "thelenore" popped up. That is a little used locate, but I sent the owner a little note, and received an answer from Ruth Williams. I suspect that her daughter's boat in the islands is the "LENORE", and she had probably been in touch with her relative. In any event, I got an answer from Ruth, and got a brief run-down of her recent travels, and a thank you for the surprise she got when she read my "hello".

Ruth has had a busy month. She went on a 12 day cruise, originating in Italy, and ending in Copenhagen. She went to Rome a few days early, to see the sights, and then sailed to Cannes, Dover, Lisbon, Antwerp, Amsterdam, and ended up in Copenhagen. She was there several days, caught a cold, and then flew home, aching ears and all. When she got home, she found that they had misplaced her luggage, and she found that vandals had put a large hole in the picture window of her home. Well, the luggage was found, the window repaired, the hearing is improving, and all seems to be right with her world. She had a lovely time on the trip, and hopes we have a nice reunion in September. Maybe you could make it, Ruth. You came to a lot of the affairs.

I received a letter from Paul Martin, in response to the bit in the last newsletter about his phone #. He gave me his new one, and it was the one I was using while in Florida. So I guess his phone was messed up, or something. In any event, we are working on the same wavelength, and I will catch him next time.

Paul sends some fodder for Miss Kitty, and I thank you much for this kindness.

I also received a letter from Dorothy Hartwig, who tells me that she is moving back to her Illinois root bed. She had applied for some of the HUD housing much like the spot in which she lives at this time. She had put her name on a waiting list some time back, and was surprised by a letter asking her to appear for an interview and inspection tour. She immediately found a place which was too neat to turn down, and so she will move in July 2, upcoming. Son Paul and his son, Eric, will help the move take place, and she will send an E-mail when she gets moved in

there. Her present home requires a long distance call to connect with her carrier.

Dorothy's new address will be:

900 ARDYCE LANE  
MT. PLEASANT, IL 60056

And her new phone # will be: (847)368-8857  
Thanks for the news Dorothy. I hope you can contact Jerri Polson about the possibility of a ride to the reunion. She does not drive, and is looking for some help with this. Be sure to get me your computer screen name.

And I have gotten several E-mails from Gen. Sanders' grandson. He is working on a bit for the website, and has promised to let me in on a few of his granddad's favorite war stories. At first I thought he was one of Ray Sanders relatives, our Michigan Sanders Helpmate, but we got that straightened out right away. I will have more to say about this contact as the bulletin progresses. It will be good to have such a neat connection to keep our records straight.

Concerning this, I have just heard from John W. that Sanders has condensed our Helpmate Ready to less than 1 million bytes. This will be transportable, and if it does not change the format greatly, will be simple to duplicate, so that all of the group can get one of this great publication printed. I have a copy of the booklet, but it is nearly 6X as large, and is not really movable.

Just got a call from Mel Donaldson. He wanted to let me know that he was planning getting to A.C. on the 10th, to have an extra day there. Several of us are going to try to do this, so we may have a nucleus of guys to start the reunion early. I am going to call to make sure that Bud got my date changed to the 10th. I am sure he did. I will wait until just before I get ready to send this issue, then I will be able to give a list of those who will be there, for sure. I know that Ray and Marge Crismond plan to be there early, so possible Bill and Marion Hartley will also try to do this. They all have relatives in the Pa area, so they might try to visit there a while before or after the meeting.

Mel and Betty are doing fine, he thinks. Good to hear from you.

I received the note from Bud DeFeo which

he had told me was coming, concerning the fact that Spirit Airlines was expanding the service to Atlantic City. They had a few flights coming in, and were being asked to enhance the airport in Atlantic City by bringing more flights into the area. From what I read, it seems to me that only a flight from Cleveland was being added, and a flight to the west coast from Chicago was also available. I will search their website to double check this. And my research verifies that that is the case. And as I mentioned before, the flight from Chicago gets in at a miserable time.

I received a letter from Leonard Leviton, our Atlantic City, N.J. Helpmate. He has had his annual physical, is in relatively good shape, and will be at the reunion. It will be good to see Leonard, and see if he is keeping up on his musical career.

He donated to Miss Kitty, and that is much appreciated, Leonard. Bring your good company, and your war stories with you at the bash. You will be most welcome.

I received word from Ray that Marge's brother, who had been transferred to a hospital in N.J., had died. He had brought some members of his family from their homes to the Orlando area, and he had stayed with Marge and Ray while the group enjoyed the various theme parks there. He was returning to pick up the vacationing people when he was involved in a very serious accident, and had been hospitalized for care. He went from bad to worse, and was finally air-lifted back to his home area, and treatment continued there. I certainly want to express my deepest sympathy to Marge and Ray in their loss. Life deals us odd happenings, and it is difficult to understand many of the circumstances which we are required to handle. There are many "if only's" in each of our lives.

I received a nice note, and a kitty donation, from Jack Newell's daughter, Ms. Diane Mack, in today's mail. I had furnished her a CD which had the "Helpmate Ready" booklet on it, and she wanted to do some research on our outfit. I had her send the CD on to one of our other members, who was doing the same thing. She assured me that the CD had been sent on to the other party, and thanked us for the start on the war experiences of her dad. The CD was made

## William W. Shick, 82

William W. Shick, 82, of Monticello Drive, Punxsutawney, died Thursday, June 7, 2001 at Punxsutawney Area Hospital.

Mr. Shick was born December 23, 1918 in Hawthorn, the son of Grover C. and Bess (Burkett) Shick. He was married to the former Virginia Harvey, who survives.

Mr. Shick was a member of over 50 years of Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and clerk of session. He was a member of the church Chancel Choir for over 50 years. He was a member of the Jefferson County Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Shick received his bachelor of science degree in 1940 and his master of education degree in 1946 from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He was a retired school teacher in the Punxsutawney Area School District, where he taught for 38 years and served as athletic director. He was a former vice president of the District IX Committee. Mr. Shick was a veteran of World War II, serving as a captain in the U.S. Army in

the 284th Field Artillery Battalion in the European Theater.

Mr. Shick was a member of Punxsutawney Country Club, Pennsylvania State Education Association, National Education Association and A.A.R.P.

In addition to his wife, Virginia Shick, surviving relatives include a sister, Mrs. Helen Deeds of Chandler, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Daniel E. Shick; and his step-mother, Adeline Atcheson Shick.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Kent E. Holmes will officiate. Interment will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Punxsutawney.

Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Deeley Funeral Home of Punxsutawney.

The family has suggested that memorials may be made to Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church, Punxsutawney Area Hospital or the charity of the donor's choice.

Friends of the 284th  
F. A. B. -

Thank you very  
much for the memorial  
to the Presbyterian Church  
in Bill Shick's name.

We enjoyed all  
the reunions we  
attended.

Love to you all  
Ginger

Hello Everyone:

The past four months have  
been bad for us. Bill's lungs  
were getting bad & I fell & broke  
my hip going to church! He  
was in a nursing home for  
two weeks then back to the  
hospital again - we had a  
wonderful time with you  
all at the reunions - I had  
his big army picture at the  
funeral home to show everyone.  
Now, you all have a  
great time & "live it up"  
for us.

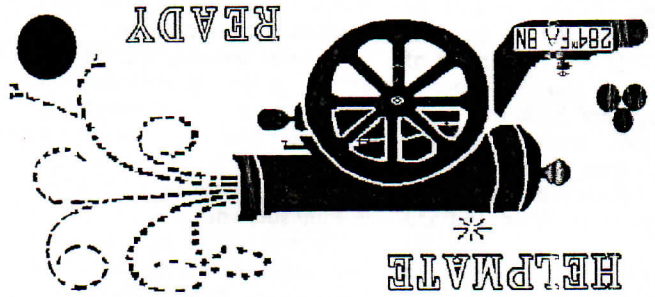
Ginger Shick

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Ginger.

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