



In The Service

Bob Sherman,
Avalon, California,
Merchant Marine.

March 30, 1943.

If I lay out in the sun much more, you won't be able to tell the difference between me and a Negro. Well, I get tonight off not that it makes a difference though. We tell the S. P.'s they better not turn us in or we'll not feed them anymore. Today, while we were swimming a fellow had a fish line off the end of the pier and got a baby octopus. It was sure a funny looking thing.

March 6, 1943.

Here John and I are at the U. S. O. in Long Beach writing a letter to our mothers, now isn't that thoughtful. We hitched a ride from Wilmington to Long Beach real easy and got here about 5 o'clock. We then came here to the U. S. O. and checked our bags and reserved a bed. Then we went to a classy cafe and ate a big turkey dinner. We then went down on the pike, Coney Island, all sorts of amusements. We went over to the big bowling alley and bowled a couple of games. This is really a wonderful U.S.O. center here. Right next to this table I'm writing on is a big Wurlitzer and we can play any record for nothing. Sandwiches, coffee, doughnuts and milk are served all the time. All kinds of davenport and reading material and a big dance hall where they have dances and movies. Last but not least beds. Boy, I'm getting awfully hot sitting here with my pea-jacket and blues on, so pardon me a second while I take off my coat. O.K. no what's better. Well, we are going to a big dance tonight, I only hope the girls dance like John and I do so we won't feel so bad. Well, mother, John and I are naxious to be going, so I'll write you later about our exploits in the big metropolis. Oh, yes, we already went on the big dipper and boy, it's really a good one. Well, I just thought I would drop you a line.

March 17.

Mom, I just got back from Drum and Bugle corps practice. I had put my name in a long time ago for it, but I never heard anything about it till tonight. It was sure fun playing again and they play practically the same beats we used to. And the drum and bugle corps members get every other week off instead of every third week like we are now. And we get other special privileges too, that's why I wanted to join.

March 23.

Received your letter today and also the package of cookies and candy and the great gossip paper. Well, Mom did you hear Bob Hope's program last night. He broadcast from here and it was a good show. But I think the first program we saw in Hollywood was funnier, maybe because they had Jimmy Cagney there. Merle Oberon isn't as beautiful as she looks in pictures. I sure get a kick out of Jerry Colona though, and the way Frances Langford sang "Old Black Magic" was really swell. They had a half hour program for us after they finished the broadcast. Did you know Jerry Colona plays the trombone, and really good, too.

Dear Mr. Oppenlander,
I was very happy to receive

a letter from you. I really appreciated it a lot. I am working days and nights sometimes, at present I am working nights. The time here goes pretty fast so I don't have too much time to be lonesome or anything like that.

It is very nice in Missouri sometimes when it doesn't turn off real cold. I think summer is here to stay, but I have heard it gets pretty warm here in the summer. We are in the southwest corner of the state. They tell me it is the foothills of the Ozark mountains. The camp is about 15 months old. It is a very nice camp to be in and it has some very good specialist schools located here in Crowder.

I'm going to try to get a furlough and come home for about a week. I want to go to the Advance Training Section (A.T.S.) It is for officers training at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. I will see you, if I get my vacation.

"The Old Man" of the outfit is a swell fellow. In reference to the statement I just made I mean our company commander. We also have a nice bunch of lieutenants. Some of them are infantry boys, so we are beginning to learn to handle rifles. One of them said this morning that he wanted to make a crack rifle company out of us. I think it is impossible but he can have a try at it though. We are noticing the rationing in Uncle Sam's Army also, but we get plenty to eat though.

Well, I can't think of anymore to say so I will close for the present.

Sincerely yours,

Pvt. David E. McCoy,
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Camp Crowder, Missouri.

The male contingent of West Linn's senior class is surely in the war effort. Approximately 27 boys still remain in school. The others have all joined either the army, navy, coast guard, marines, or gone to the shipyards.

Among those who have said "goodby" to their school days are: Don Holden, who left on April 12 for the United States Marine corps. This fulfills Don's greatest ambition in life. Bob Green, senior class president, has joined the navy and is now stationed at Farragut, Idaho. Bob McNulty, former student body president, is now a pharmacist mate in the United States Navy. He is also stationed at Farragut.

Many other of the boys will be drafted into the army as soon as they receive their diplomas. All we can say boys is, good luck, and get this thing over with and return to us soon.

On Tuesday, April 27, two West Linn juniors, Bill Larson and Glen Larson, left for White Horse, Canada, to work on the Alcan highway, which is an extensive government project along the western part of Canada.

"Waiter, there's a splinter in my cottage cheese."

"What did you expect for a dime, the whole cottage?"
—Swiped.

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Gary Attends Conference at Monmouth Norm

Mr. J. L. Gary, superintendent of public schools, traveled to Monmouth Normal school on April 24, to attend the Elementary Educational conference, which is held at the normal school annually. The purpose of this conference was to interview graduates for grade school teaching positions.

Principal speakers at the meeting were Dr. J. Murey Lee of Washington State college, who discussed the need for the school to be up-to-the-minute in teaching principles. Dr. L. R. Alderman, formerly director of education for the navy, the second speaker of the day, stated that service men ought to have an educational program. Dr. Lillian Gray, of San Jose who ended the conference, spoke on the need for personality of the teachers in conduct and manner.

Dramatics Class to Present Three One-Act Comedies

The dramatic class will present in the near future, three one-act comedies, taking from 30 to 45 minutes to enact.

They are, with the casts, as follows:

"Wienies on Wednesdays," by Edna Higgins Strakan. The characters are:

Mr. William Foster
..... Vincent Kilmer
Mrs. Foster, his wife
..... Frances Seaman
Marian, their daughter,
..... Gayle Zaniker
Jack, their son..... Paul Miken
Bunnie, a voice..... Ralph Long
Madam Castinelle, a guest,
..... Mildred Bernert

The second is "Poor, Dear, Aunt Maria." Characters include: Mrs. Engleside..... Marilyn Bragg
Mr. Engleside..... Clayton Baker
Cecil..... Charles Marx
Patricia..... Debra Cirtchfield
Richard..... Frank Bracelin
And the third is entitled "Luncheon for Six." Participating in this are:

Lois Osborn, herself,
..... Margy Marcellous
Jim Osborn, her father,
..... Walter Logsdon
Dolly Osborn, her mother,
..... Vera Marcroft
Mary Wilcox, a friend,
..... Marilyn Miller
Edgar Barton, who knows Jim,
..... Bob Thornton

All the students of the dramatics class will be in a play. The date and time has not definitely been set for presentation according to Mrs. Oppenlander, dramatics teacher.

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Councilate Gives Talk

On Monday, April 26, Mr. Adolpho Nevis, councilate from Brazil, spoke to the students about his native country and of its importance in the present war. Mr. Nevis spent the last few minutes of the assembly answering questions supplied by the students. After the assembly a luncheon prepared by the second period Home Economics class was held in his honor.

Easter Movie Presented

On Friday, April 23, the Boys' club and the Girls' League sponsored an appropriate Easter movie, "The King of Kings." It was a religious drama produced by Cecil B. DeMille, starring Joseph Schildkraut and W. B. Warner.

"The King of Kings," was a story of Christ from the conversion of Mary Magdalene to the Resurrection. It varified the established impressions of students and inspired the indifferent.

ANSWERS TO ARMY CROSSWORD QUIZ

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Representative Speaks To Student Assembly

Dr. D. V. Poling, representative of the Oregon System of Higher Education, will speak to the students this morning on the need of continuing higher education. Dr. Poling represents colleges, normal schools and trade schools who are promoting the idea of higher education. He will interview any seniors who have special questions to ask him after the assembly.

CALENDAR of Coming EVENTS

- May 8—Marylhurst competitive exam for senior girls.
- Section B, Art, Dramatics and Music.
- May 11—Free Tuberculin tests by Clackamas County Health association.
- May 12—Army questionnaire for senior boys.
- May 13—Mother and Daughter Tea in gymnasium.
- May 13—Art Exhibition cafeteria.

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