



A Christmas scene

Margaret Schmale of Eagle Creek and Greg Martin of Sandy have added three wise men to the nativity scene at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 18090 Langensand Road. The project began last year as an Eagle Scout project for Mar-

tin, but the pair decided to enlarge the scene this year. Schmale painted the figures in the scene with a sign paint that is weather resistant.

Serviceman sent it to Boring

43-year-old letter yet to be delivered

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In May, 1944, Pfc. Louis A. Wilson sat aboard a Liberty Ship bound for North Africa and wrote two letters, one to Boring and one to Portland.

The U.S. Postal Service would like to find Wilson, or his heirs, and return the letters. The V-Mail, written aboard the S.S. Caleb Strong out of Newport News, Va., was never mailed. The 236 letters, written by 92 men, were entrusted to a crew member who abandoned the letters in a dusty attic. They sat for 42 years until they were spotted last year by an exterminator working in the Raleigh, N.C., home.

According to an article by Trevor Armbrister in the January 1988 Reader's Digest, the U.S. Postal Ser-

vice has succeeded in tracking down all but eight of the GIs who wrote the letters. Among those still being sought is Louis A. Wilson or, if he is no longer alive, members of his family.

"We're down to names that are hard to track down — Thomas, Wilson, Smith," said Meg Harris, who is with the Communications Department of the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C. When the missing mail was turned over to the postal service, she was assigned the job of finding the 92 servicemen or their families. The postal department decided not to send the letters on to the addressees. Knowing that few of the addressees would be current, and having concerns over privacy in the case of letters written to old girl friends, postal officials

decided to track down the soldiers.

Working from Veterans Administration lists and relying on publicity by newspapers and television, the majority of the soldiers or their heirs were gradually located. According to Armbrister's story, one ex-GI in Knoxville, Tenn., turned up at the post office to claim his mail in his Eisenhower jacket, which still fit.

"It has been a fantastic experience finding these people," Harris said last week. "Very rewarding."

George Parker, Corbett, joined the search when he spotted the Digest story two weeks ago. He thought he had worked with Louis Wilson. However, a check with others in the area, revealed it was not the same man.

Several Wilsons listed as Boring residents in the local phone book

have been called, but claim no relationship.

Bill Boring, longtime resident of the Boring area, says he does not remember anyone named Wilson who lived in the Boring area during World War II.

Harris said that she will not release the names of the people Wilson wrote his letters to because the names are the only means she has of identifying the letter writer or his heirs. Wilson is one of the GIs on her list she does not have an identification number for.

People who believe they may know Wilson or his family may call the Sandy Post, 668-5548, or write Meg Harris at Communications Department, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20260-3100.

Priest

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outreach program to serve the Hispanic community. The church now offers no services to Spanish-speaking people, he said.

Holy Trinity is the second largest Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Spokane, and it is the second largest Episcopal Church in the city of Spokane.

The church draws its members from a five-county area in eastern Washington and the panhandle of Idaho. Church members are from all social, economic and ethnic segments of society.

Davidson said the church is a beehive of activity with Bible study and church history classes, daily services and outreach programs.

The philosophy of the congregation is to meet the needs of the people, Davidson said. "It's like a big Good Shepherd. That's one reason I took the job."

In addition to his duties as a priest, Davidson also served as a volunteer translator for Mount Hood Medical Center.

He worked for 11 years as a high school foreign language instructor before earning a master of theology degree from Duquesne University,

Pittsburg, Penn., in 1981. He has been a priest for 6½ years.

A year ago, Davidson was elected to the Society of the Holy Cross, a 700-member international fraternity of Episcopal clergy. Davidson is the only priest in the Diocese of Oregon who belongs to the honorary fraternity.



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Birth announcements

Shayna O'Dea

Mike and Mary O'Dea of Welches welcomed their first child, Shayna Louise O'Dea, at 2:52 a.m. on Nov. 9 at the Portland Adventist Medical Center in Portland.

She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 and three-quarter inches long.

Bill and Louise O'Dea of Welches, and Gerard and Lucille Tholen of Vista, Calif., are her grandparents.

Jacob Senger

Jacob Russell Senger was born to Janice and Mark Senger at 9:25 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Portland Adventist Medical Center in Portland.

He weighed 7 pounds, 6½ ounces, and was 19½ inches long.

Russ and Helene Hawkins of Sandy, and Heather Senger of Milwaukie, are her grandparents.

John Sayles

Roger and Dawn Sayles of Sandy welcomed John Patrick to the family on Nov. 1.

He weighed 3 pounds, 7 ounces, and measured 16 inches. He joins Summer, 6, and Jeff, 3.

Grandparents are Roger and Delores Sayles of Damascus, Vicki O'Malley of Sandy and Pat O'Malley of Sandy.

Christine Horton Daniel Horton

Jeff and Denise Horton of Sandy welcomed twins to the family on Dec. 6.

Christine Margaret was born at 2:51 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 18 inches.

Daniel Jeffery was born at 2:54 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 19 inches.

They join Lyla, 6, and Emily, 20 months.

The grandparents are Dean and Patricia Horton of Gresham, and Dennis and Janet Pitts of Corbett.

The great-grandparents are Dorothea Christensen of Corbett, Orion and Cecelia Pitts of Corbett, and Homer and Margaret Taylor of Gresham.

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