



The following letter was received by Mr. DeFrance from Niels Nordquist:

"I wish to thank you for sending me the magazine, look forward to it every two months.

"Our outfit came back to the States in March and reported to Geiger Field after our 30-day furlough. We are taking refresher courses, etc., and preparing ourselves for points West.

"I was in Salem for a few days and saw the fellows in the Bridge Dept. It seemed good to be back in my old stamping grounds again.

"The base we built overseas is one of those secret places everyone knows about. The climate there is comparable to Western Oregon in that we had rainy winters and hot, humid summers. The natives were an easy going lot. We had them employed as laborers, doing anything from digging ditches to barbering in the P.X. For the most part they were farmers working temporarily for us.

"Thank you again for a swell magazine."

A letter received from Ashley T. Taber reads as follows:

"Yesterday I received the March-April copy of the Oregon State Employee. It is hard for me to find words to express my thanks to you at home for sending me that fine magazine. I read it from cover to cover and naturally was very interested in H.B. 294 and 344. I had intended to come back to the Highway Department—now I know I will.

"Many thanks to everyone who had

anything at all to do with introducing and passing these two bills."

A change of address was received from Lee Curry. He is now somewhere in France and wishing he was back in Oregon. He has been receiving The State Employee and enjoys it very much.

Loren Boulter has recently been released from the service. He has been head of the Marine Corps Art Department in San Francisco engaged in publicity for the armed services by way of posters, etc., and recently had charge of the exhibit in Portland showing work by Marines on the islands in the South Pacific.

He expects to return to his former position in the Highway Department where he was engaged in the designing and making of forest highway signs.

Paul E. Davis is now stationed at Port Hueneme, California. In a recent letter received from him he expressed his thanks for the magazine.

Pfc. John C. Jennings, son of Charles L. Jennings, kettelman on the Sweet Home Maintenance crew, is with the 12th A.A.A. Battalion now stationed in the West Caroline Islands south of Guam. He has participated in the Marianne invasion and at Cape Gloucester. He entered the Marines on October 1, 1942, and went overseas in January, 1943. He has now served 28 months and should be entitled to some leave soon.