

parts for new except in the case of dead-line equipment.

Since Bob has been attached to this outfit they have built hospitals, constructed and maintained roads and bridges and operated a rock quarry and crusher so you can imagine the type of equipment used.

Bob also has a brother over there that is an engineer on a small landing craft on a Coast Guard Assault transport.

He continued to write that, "The native conditions have sure improved in the last few months. The towns are much cleaner looking and the schools are all running. Most of the people in town are quite well educated and speak English fluently while those out in the brush live very much like their ancestors did 500 years ago. They eat coconuts, rice and lizards and sleep on the floor.

"The natives do our washing for a reasonable price. They take the clothes to the river and beat on them with paddles. They mash the buttons occa-

sionally, but they do get the clothes clean."

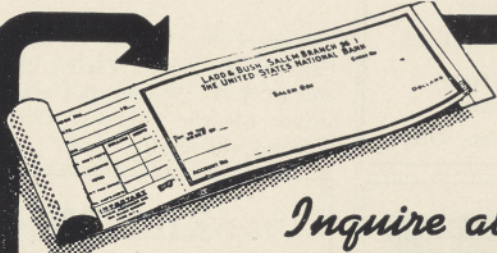
Bob also sent a picture of a gathering of natives at a Sunday cock fight that was held near where he is stationed.

La Grande recently had a visit from Ruel Tanler who was a truck driver for Earl Fay, at Seneca, before entering the Navy. His friends were very glad to see him. After his leave Ruel reported to Norman, Oklahoma for further training.

Lt. Lloyd R. Chandler has gone overseas and his mail is sent from San Francisco. Hurry the job along "Pop."

M/Sgt. Marvin Smith, Army Air Corps, who spent four years serving his country has recently been discharged from the service. He was a truck driver before entering the service and we hope he comes back to work for the state.

Lt. (j.g.) Alvie Putnam, son of the
(Continued on Page 22)



Inquire about
SPECIAL CHECKING ACCOUNT

- ★ NO MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE!
- ★ NO MINIMUM BALANCE REQUIRED!

Ask for Details
LADD & BUSH-SALEM BRANCH
UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK
Salem, Oregon

MEMBER FDIC