VICTIMS OF CIRCUS FIRE—HARTFORD, Conn.—Some of the charred bodies of victims of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus are shown on grounded stretchers awaiting removal to emergency morgue for identification. At least 135 persons lost their lives in this tragic fire.

Wounded Soldier Reports Return to Duty in France

BUXTON-MANNING—Pfc. Rudolph Smejkal left Tuesday for Camp Polk, La., after a 6-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Theresa Smejkal of Green Mountain, and other relatives. He reports having heard from his brother, Cpl. Frank Smejkal, who was wounded on D-day in France, stating that by the time the letter was received he would be returning for duty.

Vacation at Beach

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Varley vacationed at Seaside from Tuesday to Saturday.

Miss Jennie Felong, who is employed at Keasey, is enjoying a month's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Felong, at Tophill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Husbands and Goldie of Corvallis visited Mrs. Husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Allen, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Attend Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman and niece, Miss Ilo Hunter, drove to Salem Sunday afternoon to attend a family reunion and dinner at the home of Mrs. Freeman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Huntley, in honor of Mr. Huntley's 70th birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hendrickson and daughters Lois and Phyllis of North Hollywood, Cal., spent from Monday to Friday at the home of Mrs. Hendrickson's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kommer, and family.

Berry Pickers Treated

Mrs. Mary Watson finished picking strawberries last Thursday. Each picker was treated with a pint of ice cream, a bottle of pop, and cookies.

A Fourth of July picnic was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bellish last Tuesday. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bellish, all of Portland, and Mrs. Carolina Bellish.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Powell Judy, Arnold, and Lloyd, returned to their home here Friday after spending the past week at the home of Mr. Powell's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Powell of Harrisburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Russell Powell are ill in bed with the flu.

WAC Returns to Camp

Cpl. Helen Hershey of Green mountain vicinity, who has been visiting her parents for the past 15 days, returned to her camp at Santa Ana, Cal., Friday.

Visits Daughter

Mrs. Claude Riggle left Sunday for Oakland, Cal., to visit her daughter, Miss Naomi Canby, who is employed there.

Mrs. Alice Estepp and granddaughter, Miss Wauneta Cearley, spent from Monday to Wednesday at the home of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Elza Mercer of Hillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cearley were also over-night guests there Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Albrecht returned to their home here Wednesday after spending the Fourth of July holiday at the home of Mrs. Albrecht's brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stowell of Springfield.

Wili Return Home

Mrs. Emmons Keller, who has been confined to a McMinnville hospital with an infection in her leg since July 5, plans to return to her home here this week.

W. H. Hiddink started his hay baler Friday at the Emmons Keller farm. The baler broke down shortly before noon. After Mr. Hiddink had to buy an old baler to find the necessary parts, baling was resumed Saturday morning. Farmers are exchanging help due to the labor shortage, and feel lucky that the thunder and rain storm in Forest Grove vicinity Saturday didn't reach here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Riggle visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark at Cascade Locks, from July 3 to 5. They visited St. Martins hot springs while there.

Help With Hay

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Powell, Norman, and Donald spent from Thursday to Saturday at the home of Mrs. Powell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Retherford, at Scoggins Valley, while they helped out in the hay crop.

Scrafford to Talk at Special School Meeting

BUXTON-MANNING—A special school meeting is planned for Wednesday night to vote on the budget. Austin Scrafford, county school superintendent, will be present to talk on consolidation of Manning and Mead districts.

Mr. and Mrs. Corval Foust and son of Portland, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Turk and family of Manning.

Works at Masonic Home

Miss Bernice Turk is employed at the Masonic home near Forest Grove.

Boyd Bush, M2/c, left Monday evening for duty after a 3-week visit with his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crawford, and sister Donna Mae Bush.

Will Move to Portland

Mr. and Mrs Earl Dilley have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins of Dilley, and have bought a home in Portland. They plan to move by the first of August.

Mr. and Mrs Ed Crawford, Boyd and Donna Mae Bush, spent July 3 and 4 at Seaside, and were overnight guests Sunday of Mr. Crawford's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tallman, at Gresham.

Miss Lucille Robinson is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swafford.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Baker and family are camping at the home of Mr. Baker's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schmeltzer of Mountainside, and are working in the blackcap-respberry harvest.

Loggers Have Vacation

Men working at Shields logging camp returned to work Monday morning after a week's vacation.

Charles Retherford Suffers Amputation

BUXTON-MANNING — Charles Retherford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Retherford of Scoggins Valley and a former resident of this community, had his right leg amputated above the knee last Monday at the Doernoecher hospital in Portland, as a result of severe burns suffered last fall. He is getting along as well as can be expected.

Melvin Canby of Wilark spent the week-end at the home of his mother, Mrs. Claude Riggle.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Rucker, and 2 children of Sweet Home visited Mr. and Mrs. Elvon Cearly Monday enroute to Mr. Rucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rucker of Scofield vicinity, where they spent the Fourth of July holiday. They were accompanied home by Raymond Scofield, who has been employed in the berry harvest here. Leroy Whiteside also accompanied them to Sweet Home, where he will be a guest of Raymond Scofield.

Taken to Hospital

Mrs. Ed Kommer, who has been suffering for the past 2 weeks with an infected foot, was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Monday morning for treatment.

The fifth war loan drive has come to a close. Mrs. Kenneth Albrecht, chairman for this community, reported $8100 as the final figures for Buxton.

Move to New Home

Mr. and Mrs. George Greaves and 3 children of Vancouver, Wash., have purchased the property of W. A. Downing and moved in last week. The property is better known as the Joe Craig place.

Mrs. O. H. Stowell and George Hollenbeck attended a family reunion and picnic dinner at Shute park July 4, in honor of the 82nd birthday of Mrs. Will Pratt, sister-in-law of Mrs. Stowell.

Kelly in Alabama

A. C. Kelly, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelly of the Mead district, has been transferred from Bainbridge, Ga., to Maxwell Field, Ala.

Lt. Albert Newby Wins Silver Bars

Albert C. Newby, son of A. F. Newby, Oakland, Cal., and formerly of Hillsboro, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant, according to word received here.

Lt. Newby, now a pilot with the 5th ferrying group, at Love field, Dallas, Tex., attended high school in Hillsboro, normal school at Lewiston, Idaho; and Adcox diesel school at Portland. Before entering the army, he was a civilian pilot for the 5th ferrying group and was instructor for a flying school. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in June, 1943, at Love field.

Hiteon

The E. D. Hite family celebrated the 21st birthday anniversary July 2 of Bud Hite.

Mrs. Fern Blackwood and baby son, Donald, of Portland, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Struthers entertained with a birthday dinner Thursday night in honor of Rocky Hendricks' third birthday anniversary. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hendricks and son, Rocky, of Ariel, Wash.

Hiteon folks spent the Fourth at work in the shipyards and hay fields. A number went to Hillsboro for the evening. Those at home got a real thrill when a navy blimp came over slow and low.

Letters from Service Men

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sion forces into Northern France. That made it permissible for us to divulge our whereabouts at the time being as everyone in the U. S. knew it anyway.

We were in the lead of the big show and we certainly came through with flying colors. When we were called in, such as knocking out a big shore battery that was threatening and holding up our troops as well as sinking our ships. We never failed to knock out any target or task we were given. That is why I say we are all proud of our ship.

We are now at anchor a few hundred feet off the coast of Northern France. We are standing by to give assistance to our land forces anywhere along the coast if they should need it.

I would like to go over on the beach, but guess I will have to be satisfied by looking the country over through a high-powered glass up on the signal bridge. There are several small villages nearby. They say the population of these are around two thousand people. They are practically destroyed by shellfire and seem to be deserted as far as any inhabitants. I expected the Nazis to burn everything standing, but they didn't. I certainly hope the French people have a little bit of something to come back to. There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that war is H - - - - with a big capital H after seeing it from the front line in a grandstand seat.

I received an Argus published May 11, the first I have had for a couple of months. The others will be along. I couldn't wait like some to get them consecutively like some do. I have read it from the title to the word purchase in an ad of Meltebeke's on the last page. There are very few from the west coast left on here now, so news from God's country is rather scarce.

In one of your service men's letters, Alex Morley said he didn't blame people for leaving England for America. Well the west coast is just as far ahead of the east coast as the east coast is ahead of the British Isles.

Well I had better ring off. Will send another year's subscription in next letter. Can't get money order now.—As ever, your friend, MARVIN A. WOODS.

In Combat Area

Dear Friends—It's time I was submitting a letter to say I still receive the Argus and express my appreciation of it. I enjoy every item, including the advertisements. About the first thing I read are the letters from other servicemen. I read one from William Johnson of U. S. M. C. and if he sees this I wish he would please write.

Since I wrote last I've seen a lot of interesting things. I've been in Australia about 5 months and then our training took us to an island in the Southwest Pacific Area. I've seen and been on several different islands since I've been in this area. I'm in a combat area now "somewhere" in New Guinea.

We found the Japs holding short here so I never saw much action but it was plenty at that. Every one was nervous just before our landing. I stayed awake all night the night before our landing because I didn't want to miss the heavy bombardment prior to our landing. It finally started but we were quite a ways away so it was sort of a disappointment.

My platoon was chosen to go on patrols way beyond our beachhead. We never knew what we would run into out there in the jungle. We had an important mission and in four days we returned tired, hungry and dirty, mission accomplished and no enemy resistance encountered. We got cleaned up and rested a bit and went on outpost. I believe the only comfort you find in the jungle is because of your own resourcefulness and ingenuity. Usually you're only in one bivouac for a night and I believe it would be unbearable if we weren't trained to live under such conditions. In many instances I found rocks make a pillow and sometimes you find one situated in a very uncomfortable place and once you settle down at night you can't move because everything that moves at night is the enemy. Sometimes a person gets so tired you don't know what keeps you moving. I guess it's sort of a code with a doughboy, he must keep going because a lot depends on the infantryman, a lot more than most people credit them for. Sometimes the information we get on patrols and from prisoners proves invaluable to the other units of the army and even the navy.

I believe the Jap soldier isn't what he used to be. Maybe it's because the odds were against them here. I've seen plenty of evidence of lack of the will to fight among them.

I've seen quite a few prisoners come out of the jungle and they seemed to be delighted to be prisoners. They seemed to be very appreciative for the food they gave them, but of course you can't see inside of them. I've seen some that were quite cynical but as a whole most of them seemed in sort of a happy state. I saw one come by and every one he met he would bow low with his hands clasped in a reverent sort of way. In one instance one came out blubbering in broken English. "American, he number 1-A". Usually you can't trust them too far because they're very tricky.

Well, my candle is growing short and I better get some sleep because you never know what tomorrow brings and you need all the rest you can get. Again I say thanks for the paper.—Very truly yours, Pfc. E. W. PIEREN.

Capt. Staehle Made Field Instructor

ARMY AIR FIELD, Mountain Home, Idaho—Capt. John F. Staehle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Staehle, of route 1 Hillsboro, has been assigned to the Mountain Home army air field as an instructor navigator.

Capt. Staehle entered the military service October 20, 1941, and has attended the army air forces training schools at Ballinger Texas field, and Hondo, Tex. He received his commission of navigator November 26, 1942, his promotion to first lieutenant August 24, 1943, and to Captain May 1, 1944. He has been awarded he Air Medal and six clusters for duty in the European theater. Distinguished Flying Cross and one cluster.

Prior to his enlistment he was stationed at the Wendover field and Peterson field, Denver, Colo.

She Cans Chickens and Mutton

Mrs. Marley F. Hughes, Torrington, Wyo., with six children and her husband to feed, plans to can 200 quarts of tomatoes, 200 quarts of vegetables, 600 quarts of fruit and 100 quarts of meat, principally chickens and mutton, this year. Last year Mrs. Hughes put up 800 cans of meat, fruit and vegetables.

Commissioners' Proceedings

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May 10, 1944—Claims Allowed This Day by Order of County Court

Roads and Highways

L. F. O'Mara, $120.94; Commercial National Bank, $472.11; John A. Roebling's Sons Co. of Calif., $244.61; Clyde Equipment, $2,218.21; Woodbury Company, $52.86; Ross Island Sand & Gravel Co., $119.00; Walling Tractor & Equipment Corp., $3.60; H. Schindler, $12.00; Kurt Liebelow, $22.00.

Carl Mayer, $13.00; H. Becker, $19.00; Art Shepherd, $10.00; R. Meacham, $16.00; Auto-Ordnance Corporation, $80.00; Portland Gas & Coke Company, $407.97; Roy W. Heinrich, $9.07; Howard-Cooper Corp., $31.15; Sahnow's Motor Clinic, $39.97; Washington County News-Times, $7.80; Goodrich Silvertown Stores, $87.39; Busch's Super Service, $27.95; MacKenzie Motor Co., $40.90; Gales Creek Sand & Gravel, $595.40; Cady Motor Company, $280.54; Phoenix Iron Works, $64.62; Alaska Junk Co., $400.00; Bardo Stool Co., $116.08; Hamilton Motor Company, $0.60; Joe Loomis, $53.55; The McCormack Co., $177.03; Lone Oak Service Station and Garage, $3.51; Gibbs Electric Co., $20.25; Ray Grimshaw, $720.30; Richfield Oil Corporation, $377.60; International Harvester Co., $13.64; Interstate Tractor and Equipment Co., $74.51; Columbia Equipment Co., $135.24; Standard Oil Co. of Calif., $129.14; Portland Blue Print Co., $21.96; Industrial Air Products Co., $12.30; Hillsboro Auto Parts, $22.66; General Petroleum Corp. of Calif., $750.40.

May 11, 1944—Claims Allowed This Day by Order of County Court

Roads and Highways

Buhaner Brothers, $12.76.

May 17, 1944—Claims Allowed This Day by Order of County Court

Roads and Highways

Burroughs Adding Machine Company, $6.70; Clark County, Washington, $55.50; E. A. Griffith, $4.09; Charles Robinson, $5.68.

May 31, 1944—Claims Allowed This Day by Order of County Court

Roads and Highways

Chas. L. Walker, $10.20.

C. T. Mueller, $7.74; P. W. Williams, $7.74; State Industrial Accident Commission, $293.89; Tualatin Valley Cooperative, $5.00; Union Oil Co. of Calif., $80.32; West Coast Telephone Company, $11.00.

May 24, 1944—Claims Allowed This Day by Order of County Court

May 31, 1944—Claims Allowed This Day by Order of County Court

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Chas. L. Walker, $10.20.

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