

Two Cornelius Groups Plan Xmas Parties

CORNELIUS—Civic club will hold their Christmas party at city hall December 21. There will be a covered dish luncheon starting at 12:30. Each one is to bring a 50 cent gift for the gift exchange. If you bring children please bring a gift for them.

Christmas Party Set
St. Alexander's Altar Society will hold their Christmas party at 2 o'clock December 29 at the home of Mrs. Albert Vuelteck, north end of town. There will be an exchange of gifts.

Ray Trites visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eliason at Newport.

Jerry Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cartwright was operated on for hernia at Forest Grove general hospital Monday morning.

Attend Recital
Mrs. Frank Docher and Mrs. William Van Lom attended the musical recital at Maryhurst college Monday evening. Miss Margaret Mary O'Donnell was one of the soloists. Miss O'Donnell is the niece of Mrs. Docher and Mrs. Van Lom.

School Program Set
Christmas program at Cornelius school will be December 21 at 6 o'clock. The upper grades will present a pageant. The first grade will present a number "The Christmas Chimes" and the second, third and fourth grades will present "The Christmas Star" and an operetta, "Toy's Rebellion." Each school room will have their own Christmas trees December 22.

Hall's ambulance was called to Forest Grove last week to take John A. Elder to Forest Grove general hospital.

Receives Letter From Son
Percy Hillis received a letter from his son Sgt. Robert Hillis of the U. S. army last week. He had not heard from Robert for some time. He stated he was on Leyte and was well. He has recently been taken out of the infantry and will work in detail looking up and investigating records of men recommended for medals to see if the medals are really being earned and given to the men actually deserving them.

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News of Men and Women in Uniform



NAVY AVIATOR—Pensacola, Fla.—Donald Shattuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shattuck of Hillsboro, who was commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve and designated a naval aviator recently at the naval air training bases, here. Having completed his intermediate training at the "Annapolis of the Air," he will be ordered to duty either at an instructor's school for further training or at an operational base.

Ensign Shattuck left here Wednesday to return to Pensacola, Florida, for assignment. He came home Sunday to visit his parents and other relatives.

In Aviation Training

James W. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Graham of South Dennis street, left Monday for air corps training at Keesler Field, Miss.

Goes to San Antonio

Elmer J. (Bud) Williams, A. C., was recently transferred from Harkersfield, Cal., to San Antonio, Texas, for pre-flight training. Mrs. Williams will make her home with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hewitt, for an indefinite time.

Brothers Home from South Pacific Area

Cpl. Ernie Barrows, son of George Barrows of Hillsboro, arrived home last week from 20 months duty with the army air force as a radio mechanic in New Caledonia and Australia. Cpl. Barrows, who has been serving with the air transport command, enlisted in the service 27 months ago. He will have a 21-day furlough before reporting to California for reassignment.

His brother, Cpl. George Barrows of the Marines, is in a hospital at Banning, Cal., after 14 months combat duty in the South Pacific area. The Marine corporal enlisted in January, 1942. Another brother, Paul, also of the Marines, was wounded on Saipan and is still on active duty in the South Pacific.

Overseas Veteran Home on Discharge

David J. Krug, son of Albert Krug of Hillsboro, has just returned from active combat in Italy and will remain here on medical discharge. He was in active duty in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. Mobilized in September, 1940, with the 218th Field artillery from Hillsboro, Krug was transferred from that unit and sent to the European area rather than to the South Pacific. He has served overseas for 15 months.

T Sgt. Anderson Home

T Sgt. Carl Anderson returned home last week after 33 months overseas duty with the 1st Division, 163rd Infantry. He has been awarded the Purple Heart. Sgt. Anderson is visiting his mother, Mrs. Anderson of Dilley, and other relatives and friends. He will report at Santa Barbara, Cal., on December 30, for assignment.

Soldiers on Furlough

Pfc. Robert Leibenow of Fort Lockett, Wash., and Pvt. Walter Leibenow of Camp Blanding, Fla., were visitors during the week at the Lester Jones home. The boys are Mrs. Jones' brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Weston and daughters Joan and Judy, spent the week-end at Tacoma, where they visited Mrs. Weston's sister and family.

Earl Prickett Home

Earl Prickett, R. T. 2/c, arrived last week from Seattle on a 15-day leave, and is visiting his wife and other relatives. He is at the A. P. A. pre-commission school in Seattle.

Young Ardeel on Leave

Edmond Arthur Ardeel, CM 2/c, who has been in the Southwest Pacific area for 28 months, is home on a 30-day leave and is visiting his father, A. Ardeel. He will report back to Alameda, Cal., on December 27.

Lauderdale on LST

Charles Lauderdale, S 1/c, is now a Radar man on an LST crew and is leaving Camp Bradford, Va., this week to pick up his ship in Chicago. From Chicago, they will go on a "shake-down" cruise.



HAS JAP FLAG—Pfc. James Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Walters of Cedar Mill, shown holding Jap flag captured on Peleliu island. He is now in rest camp, where he is guarding and working in an ice plant. He also took part in the landings at Cape Gloucester, Britain.

Orencia Soldier in Drive to Germany

WITH THE THIRD ARMORED DIVISION IN GERMANY—The First Army headquarters of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges disclosed recently that the Third Armored Division was fighting in Germany after spearheading the drive of U. S. forces through northern France and through Belgium.

In the historic offensive which chased the Nazis back into Germany, Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose's tankers raced from the Seine River through the Siegfried line in 18 days and established a number of firsts, being among the first to breach the Siegfried line and the first to capture a German city—Rotgen.

Pvt. James E. Rogers of Orencia participated in this drive with the division.

Sgt. McGrath Will Have Christmas Here

Arriving last Friday after 34 months duty overseas in the South Pacific area, Sgt. William McGrath, will be able to spend Christmas at home this year. Wearing the Purple Heart for wounds received in New Guinea, Sgt. McGrath is staying with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Newman, and visiting his brother, Kenneth McGrath, until December 28, when he will report to California for reassignment.

Nelson Home After 45,000-Mile Trip

Don A. Nelson, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson of Hillsboro, is home on a 30-day leave after 15 months sea duty. Nelson traveled some 45,000 miles during his 15 months overseas. Following his leave, Nelson will report to Brooklyn, New York for reassignment. A 1942 graduate of Hillsboro high school, Nelson was active in baseball and basketball.

Straughan Transferred

Sgt. Douglas E. Straughan of the army medical corps, has been transferred to Dibble general hospital at Menlo Park, Cal., to take surgical schooling. He had been in San Francisco training in a hospital there. Sgt. Straughan is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Straughan of route 5, Hillsboro.

Former Student Here Wins DFC

BOMBER STATION, England, Dec. 8—A pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, with 30 bombing operations over Europe to his credit, Lt. Nicholas V. Pranger, of Yakima, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross for "extraordinary achievement" in combat. The son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Pranger, Lt. Pranger has been overseas since "D" day, and has taken part in many of the outstanding efforts carried out during the summer and this fall by Britain-based American heavy bombers. Among some of the well-known bomber objectives that the Yakima airman's Fortress has attacked are Leipzig, Munich, Peenemunde, Breslau, Stuttgart, Ludwigsburg, Merseburg, Hamm, Mainz and Munster.—Yakima, Wash., Republic.

In November he was awarded a medal for meritorious achievement. He attended St. Matthews school in Hillsboro. A letter from his father, F. L. Pranger, of Yakima, states that they had just received a cablegram from the son, reading: "Missions completed (5). Be seeing you soon."

Alvin L. Becker Wins Promotion in England

AN VIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND STATION, England—Sergeant Alvin L. Becker, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Becker, route 2, Beaverton, has been promoted from corporal for efficiency in his duties at this strategic air depot. Since he just received a cablegram from the son, reading: "Missions completed (5). Be seeing you soon."

He was graduated from Hillsboro high school in 1939 and prior to his entry into the army September 8, 1942 at Fort Lewis, Wash., he was employed by the Vulco Aircraft company. Sergeant Becker has been stationed in the European theatre of operations for 13 months.

Soldier on Furlough

CEDAR MILL—Carl V. Anderson Jr. spent a ten-day furlough from Fort Riley, Kansas, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Anderson.

Pfc. Cody Home After 2 1/2 Years

Pfc. Richard V. Cody, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde M. Watson, is home from the South Pacific after three major engagements. A member of the national guard and the 41st division under General MacArthur, Cody, went overseas in the spring of 1942. Cody has been wounded and wears the Purple Heart.

Accompanied by his wife, the former Edna June Watson, he is spending his furlough in Oregon and Washington before reporting to a California camp for reassignment. Mrs. Cody is a WAVE in the Naval radi service. Pfc. Cody is a former St. Helens boy and graduated from St. Helens high.

Tucker Leaves for Naval Radar School

Virgil Tucker Jr. left Monday morning for Great Lakes Naval training station in Illinois, where he will take radar training. He entered the Great Lakes NTS as seaman first class. A graduate of Hillsboro high school in 1944, Tucker had been attending University of Oregon before enlisting. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Tucker of Hillsboro.

Thursday, December 14, 1944 HILLSBORO ARGUS—3

Former Resident Ill in Portland

Ellen Wesson, 79, a resident of Hillsboro some 10 years ago, is very ill in the Multnomah hospital with diabetes. Until her recent hospitalization, Mrs. Wesson had been living with Mrs. Robert L. Watts in Portland. Robert L. Watts, grandson of Mrs. Wesson, was called home for a 12-day furlough to be with his grandmother. His mother, Mrs. W. J. Tews, daughter of Mrs. Wesson, lives in Hillsboro. Watts and his family will report to San Francisco Saturday where he will take training in radar.



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