

Test Qualifies Lee Rohrbough

May Receive Temporary Appointment; 3 to Attend School

CAMP CLATSOP, Dec. 21.—In examinations for temporary appointment as second lieutenant, Corporal Lee C. Rohrbough alone qualified to receive the recommendation for further examination. The recommendation will be sent to the ninth corps area headquarters at the Presidio, San Francisco, Calif., where it will be determined whether or not Corporal Rohrbough is eligible for further examination.

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sent to the ninth corps area headquarters at the Presidio, San Francisco, Calif., where it will be determined whether or not Corporal Rohrbough is eligible for further examination.

It is understood here that if he passes all examinations and is appointed to the temporary commission, he will be assigned to the officer personnel of this regiment, in which there are three vacancies at present.

Corporal Rohrbough, prior to induction into federal service, was employed in his father's business at Albany. He has had one year's experience in the O.N.G.

Three enlisted men today were ordered to participate in a three-months electrical specialist school conducted by the army at Fort Monroe, Va. They are Sergeants Clayton Steinke and Sidney Shaw and Staff Sergeant Verdell Nelson.

Steinke is from Battery G, formerly Salem searchlight battery, where he had much experience with the big lights used in anti-aircraft and coastal defense tactics. He was recently promoted to the grade of technical sergeant from staff sergeant.

Sergeant Shaw was today advanced to the grade of technical sergeant from staff sergeant. He has experience in the electrical work both in the army and civilian life. He is from headquarters battery, second battalion, Sergeant Nelson is from headquarters battery, first battalion.

These men will leave the post in time to sail on a transport from San Francisco January 11. Their journey will be via the Panama canal with brief stopovers and through the Gulf of Mexico to report at Fort Monroe on February 3.

Commanding officers consider these men to be the cream of their regiment in the electrical field.

Rawle Singer Dies At Hospital at 49

Resident of Salem Since 1924 Was Disabled in World War

Rawle H. C. Singer, 49, disabled World War veteran and former salesman, died at Salem Deaconess hospital at 1 p.m. yesterday after an aggravation of his war-acquired illness that forced him to enter the hospital two weeks ago.

Funeral services will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel at 10:30 a.m. Monday with Rev. P. W. Erikson and members of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, to which he belonged, in charge. In accordance with his wishes, his body will be cremated and the ashes returned to his birthplace, Norristown, Pa., for burial.

No immediate relatives survive. Singer was born at Norristown, July 4, 1891. He lived on the eastern seaboard until the early 1920s, when he came west in the service of the National Cash Register company, in his capacities of accountant-engineer. He made his residence in Salem in 1924 and for a time sold automobiles for the old Fitzgerald and Sherwin agency. His war disability, arising from overseas service, forced him a few years later to enter the veterans hospital at Walla Walla, Wash., where he remained for eight years. He returned to Salem in September, 1939, and remained here as the guest of Sheriff A. C. Burk.

Morts Entertain For Club Friends

INDEPENDENCE—Mr. and Mrs. Loren Mort entertained their club Thursday night.

A beautifully lighted tree and Christmas arrangements formed the setting for the Christmas party.

Guests were Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Fratzke, Dr. and Mrs. George D. Herley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Robinson.

Program Held At Riverdale

Four Plays Given by School Children; Choir Sings Choral Numbers

RIVERDALE—The pupils of Riverdale school presented their Christmas program Thursday night to a large audience.

The upper grade children's choir gave the following numbers at the beginning of the program: "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," full chorus; "O Holy Night," solo; Robert Cornell; "That Shining Star," boys and girls; "We Three Kings," boys, with solo parts by Herbert Robinson, Robert Pearsall, Lawrence Goff and Robert Cornell; "Slumbering King," trio, Dorothy Kennell, Ina May Ireland and Maxine Goff; "The Birthday of a King" and "Christmas," full chorus.

The rest of the program: well-known carols; scriptural readings; Betty Willard; candy drill; Norma Newton, Gloria Needham, Margaret Bogoslan, Thelma Macklin, Shirley Pearsall and Barbara Kern; reading; Marion Kern; "Hushabye Lullaby," Helen Frischildt and Marion Kern; "Up on the House-top," Mary children; reading; Torval Kilen.

Play, "Hanging Up the Christmas Stockings," Walton Reeve, Harold Nichols, Verne Klein, Harvey Crowley, Wilbur Hawarthy; "Mother and Mother Says," readings, Nina and Frieda Rose Bowman.

Play, "A Christmas Eve Pilgrimage," Cast, Jack and Bobby, Robert and Gene Klein; miser, Lowell Reiners; mother, Dorothea Kennell; children, Mary Bogoslan, Leta Vasabder and Ina May Ireland; Christmas spirit, Jane Nichols.

Reading, "The World's Redeemer," Ruthita Willard; duet, "Heralds of Glory," Constance Newton and Winnifred Newton.

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Millard Concludes Bank Employment

Over 37 years of continuous service, next to the longest term among present employees, will be concluded January 1 by E. B. Millard of the Ladd & Bush-Salem branch of the United States National Bank of Portland.

A gold wrist watch was given Millard last week from 60 fellow employees at the bank where he went to work December 27, 1902. William S. Walton is the only person now there who preceded him.

The ceremony for the presentation was held in the bank basement, where a number of talks were made. Millard said it was the first time in his recollection that the employees had joined together to give a present except for someone getting married or for flowers.

'No Lights' Hoax Is Lucrative for Stickup Man, \$70

WEST SALEM—M. Langford, Glen Creek road, Polk county, was robbed Friday night of \$70 while attempting to help a fellow motorist who was apparently having light trouble.

Langford was on his way home when he stopped to give a hand to the driver of the lightless car. As he alighted to give aid, a gun was flashed on him and he was relieved of his pocketbook, containing \$70.

According to reports made to the state police, Langford was unable to secure the license number of the car, and thus far the bandit has not been apprehended. Last night police reported that they were still working on the case with only meager clues available.

Influenza Wave Cancels Service

MONMOUTH—Local church ministers report that plans for special services and special music are not expected to be possible Sunday because of the numerous cases of influenza among the several congregations.

At the Evangelical church a Christmas tree will be held Monday night.

Independence Man Figures in Wreck

INDEPENDENCE—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dickenson were called to California due to the illness of Dickenson's daughter.

At Bakerfield they had an accident; their car was badly demolished and they were hurt, but not seriously. They went on to Astoria by bus and found the daughter improving. Before returning to Oregon they will visit a brother at San Diego.

Molalla Schools Get Vacation

MOLALLA—Both Molalla grade school and Molalla union high school closed Friday afternoon for a two-weeks' Christmas vacation with classes to resume on January 8.

Fernwood school closed on December 17 for the holidays and because of continued sickness of the pupils.

Package Delivery to Be Made Today From Postoffice; Total Mail Ahead

Christmas packages will be delivered today to city dwellers. That was the announcement made last night by Postmaster Henry R. Crawford. Those Salem folk anticipating holiday gifts from relatives or stores should plan to have someone available at the house to receive such mail, Crawford said.

Friday was the high point for the number of letters canceled so far this year, he said, 108,000 having been run through the canceling machine. Thursday 98,000 were canceled. Although Christmas letters and greetings are 17,000 ahead of the total for a like period in 1939, a year ago, December 20, 105,000 letters were canceled here. To date that is the all-time high, but indications yesterday were that Saturday's might equal that figure.

Monday and Tuesday are the last days for regular delivery before the holiday. If patrons want to get all possible mail, some member of the family should be home at delivery hours of these two days, Crawford said.

On Christmas day special delivery will be made with the exception of on the rural routes.

Five members of the postoffice staff were absent Friday because of sickness, reported Crawford.

Attempt to Earn Gift Money Fatal

Father Dies on Squab Hunting Effort to Buy Child's Doll

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Wee Marjorie Keene's eyes danced with joyous animation a few days ago as she stood with her father before a toy shop window, admiring a gaily dressed cheap doll.

The unemployed father, Herbert Marvin Keene, 29, determined to get it for his 20-month-old daughter.

"I'll make enough tomorrow to buy her the doll, if it's the last thing I do," he told his wife last night.

It was he lost his life today in his attempt to earn the money needed to bring a bit of Christmas joy to little Marjorie.

Keene recalled that as a boy he found squab hunting profitable, but oft-times dangerous. He was along the edge of the building, under bridges and along viaduct girders to catch the pigeons and stuff them in his clothing.

He carried a silver plate in his skull as a grim reminder of one serious fall on a bird-bagging expedition.

The paid him 20 cents apiece for the pigeons and as much as 30 cents for choice ones," his sister, Miss Shirley Keene, related today. "He'd climb along the buildings, sometimes hand over hand, and stuff the birds inside his blazer. Sometimes he'd make several dollars on one hunting expedition."

Keene set out this morning on a pigeon hunt. A few hours later a railroad detective found his body under a viaduct. He had fallen 20 feet to his death.

Beside the body was a plump pigeon, a choice bird, worth just about the price of a baby girl's raggedy doll.

Hazel Green Man Was Old Resident

HAZEL GREEN—J. R. Worden, who was buried in the Claggett cemetery December 20, was a resident of this community since 1908. He would have been 88 New Year's day.

Mr. Worden and Elizabeth Todd were married at Petersburg, Neb., 1890. Their golden wedding anniversary, October 14, was celebrated quietly because of Worden's illness. Only a few relatives and friends being invited. Their only child, Ralph, and his wife and children live near Mrs. Worden.

Residents Return From Trip South

JEFFERSON—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown and three children have returned home from a month's visit with relatives at Duncan, Okla., and Kigore, Tex. As they drove east over the northern route and came home on the southern route.

At Garden City, Kansas, the Browns stopped for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Beach, former local residents. They report a fine trip, and prospects for a good crop in the middle-west.

Rebekahs Gather At Independence

INDEPENDENCE—The Rebekahs gathered at the lodge hall Tuesday night for an impromptu Christmas program.

Mrs. James S. Robble gave a reading "The Last Hymn"; Mrs. Joe Hubbard told what Christmas meant to a family of ten other members present responded with verses and songs.

Orin Kellogg furnished the tree; Mrs. Robert W. White, and Mrs. C. Coign were hostesses and the men served. A gift exchange was held.

Attendance Is Small

WEST SALEM—The Kingwood Garden club met at the home of Mrs. James Monaco Thursday afternoon to a family of ten other members present. The others were home because of illness in their families. Christmas baskets were prepared during the afternoon.

Seal Sale Nears Goal for County

Over \$4000 Received to Date; Fund Maintains Public X-Ray Clinic

A total of \$4382.16 has been received to date for the annual tuberculosis seal sale. Tinkham Gilbert, president of the Marion County Health association, is assured that the \$6000 goal will be reached.

The booth sales have gone very well this year with total receipts amounting to \$157.54. The rural districts outside of Salem have reported a total of \$1827.22 from the seal sales, which is a high percentage.

Seal sale money in Marion county maintains the only public X-ray clinic for the purpose of tuberculosis examinations. Last year 1090 people received X-ray examinations in this county. In tuberculosis testing citizens of Marion county there has been found a low positive rate. Thirty five per cent have a positive reaction. In the high schools of Salem eight

years ago 17 per cent of the students and last year there were only

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