

Salem Youth, Navy Ensign, Well, Happy

First word from Ensign James Pickett, Salem youth on the USS Wright, that "I'm perfectly well, safe and happy to be," was received Thursday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pickett.

Pickett's letter, written Friday somewhere on the Pacific, says in part, "The spirit out here is magnificent and the boys have laughed it off with a traditional American grin and everybody's in there pitching to win the old ball game."

Pickett expressed concern about Eddy Wyman and Verdi Sederstrom, on the USS Oklahoma. Word has been received here since the death of both in the Japanese raid.

A member of the censorship board, Pickett advised to "please discount rumors unless they are verified by the government."

After finishing the naval reserve training in Chicago, Pickett was called in March from University of Oregon and had been stationed at Pearl Harbor. A week before the war began his ship stopped at Wake island, according to Mrs. Pickett.

Still Pitchin'



ENSIGN JAMES PICKETT

Junior Group Gives Party

SILVERTON — Mrs. Charles Hoyt was hostess Monday to members of the Junior Women's club, of which she is advisor. This was their annual Christmas party at which members exchange gifts.

The social part of the night was spent in wrapping gifts for the underprivileged children invited to the special Christmas party which the Silvertown club gives each year. The date has been set for December 22 at the Eugene Field building with the children invited from the first, second and third grades.

Married Group Forms Class

PRATUM—The young married people of Emmanuel Mennonite church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Welby in Salem Wednesday to organize a Sunday school class for their group.

Mrs. Daniel J. Unruh was elected teacher. Refreshments were served to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Guddeson, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hofstetter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herr, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Herr and Mr. and Mrs. Unruh.

Jefferson Man Hurt in Crash

JEFFERSON — Lloyd Bilyeu, who is employed with a bridge crew of the Southern Pacific railroad beyond Philomath, met with an accident Monday while driving home.

Near the Children's Farm home he failed to see a signal made by the driver of a car ahead, who made a left hand turn across the highway to his home and they crashed. Bilyeu received a bruised knee and bad bruise of his head. The front of his car was damaged and was brought to Jefferson for repairs.

Woodburn School Has Homecoming

WOODBURN—The annual high school homecoming will be held tonight.

Following the program there will be a basketball game in the Woodburn high school gymnasium. All high school alumni will be admitted free to the game.

The program starts at 7 p.m. The basketball game is expected to get under way about 8:30.

Community Clubs

FAIRVIEW—The Fairview community club Christmas program will be given by the school children under the directions of the teachers Tuesday.

The Fairview school holiday vacation will start Wednesday and close January 5, Mrs. Henry Knoche, the principal, announced.

HAYESVILLE—The program at the regular meeting of the Hayesville community club tonight will be given by the school children.

Word Awaited



Byron L. Ray, assistant yeoman aboard the USS Pensacola, was in Pearl Harbor when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ray of Salem, last heard from him, late in November. Ray, who is in the navigator's office, is publisher of the ship's paper, "The Gator." He entered the navy following graduation from Salem high school in June.

Services Read For Victim of Auto Crash

LEBANON—Final rites were read at the Howe Funeral Home, Thursday afternoon for Vera Ackerman Edwards who died as the result of injuries sustained in a car crash on the Santiam highway Monday forenoon. Reverend D. Lester Fields officiated and the body was taken to Independence for interment.

Mrs. Edwards, who was born in Junction City 37 years ago is survived by her mother, Mrs. Vance Clymer in Foster; her father, Byron H. Ackerman; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Woerlein and a son, Dee Watterberger, all of Independence and a brother, Dean Ackerman of Albany. She also left two grandchildren. Her home had been in Independence until she came to Lebanon a few months ago to work in the Lebanon laundry.

The body of the other victim of the wreck, Wallace Peterson, 20, was taken to Corvallis as his mother lives in Summit. Funeral services were held for him Wednesday.

Mill Purchased By Silvertown

Papers were signed Thursday in Salem whereby the city of Silvertown acquires from Marion county the old Fischer Flouring mill properties in Silvertown for a total of \$4000.

Taken over by the county under tax foreclosure, the properties, it is understood, probably are eventually to be developed as a civic center. They lie along Silver Creek across from the city park. (See story on Sunday feature page.)

Program Held Tonight

WOODBURN—The Sunday school of the Woodburn Methodist church will hold its annual Christmas program and party at the church tonight, beginning at 7:30.

Service Men

Where They Are What They're Doing

TURNER—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Harrison received word this week from their son, Eugene, naval technician on the USS Whitney at Pearl Harbor, that he is safe and well. Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spencer received airmail communication from their son Cyril, in the army corps in the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. N. W. Hutchens has received no word yet from her son, Darrel W. Hutchens, officer on the USS Lexington at Pearl Harbor.

Sgt. Max R. Kelly, son of Mrs. Max Kelly, Mill City, was recently ordered to report to the US marine corps barracks at Quantico, Va., for assignment to the ordnance instruction course at Aberdeen, Md.

The course will last approximately three months and will include the study of field artillery pieces, equipment, theory and technique.

Sgt. Kelly just recently completed his 12th year of service in the marine corps and has seen duty in China, the Philippines and Hawaii.

MT. ANGELO—Of all the boys of the community that are in service in the Pacific there has been word from only two, Richard Hessel and Walter Hassler. The two boys were stationed in Honolulu.

A telegram from Hessel to his mother, Mrs. Joseph Hessel, received this week states that he is well and that his friend Hassler is "hod." No amount of inquiry has made it possible to ascertain the meaning of the "hod" but the

general acceptance here is that he was hurt on duty.

GRAND ISLAND—Donald R. Brown who is in the US navy, stationed at San Diego, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Tompkins Sunday to enjoy what he expected to be a ten-day furlough. However, due to the war situation he returned to duty and left Tuesday for his station.

Donald has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins for the past five years and was a member of the 1941 graduating class of the Amity Union high school.

Miss Mary Bourke, 194 South Church street, received a Christmas greeting card Thursday from Clarence Seguin, who is stationed at Fort Mills near Manila. The card was postmarked, Manila, November 18. Seguin, known to his friends as "Dub," was employed at the Paulus cannery, prior to his enlistment.

Flight training at Sand Point naval air station at Seattle was begun Thursday by Ray Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Kemp, 245 East Washington street. Kemp attended Oregon State college.

After two months he is slated to be transferred for advance training to Florida or Texas. Upon completion of the course, he will be commissioned an ensign in the naval reserve.

Howard T. Harper, assistant crew chief with the 19th bombardment squadron at Clark Field, the Philippines, sustained a slight leg wound when Japanese

Reported Safe



BROOKS — Three letters on Thursday brought word to Luther Hutto, Brooks, of the safety of his son, Charles Andrew Hutto (above), who was in the navy at Pearl Harbor when the war broke out. Young Hutto has been in the navy 3½ years.

bombed the field December 7, according to a radiogram received Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harper of Aumsville.

His wire said he was in the base hospital.

Logger Funeral Held

MILL CITY—The funeral of Ralph M. Heath was conducted at the Mill City cemetery Monday, W. S. Crockett officiating. Mr. Heath was killed while logging on Blue River, near Eugene.

Teachers Get Data on Bonds Payroll Plan

Information on the payroll plan of savings by purchase of national defense bonds is to be sent this week to 250 rural teachers or their boards in Marion county, Superintendent Agnes Booth said Thursday.

Seventeen rural schools in the county definitely come under the plan, which provides for payroll savings where five or more employes are hired, and there the suggestions are to be sent directly to school boards.

Teachers in other schools probably will budget their defense savings by use of stamp books, Mrs. Booth said, pointing out that rural Marion county teachers receive an average salary of \$89 a month when the 8½ months' pay is spread over a full year.

Priorities to Reduce State Road Building

PORTLAND, Dec. 18—(AP)—Stiffer priority requirements probably will reduce this state's road building even more, Chairman Henry F. Cabell of the highway commission, predicted at a board meeting Thursday.

He pointed out the federal government has withheld all normal federal funds except in cases of roads to military reservations, de-

fense industries or to relieve bottlenecks in the strategic military highway network.

No Money, Lick Japs

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—(AP)—Boatswain's Mate Robert Fick rushed into Geyne Sun's Chinese laundry Thursday and asked for his bundle in a hurry. It was 11

o'clock and he had to report for duty at noon.

He didn't have his ticket, but Geyne Sun didn't throw at him that old chestnut, "No ticket, no shirtee."

Pushing back the sailor's dollar bill, the laundryman gave Fick his laundry and said: "No money, smack Japs."

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