

Former Salem Resident Trains Finance Men for Army Service

Major Lesley Directs Air Service Work

A "covered wagon baby", Maj. Orville A. Lesley, finance officer of IV air service area command, is on duty at headquarters for the area in Sacramento, Calif. And though that descriptive phrase is correct, Major Lesley is not a decrepit old-timer from the days of '49. In fact, he's only 38 years old and far removed from the gold rush days when covered wagon babies were as ordinary as reports of new gold strikes.

The covered wagon in which Major Lesley was born was one of a caravan traveling north from Santa Rosa, Calif., to Eugene, Ore., when his parents and other farmers decided to go into the lumber business.

"It was the only way the family could move household goods and stock inexpensively," Major Lesley explained. "I don't know just how long it



Major O. A. Lesley, former Salem resident, finance officer of IV air service area command for far western states, has established a finance school at Sacramento air depot for men who will take over duties of handling army funds wherever American forces may be stationed. Here, left, he demonstrates a problem to school instructors, Tech. Sgt. James L. Barber of West Bend, Ind., and Staff Sgt. George E. Vickery of Indianapolis, Ind.

took, but quite a spell, from what my parents told me." Major Lesley's birth took place when the wagon train stopped at Saginaw in Lane county, Oregon. His family settled at Coburg where he attended school. He was a business college student in Eugene and in 1926 entered LaSalle university for a two-year business course.

Upon completing his university studies, Major Lesley became a

public accountant and also served in the national guard. He was discharged from the latter in 1934 and given a reserve officer commission.

During the years 1938 to 1940 Major Lesley was mapping engineer for the agricultural adjustment administration, state of Oregon.

His career in regular military service was resumed in 1936 when he was on duty at Vancouver Barracks. Since then he has been stationed at Fort Lewis, March Field, in Riverside, Calif., with the IV fighter command, and in San Francisco and Sacramento with IV air service area command.

Major Lesley, early last year, was sent to Fort Washington, Maryland, to receive special training at the adjutants general school.

His assignments have included those of assistant disbursing officer, base personnel adjutant, finance officer and acting adjutant general.

Major Lesley, a former Salem resident, recently set up and put into operation the IV air service area command's finance schools at Sacramento (Calif.) air depot and Pendleton field where enlisted men with experience as accountants or as finance officers in private concerns are trained to take charge of finance offices wherever American forces are stationed.

The Sacramento air depot fi-

Teachers to Meet; Students Excused Monday, 2 Counties

It's school for the teachers and a holiday for the pupils in Marion and Clackamas county public schools Monday as the two-county regional conference is conducted in Salem.

Selected from teaching staffs of the two counties to conduct the study groups' meetings from 11:10 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon are Walter Snyder, J. O. Russell, Dorothy Res, Grace Schon, Lloyd Gilrod, Frank Smith, L. J. Urhammer, R. W. Tavenner, Laura Belle Miles, Frank Neer, Dorothy Daugherty, Jesse Deetz, Abbie Lyman Beck, William Rannow, Frank J. Hostetler, M. L. Whittaker, Floyd Jensen, A. Clifford, Ella Lawrence, Kenneth Ramey, Yolanda Heerdt, Mary Gibson and Nina Elkins.

Principal speaker for the conference, which centers around betterment of this country's relations with Latin-American nations, is to be Rev. Alcum Heibel of Mt. Angel college.

Salem Teachers' association plays host at a reception Monday night for other teachers from Marion county.

Preparing for gasoline rationing, principals and department heads of the city schools have been called to meet at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the administration office's conference room. A 4 o'clock meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' association council is scheduled for that same room Tuesday afternoon.

Highland school, with Mrs. Mitterdorff's room in charge, and Garfield, with the second grade responsible, will hold assemblies at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Leslie junior high school has a rally slated for 3:15 p. m. Wednesday.

A junior pay assembly is on the calendar for Thursday at 12:30 p. m. at the high school.

An Armistice day program is planned for 1 p. m. Friday at Bush school, an assembly with the second grade in charge the same hour at Washington school.

Finance school is the largest in the area's nine western states. Eighty men are to be instructed during each six weeks' course. Other finance schools are to be established as required.

The finance department is one of the most important in IV air service area command which is in charge of supply, repair, maintenance, service and salvage of all army aircraft operating in the far west.

As he heads, Major Lesley directs the work of all finance officers at four depots and many sub-depots in the area.

Major Lesley is married and has two daughters attending Sacramento schools.

Shovel Works On Road Slide

Marion county's No. 1 road problem came to the attention of the county road authorities Saturday and the power shovel was started on its journey to the Elk-horn road along the Little North fork of the Santiam river, where a continuous procession of slides has kept crews on the alert during all but the fairest of weather for a year.

Efforts to stem the tide of the gradually sliding dirt by hand labor had worked up to Saturday, Bert Iverson, county road foreman, said, but more drastic steps were recommended to keep the road clear now. No slides of the magnitude of those that blocked the road last year are anticipated but several families and logging and sawmill operations depend on the road and the task of keeping soft dirt from the new cut out of the tracks is to be carried on through the winter, it is planned.

Sprague Lauds Goudy's Work

Praise of the administration of Elmer Goudy, for approximately 10 years administrator of the state public welfare commission, was voiced by Gov. Charles A. Sprague here Saturday.

Goudy resigned his position this week to manage the estate of the late E. S. Collins, Portland, and Miss Loa Howard, his chief assistant, was appointed as his successor.

"Goudy proved himself a most efficient official as head of the public welfare commission," Governor Sprague said, "and he leaves the affairs of the department in splendid condition. He is an outstanding organizer and experienced in handling intricate financial problems."

Governor Sprague said that Goudy developed the commission, which is one of the state's largest and most outstanding public agencies. He originally was appointed during the administration of the late Governor Julius L. Meier.

Finale of Scrap Drive This Week

By Saturday night, November 7, Marion county's scrap drive will have come to a close, and totals of the rural salvage collection should be known, according to County Agent Robert Rieder, whose community leaders' organization has undertaken the work in all but metropolitan areas.

Total of the collection piled on the Portland Gas & Coke company lot had mounted to 99.9 tons Friday night. From Salem Heights and Four Corners neighborhoods more came in on Saturday. In addition, other depots over the county have collections ready for buyers.

Cashing of Bonds Rumor Unfounded

Rumors to the effect that Portland shipyard workers were cashing their war bonds soon after purchase were declared untrue here Saturday by Frederick S. Lampert, chairman of the Marion county war savings staff.

Redemptions of war bonds nationally amount to but three-tenths of 1 per cent, Lampert declared.

Lampert said employees in the three Kaiser yards alone in the Portland district were buying \$251,565 worth of bonds per week.

Typical Scene at Defense Plant Shows Cars are Essential



Forceful evidence that the automobile is fundamental to America's wartime achievements is found in this picture, taken at a Pacific coast war production plant. It is typical of daily scenes in hundreds of plants throughout the nation. Great numbers of the millions of war workers in this country are mobilized chiefly by motor vehicles. It is important, declare Mobilization experts, that these machines be safeguarded against perils of failure, in order that there be no loss of essential transportation, and no hindrance to war production.

Hero to Son



"Jackie" Shea, 5-year-old son of Comm. John Joseph Shea, USN, 43, who went down with the USS Wasp, is pictured in the above Soundphoto reading a letter he never will part with—a letter that said "If I don't get back . . ." Picture was taken in the Shea home in Arlington, Mass. It read in part: "This is the first letter I have ever written directly to my little son and I am thrilled to know you can read it all by yourself. . . If I don't get back you'll have to be mother's protector."—HIN Photo.

H. A. Simmons Takes Salem Agency, General Petroleum Manager

H. A. Simmons, Salem resident for five years, has taken over the General Petroleum corporation distributing agency for the Salem area, it was announced Saturday. His district covers the area marked off by Dallas, Aurora, Mill City and Jefferson, with Salem in the center.

In assuming his new position as successor to M. W. Sawyer, Simmons relinquished the district management of the Associated Oil company here, which he had held for five years.

The General Petroleum agency serves independent retail service stations, industrial, farm and commercial customers and homes employing oil heating systems. The agency office is located at 635 South 15th street.

Mr. Simmons has been in the oil business for 18 years, seven years of that period at Roseburg before he moved to Salem, and the first six years in Portland. He is married and has a daughter, Betty-gene, a Salem high school student, and a son born on October 8 of this year.

Manager



H. A. SIMMONS

State Courts Hold in Camp

The state courts have jurisdiction of violations of state statutes occurring within the boundaries of Camp Adair, Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle held in an opinion here Saturday.

"It is my opinion," VanWinkle continued, "that the legislature of Oregon has not yet consented to the acquisition of the lands within Camp Adair by the federal government for military purposes, and that, therefore, the federal government is merely the proprietor of such lands."

The state's jurisdiction in law violations would in no way interfere with army officials' authority over the conduct of soldiers at the cantonment, VanWinkle said.

The opinion was requested by District Attorney Fred McHenry of Benton county.

Officials to See Defense Drills

Three state civilian defense officials will leave Salem Tuesday on a four-day tour to study civilian protection measures in Wasco, Umatilla, Union and Baker counties.

The officials are Jerrold Owen, state civilian defense coordinator; Jack Hayes, director of civilian protection, and Captain William J. M. Rogers, army inspector assigned to Oregon.

Air raid incident drills are scheduled at The Dalles Tuesday night, La Grande Wednesday, Baker Thursday and Pendleton Friday.

All civilian protective agencies will participate in these drills, Owen said.

Red Cross Given Praise for Work

Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross received commendation for their work in furnishing extra garments to service men in recent letters from the naval supply depot in Oakland, Calif., acknowledging the receipt of 30 sweaters in Iceland. Another letter acknowledged the receipt of 25 sweaters, five scarfs, five helmets, 15 pairs of gloves and five pairs of socks.

Sale of Potatoes, Onions Offered

CORVALLIS, Oct. 31 — (AP)—The agricultural marketing administration Saturday called for purchase offers for 5,000,000 bushels of russet potatoes and 282,000 sacks of onions.

The Oregon State college extension service said the offers must be in the AMA office at San Francisco by 11 a. m. next Tuesday.

Sports Editor Quits

PORTLAND, Oct. 31 — (AP)—Bob Leonard, sports editor of the Klamath Falls News and Herald, said Saturday he was about to be inducted into the army as a ski trooper. Leonard succeeded Bill Cummings, who joined the army air force a year ago.

Adair Adds Scrap

CAMP ADAIR, Oct. 31 — (AP)—Lt. Paul B. Morgan, Camp Adair salvage officer, said Saturday that all scrap metal in the post area is being collected to increase Oregon's total in the nationwide newspaper drive.

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