

## Service Men

Where They Are  
What They're Doing

Carroll M. Robinson, who has been working in Albany as an engineer for the state highway department, is to leave Saturday for the east coast, where he will serve as a petty officer in the naval construction unit for a training station.

James C. Darby, former corporal with the state police in Salem, has been selected as honor student in the recruit training class at Puget Sound navy yard for the first week in November. According to the announcement published in the navy yard paper "Darby was selected over other candidates in knowledge of manual of arms, rifle parts, signaling, general seamanship and other subjects covered." His wife and two small sons make their home in Salem with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Darby, at 1805 South Church street.

Harold Davis, 1138 Ruge street, West Salem, has joined the navy and is now stationed at the US naval training station in Farragut, Ida. Mrs. Davis will leave next week to make her home in Idaho.

Pvt. Willard M. Glaze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glaze of Salem route one, has been advanced to regimental clerk in charge of motor transportation for his battery. He is stationed at San Diego. He was formerly a bookkeeper at Ladd & Bush bank.

Earl Gilmer, a mechanic in the artillery, returned to his station at Escondido, Calif., after spending a two-weeks furlough in Salem where he visited members of his family.

PORTLAND, Nov. 17—(AP)—Enlistments announced Tuesday by the army included: Mark N. Seleen, Brownsville; Wilbur F. Milford, Dayton; Raymond L. Meyer, Lebanon; Clarke R. Church, Newberg; Jack W. Bush, Lestern A. Hemmingsen, Ralph R. Doerner, Salem.

## Legion Quits Hall; USO Only User

Capital post No. 9, American Legion, passed a resolution Monday night to discontinue use entirely of Legion hall and turn it over for the exclusive use of the USO. Such a move is made necessary by the increase in the number of service men now using the building. The USO attendance has jumped from 250 to 2500 a week.

Important among the committee reports during the meeting was that made by Membership Committee Chairman Stanley Krueger, who revealed that the post's membership rolls now consist of many more names than at this time last year.

Chairman of the dance committee, Tom Hill, reported that the Saturday night dances being held at the armory are meeting with unusual success.

Col. Carl Abrams, who was master of ceremonies Armistice day, reported on the public response for the activities that day and said "it was one of the most successful programs in years."

"It was the American Legion that sponsored the Armistice day celebration years ago and the Legion was then entirely without support in this activity," the colonel reported. "Since then, however, one by one the other local organizations have joined in until now nearly every one of them are being represented and taking very active interest in the celebrations."

The business meeting was followed by a program of entertainment featuring Pvt. Nick Sansonia of Camp Adair.

## Defeats Norris



Kenneth S. Wherry (above), 56, a republican, was elected by Nebraska voters to replace the veteran George W. Norris, 81, independent senator and one of the most colorful figures in American politics. Wherry, a lawyer, merchant and farmer as well as mayor Pawnee City, Neb., a town of 1800 persons, campaigned on an anti-new deal platform. Ironically, the voters gave Norris the retirement he had expressed a hope for a number of years ago. — Associated Press Telegram.

Service of the USO is lauded by Robert Beecroft, General Electric of the Portland, General Electric company, in a letter from Camp Chaffee, Ark., to his "boss," W. M. Hamilton, division manager. "Enjoyed very much a dance at the USO," Beecroft wrote. "You can not understand how much the USO means to us until you get on the receiving end of their many wonderful services. Keep up the good work. I know the boys there appreciate your kindness as we do that of the fine people here and in Little Rock, St. Louis, Toledo and everywhere else we have been. It has been wonderful."

Sgt. Jack Reynolds, stationed with the army air corps at Ephrata, Wash., spent the weekend at the Homer V. Carpenter home here, as the guest of Corp. and Mrs. Ransom Carpenter. Sgt. Reynolds' father, H. J. Reynolds, is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. Corp. Carpenter returned to his station at Payne Field, Wash.

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. —Moss E. Moore, of Salem, who recently entered military service, has arrived at the engineer replacement training center here for an intensive training program in preparation for combat engineer duty.

James Thompson, who has been stationed at Lakehurst, N.J. recently wrote his mother, Mrs. A. E. Pettit, 340 East Wilson street, Salem, that he had earned his aviation machinists mate second class rating in the Lakehurst lighter-than-air school and had received a promotion to second class petty officer. Thompson was transferred to Santa Ana, Calif., after completing his training in Lakehurst.

Maj. Phillip P. Davidson, husband of Mrs. Jeanne C. Davidson of 742 North Cottage street, was recently transferred to the aerial observation school at Brooks field, Texas. Major Davidson, a graduate of the US military academy in 1939, was stationed at Camp Adair, Oregon, prior to his assignment to Brooks.

WEST SALEM — Mr. and Mrs. Fay Winchester have received word that their son, Merle Winchester, has been assigned to Purdue university, Lafayette, Ind., to train for electrician's mate.

Kenneth Wolfe, son of Mrs. James Wolfe, is training to be a machinist mate at Norman, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dalke have received word that their son, Harold, has been sent from San Diego to Farragut, Idaho. He is a draftsman.

Kent McVey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger McVey, has been sent to the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, to study to be a naval radio technician.

## Parish Provides, Installs Camp Room Furnishings

Furnishings for a day room at Camp Adair provided by members of St. Joseph's parish were taken over to the camp and installed in the room Tuesday morning by Rev. T. J. Bernards and a committee of parishioners.

So much interest has been developed in furnishing the first day room that it is probable a second room will be furnished at once, Father Bernards said. The room furnished Tuesday is for the company under Col. Knight, who was in St. Joseph's church Sunday when Father Bernards told of final details of the furnishings. Col. Knight immediately contacted the Red Cross and Father Bernards and arranged to have the furnishings for his company recreation room.

Draperies for the room were made by the women of the parish and other furnishings include a large bookcase, a radio, a piano, a phonograph, several library tables and numerous chairs.

## Roosevelt Okehs Birthday Drive

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—(AP)—President Roosevelt has authorized the celebration of his birthday in January for the annual fund-raising drive in the fight against infantile paralysis. Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced Tuesday.

O'Connor's letter to the president disclosed that the foundation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1942, made grants and appropriations totaling \$1,152,191.17 in its fight against the disease.

## Chinese Smash Jap Operation

CHUNGKING, Nov. 17—(AP)—Strong Japanese forces which attempted the conquest of an extensive region in Shantung province have been smashed in an operation which a Chinese high command communique Monday night described a major victory.

The Japanese, the communique said, assembled an army of 40,000 for a mopping up operation in the foothills of the Yi mountains. The Chinese said they killed or wounded 5000 and forced the invaders to withdraw many miles.

# Montgomery Ward's Reply to the NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

November 13, 1942  
National War Labor Board  
Department of Labor Building,  
Washington, D. C.  
Gentlemen:

We have the National War Labor board's order of November 5.\* In this order the board demands that Montgomery Ward & company enter into a contract establishing a form of closed shop called "maintenance of membership," together with a check-off of union dues from wages. Under this form of closed shop, the employees who are members of the union would not be free to resign from the union without being discharged, and Wards would not be free to retain a competent worker who had resigned from the union. This making of union membership a condition of employment is the essence of the closed shop, whatever form it may take. "Maintenance of membership" is the starting phase which inevitably leads to the full closed shop.

The president of the United States is quoted as having said, on November 14, 1941: "The government of the United States will not order, nor will congress pass legislation ordering, the so-called closed shop." Wards is in agreement with this statement and believes that the board's order is not in accordance with the president's principles. Wards believes that the board's demands not only violate the fundamental principles of liberty but are economically unsound and are illegal under the terms of the National Labor Relations act. If the board's order against Wards is enforced, the pattern will be established by which all unions in all industries can secure a form of closed shop and checkoff merely by appealing to the War Labor board. The board further ordered a form of compulsory arbitration for Wards. Wards is not opposed to voluntary arbitration. However, Wards' management should not, as demanded by the board, abandon responsibilities which have been vested in it by the owners of the corporation, and so surrender to outside arbitrators the final decision on all matters which the union may wish to treat as grievances. The board further ordered that Wards guarantee its wages and other working conditions for a one-year period. Wards believes that a fixed duration for one year is unsound in these uncertain times. Wards operates in a highly competitive field composed of one million seven hundred fifty thousand retail establishments. It is unfair to impose burdens upon Wards and not

upon those with whom it is in competition. Wards' efforts to preserve the essential freedoms between itself and its employees have not been prompted by any feeling of anti-unionism. The report of the mediation panel expressly recognizes this fact. Wards' policy has been to obey the law. Wards has twenty-nine union contracts with both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions. Wards has already given its employees the increases in wages previously recommended by the board. Wards did this even though its wages were already as high as or higher than those prevailing in the industry and had been increased an average of over 21% since January 1941. Wards is willing to include these increases in a contract with the union. There is no issue over wages. The War Labor board was created by the president to replace the old defense mediation board. The mediation board was destroyed by the resignation of the union members following the board's vote of nine to two against a closed shop in the captive coal mine case. The War Labor board, in name only, is composed of representatives of the unions, of industry, and of the public. The union representatives are men chosen for leadership by the unions, and have actually protected the interests of the unions. On the other hand, neither industry nor the public have had any voice in the selection of those who presumably represent them. By their decisions, the supposed representatives of industry and of the public have because of inexperience, prejudice or lack of understanding, abandoned the interests of those whom they were appointed to represent. Under the constitution, congress is the sole law-making authority. If closed shops and compulsory arbitration are to become requirements upon employers, it is congress and not the War Labor board which should make them so. Congress has not empowered the board to order any employer to do any of the things it demands of Wards. Accordingly, Wards rejects the order of the board. If congress imposes closed shops, compulsory arbitration or contracts of a year's duration on employers, or if the president of the United States, as commander-in-chief in time of war, directs that Wards accept the board's rulings, which we earnestly believe are illegal and uneconomic, we will respectfully obey.

Yours Very Truly,

Montgomery Ward & Company

(SIGNED) SEWELL AVERY  
President

\* This Order Affects Ward's Mail Order House and Store at Chicago