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ervice Men

Where They Are-What They Are Doing

Treasured possession of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Russell, route one, box 7m, Salem, is a clipping from an Australian paper lauding the patience, ability and loyalty of the Scorpions artillery battalion of which their son, Cpl. Merrill M. Russell is a member.

The newspaper story is the dramatic recounting of the after effects of a shipwreck that left the battalion "sitting on the tidal mud of the Australian coast while all their belongings and equipment posed beneath the sea in the hull of a damaged ship."

Attacked by enemy bombers, the vessel's plates were sprung and twisted and she sank rapidly. "Jap planes continued to bomb and strafe the deck of the sinking vessel, so the captain ran the ship aground."

Wading ashore to comparative safety, the soldiers and sailors discovered that they could be safe and still be uncomfortable and useless. Trained artillerymen, they thought, could not be of much service without their artillery, which was aboard ship.

"The situation might become embarrassing and not because they didn't have pants," the Australian newswriter commented. Under other conditions they might have called for assistance for themselve sand let marine salvagers save what they could on the ship, but they knew of no other equipment than that they had apparently abandoned.

Working at night so that the enemy could not discover what was happening they patched and pumped and drained and cleaned until in a matter of two months' time the ship was once again shipshape, and their guns were ready to take ashore.

"This all accomplished, they were all set to take on the Nips, and they still are," comments the writer, adding that "Incidentally, that ship is still sailing some one or other of the seven seas.

Robert W. Hartley, son of Mr and Mrs. J. M. Hartley, expects designed a new standard for the to spend an Easter furlough in Salem with his wife and parents. Hartley is stationed at Ford Worden, Wash.

marine service with the navy since 1940 and reports having been in Japanese waters at least twice. He is a former Willamette university man. His brother, Lt. Don

CPL. MERRIAL M. RUSSELL

DALE SMITH

306th medical battalion which was approved by the adjutant general

of the war department and adopted formally by the commander First Class Petty Officer Dale of the battalion at a ceremony re-Smith has been in Salem as a cently. Corp. Daniels, a nephew visitor at the home of his parents, of Helen Leisi of Salem, has vis-Mr. and Mrs. Don C. Smith, and ited her many times here. He is a with his wife, the former Mar- son of Marie Leisi Daniels of San garet Sorahan, who is living in Francisco and has been a free Salem. Smith has been on sub- lance artist in San Francisco be-



Censoring his own letter, Lt.

Wood did not allow himself to

reveal his location in Africa or

any other war information. His

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smashed, destroyed and driven inthat he is still healthy. He received a weekly newspaper, the to the ground, but the Tommies Itemizer-Observer, a Chrismtas never will be beaten. They will edition, in February and took a whole night to read it through to the finish. He mailed this letter one Englishman lives, England on March 26 and it arrived here will be free," said First Lt. on Monday, April 12,

WEST SALEM-Capt. Charles Unruh from Ft. Stevens visited at his home over last weekend. lives at 455 South High street.

SUNNYSIDE-Cpl. Harold Carey, who was home on a ten day furlough to visit his wife and daughter, left Sunday for Tonopah, Nev., where he now is stationed.

fore enlisting. He is in the medi-

JEFFERSON-Clifford Beach, son of Mr. Ray Beach, who is in the navy stationed at Farragut, Idaho, is home on an eight day furlough. His brother, Pvt. Leroy Beach, the courage of the British soldier."

is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, training with the tank destroy-

to the men in his sector. Among Mr. and Mrs. A. Costelow rethe gifts the lieutenant received ceived word from their son, on his station at the North Africa Jack, who has been ill in the nabattle front was a lace table val hospital at Alameda, Calif., cloth. He is sending it home. that he has recovered and recently has been transferred to the na-PORTLAND, April 15 -(P)val training air corps school at

Cecil L. Calahan, Lebanon, was among new navy recruits announced here Thursday.

Friends and relatives of Oregon men being inducted into the army have been invited to be present at the induction ceremonies which conclude the day-long process of selection for service.

The invitation is extended by Colonel J. J. Fulmer, commanding officer of the Oregon recruiting and induction district. In order to honor these men who are to fight for their country, Colonel Fulmer has arranged ceremonies which include farewell talks to the inductees by civic and business leaders of

Oregon. These swearing-in rites are held in the auditorium of the seven-story building at 614 SW 11th avenue in Portland, which is now the joint induction headquarters for all the armed serv-

After advancing over the North Africa deserts, shoulder to shoulder with British troops,



The OREGON STATESMAN, Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, April 16, 1943

The Statesman this week is giving up one of its editorial employes to the army and getting another back from the navy.

Winston H. Taylor, who has had charge of The Statesman news desk, has quit his blue pencil and typewriter and will leave rise again, and truly, the last today for induction into the army,

battle will be theirs. As long as at the Fort Lewis, Wash., recep- ceeded William H. VanNatta as tion center.

news editor in March, 1942, Carry-His place has been taken by ing on part-time studies at Wil-Frank Herbert, former Statesman "Chuck" Wood in a letter to his photographer-reporter, who relamette at the same time, he atfather, Charles L. Wood, who is ceived a medical discharge from tained senior standing this year. connected with the public utili- the navy last month as a result He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. ties commissioner's office and of an accidental injury received in M. E. Taylor. His father is a fortraining. Enlisting in the navy mer Dayton publisher and now a last year as a yeoman, third class, Statesman linotype operator. Herbert had advanced to photographer's mate, second class, when the injury sent him to Portsmouth and a leader in student church nation. naval hospital, near Norfolk, Va., activities in Oregon.

for two months early this year. have contributed 14 of its em- precious heritage of a democracy, Taylor joined the Statesman ployes directly to military and al- citizens should beware of false staff as a proof reader in September, 1938. He became city hall lied wartime services. The list in- ideals. Rev. Nielsen reminded his matically follow the cessation of reporter in June, 1941, and suc- cludes three in the navy, two in listeners that peace does not auto- hostilities.

the marines, five in the army ground forces, one in the army air corps, one in the army transport service, one in the merchant marine and one in the war-expanded federal bureau of investigation.

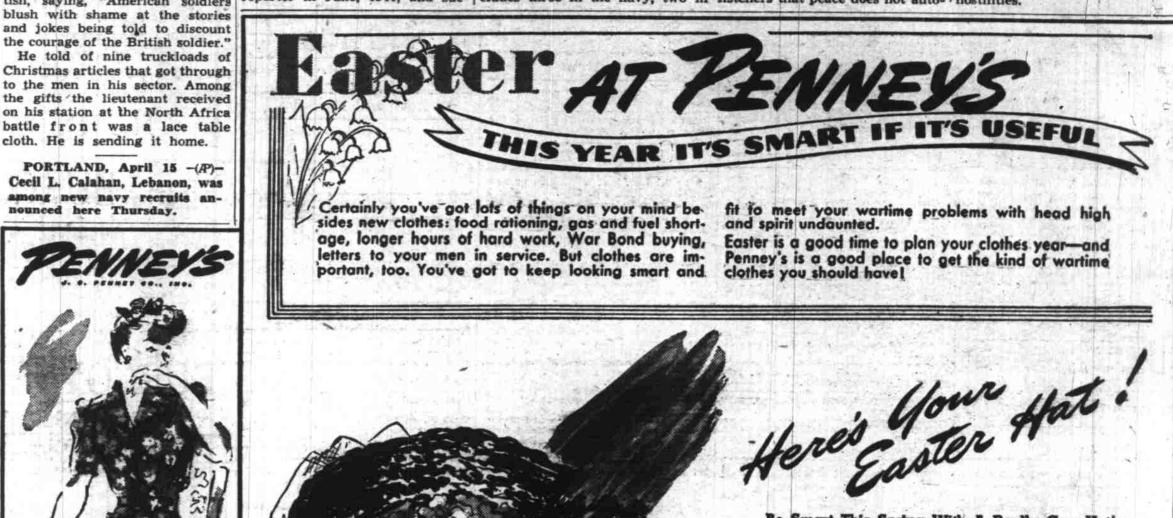
Salem Pastor **Falks** to Lions

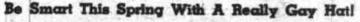
In an address to the Salem Lions club Thursday noon, Rev. David Nielsen, pastor of the First Congregational church, stated that Christianity and democracy in their highest forms are closely allied. Rev. Nielsen asserted that Americans should gain a world Young Taylor was active in af-fairs of the First Methodist church responsibilities in a democratic

The pastor mentioned the fact With Taylor, The Statesman will that, although free speech is a

WINSTON TAYLOR

Inducted







A new hat is just the right thing to lift your spirits! You'll find life brighter the minute you see these lovely new sailors that are crisp and shining . . . the tiny calots that are a mass of flowers . . . and the pompadour types that sit gayly on your head to show off your new hair-dol You'll find discreet berets and conservative off-face styles for your suits! Grand choice







ices.

To Fruit Growers and Others

letter speaks of a good record that his battalion "has under its belt" in Africa.

.He deplored the attitude of many Americans toward the British, saying, "American soldiers blush with shame at the stories and jokes being told to discount

