

Fowler Sends Yule Gift To Buddies

Overage Airman Gives \$10 to Pals On KP in India

Leslie H. Fowler of 2080 North 18th street, Salem, was one of the "overage destroyers" at the headquarters of the army air forces in India. Well over 40, he was inducted into the army before the directive excluding men over 38 came into effect, and when it did he already was abroad. He got in nearly four months of overseas service as a buck private, most of it on a kitchen detail, before he was released and sent home.

Fowler went to Salem and got a defense job in a cannery but he did not forget the friends he had left in India. A few days ago his former commanding officer, Maj. Charles T. Holmes, received the following letter, to which a \$10 bill was attached:

"Dear Sir: "Since I have been home I have been working very steady in the cannery and do not get off work in time to get to the stores to get the boys in the kitchen anything for Xmas presents. I am therefore sending in this letter a small donation or present of cash which I wish to be used to buy something there to help make their Xmas a little more pleasant than it would have been.

"I hope and trust that you all are all well and getting along fine. We are canning carrots in the near future and at the present time we are canning beets and pumpkin at the rate of about 100 tons a day for each thing. It keeps us busy all the time.

"Yours truly
"Leslie H. Fowler."

The letter was brought to the attention of Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemyer, commanding American air forces in southeast Asia, who sent the following reply:

"Dear Mr. Fowler: "Maj. Holmes, the commanding officer of the headquarters and headquarters squadron, army air forces, India-Burma sector, China - Burma - India theater, has handed me the ten-dollar bill and your letter of October 26, which I have read with interest.

"The money will be spent exactly as you intended it should be, and your sending it will add something to the Christmas cheer of the men with whom you formerly served and all the others in that squadron. You have my personal thanks, as well as theirs, for your thoughtfulness.

"Although you are no longer a member of the armed forces, I note you are still serving your country faithfully, in an extremely vital industry. Good luck."

Woman's Mission Meets at Middle Grove

MIDDLE GROVE — The Woman's Mission group met for its November meeting at the home of Mrs. John Van Laanen, with 14 members and friends present.

The annual thank offering was observed in the service. The life membership for Mrs. Anna Wirshing was completed and one new membership, that of Mrs. Helen Dow was received. Devotionals with Thanksgiving theme were led by Mrs. Cleo Keppenger and lesson from Wiser and Wiser's "All of Life" was given by Mrs. Mary Wampler.

The December 21 meeting will be an all day meeting at the home of President Mrs. John Cage, with pot luck at noon. Rev. J. Kenneth Wishart will conduct annual election.

On Thursday, December 2, several of Jimmy Kuenzi's schoolmates went to his home after school, surprising him on his birthday. Games were played and Mrs. Kuenzi served a birthday cake and ice cream to Larry and Murray Keppenger, Harold Curtis, Donald Case, Wayne Goode, Joyce and Jimmy Kuenzi.

Emory Goode observed his birthday anniversary Wednesday, December 1, when, with his family, he was dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dow. The table, covered with a lace cloth, was centered with Christmas holly flanked by tapers. A large birthday cake and gifts also featured the observance.

Reverend and Mrs. Peter Becker of the American Sunday School union, were present for an evening service on Sunday at the school, when a sermon was brought by Rev. Becker and special music in song, accordion accompaniment by Mrs. Becker.

Valley Births

SILVERTON — Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hillman of Molalla are reporting the birth of a daughter at the Silvertown hospital on December 4.

SILVERTON — Mr. and Mrs. James Downs are announcing the birth of a son at the Silvertown hospital on December 4. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Shepherd of Scotts Mills report the birth of a daughter to the hospital on Sunday.

MISSION BOTTOM — Grant Milton is the name given to a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayo, November 29. This is the second child but the first boy.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

Ervin W. Meyer has been promoted to second class petty officer according to information received by his sisters, Mrs. M. J. Van Woert, 933 Mill street; and Mrs. Elmer Hansen, route 5. Meyer is a ship's cook and has been in the navy more than a year and is now located at Jacksonville, Florida, Cecil Field. Meyer lived in Salem before he enlisted and has been joined in Florida by his wife who went from Salem to be with him.



LABISH CENTER — Cpl. Kenneth Grant Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wilson is stationed in a hospital in Australia. Cpl. Wilson went through the New Guinea campaign and has to have an operation on his legs before he will be released.

Mrs. Clyde Keene, 2465 North Church street, left Tuesday morning to join her husband, Clyde Keene, Carpenter's mate first class, US navy, stationed at Camp Endicott, Davisville, RI. Mrs. Keene plans to stay as long as her husband is stationed in continental United States.

Bethel — Staff Sgt. Earl David Reed, formerly of this neighborhood, gunner on a bombing plane, who has been on 20 missions over Germany, has been transferred from Africa to the Island of Sardinia. He wrote with considerable amusement of the young soldiers hiring the men there to dig their fox holes at five cents per hour.

SILVERTON — Robert Stranix has been transferred from Camp Phillips, Kan., to an unknown destination, with his "postmaster" address out of Los Angeles. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stranix of Walla Walla, but formerly of Silvertown.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 — (AP) — The war department announced the names of 469 soldiers held prisoners of war by Germany including First Lt. Keith D. Moore, son of Mrs. Mable W. Moore of Detroit.

Mrs. Elmer E. Smith has received word from her husband Lt. Cmdr. Smith of the merchant marine that he docked safely in Baltimore, Maryland on November 28.

Mrs. Smith has entrained for Baltimore, Md., to be with him for several weeks. While there she plans to visit her sister, Mrs. Walter Stiff (formerly Miss Ruth Wechter of Salem).

Lt. Commander and Mrs. Smith have two children now in service. Their son, Ensign Elmer E. Smith, jr., with the United States navy, is now seeing active duty in the Pacific. He is a former student of Willamette university and a graduate of Gonzaga university in Spokane. He received his naval training at Northwestern university.

Their daughter, Miss Norma Smith, is a cadet nurse. She is now completing her nurse's training at Emanuel hospital in Portland.

CHICO, Calif. — Aviation Cadet Elwood Eugene Oberst, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Oberst of Salem, has completed basic pilot training in the army air forces at Chico, Calif., army air field.

Cadet Oberst has been transferred to Stockton Field, Stockton, Calif., for advanced pilot training. Upon completion of advanced training he will receive his wings.

Two Salem, Robert S. Mack, gunner's mate, third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Mack of 1080 Hoyt and Robert E. Hagedorn, seaman second class, son of Mrs. Merlin Harding of Vallejo, Calif., were advanced in ratings or won recognition as "qualified strikers" for petty officer ratings in graduation exercises held for the service school at the US naval training station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Aviation Cadet Robert S. Gentskow, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gentskow of 645 North Cottage street, has reported to the Coffeyville, Kan., army air field for his basic flight training. After nine weeks there he will be sent on to an advanced field where he will finish his cadet training and win his wings in the army air forces.

William H. Mieshoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mieshoff of Brooks, has arrived at the infantry replacement center, Camp Roberts, Calif., for basic training. Prior to entering the service he was employed at the McNary and Stoiz farm.

Chalmers A. M. Linn, son of Mrs. Sula M. Linn, 1570 Jefferson street, has been promoted to corporal in the China-Burma-India air service command theatre of operations, according to an announcement of the air service command headquarters this week. Cpl. Linn has been stationed in the far east for the past year.



Edward J. Frye, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Frye of route 3, Salem, is the author of verses entitled "Heavy Cruiser USS Astoria" from whose sinking he was one of the survivors. Young Frye enlisted in the navy about two years ago in a group recruited under American Legion auspices. He served for eight months on a submarine which was sunk shortly after he was transferred to other duty. His tribute to the Astoria follows:

Here's to the brave USS Astoria in her grave beneath the sea; She died in the Battle of Battles to keep her country free.

Though enemy had her surrounded her iron will wouldn't bend— With her head held high and her guns ablaze, she met her tragic end.

There were sailors who died in that flaming wreck in the lonely waste of sea, But they haven't died in vain as long as America is free. These men realized the odds full well, but they didn't turn away; They knew their chances were slim indeed to come through alive that day.

As long as we have a ship afloat and men to make her crew, Our navy will have power, also the will, to see the battle through.

First Lt. Milton O. Bell, son of George H. Bell of Stayton, is stationed at Wendover Field, Utah. He has been army flight instructor for 18 months, having been transferred to the Second air force October 1, where he is now air-plane commander. He had his advance training at Mather Field, Calif., and also attended B124 bomber school at Wirtland field. He attended Stayton high school, going on to Willamette university and University of Portland. Prior to his entering the service he was warehouse foreman at the Stayton Canning company.

Kenneth I. Dehut and Richard L. Eliason, both Salem, have enlisted in the navy here.

Ralph Mason Wade of Albany has been ordered to active duty as a first lieutenant in the medical corps.

Ankeny Plans For Christmas

Homecoming Party to Be Held Saturday, December 18

ANKENY — Plans were made for the annual Christmas homecoming party at the grange meeting Saturday. A 7:30 o'clock dinner will be served, followed by a program and tree, with exchange of gifts. This party will be given December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zehner were made new members of the grange. Reports were given by the various committees, with Mrs. George Marlist telling of the cleaning of the hall and work done on the quilt, also that the Home Economics club would meet with Mrs. Ethel Blinston on December 17 for the Christmas party.

Mrs. C. F. Johnston reported that all leafy feed such as alfalfa hay contained a special vitamin A that was a benefit to dairy cows. She said it was time to prune berry vines, cleaning away all dead stalks.

Rex Hartley spoke briefly upon the international conference recently held.

J. O. Farr, Rex Hartley and C. F. Johnston have been named committee members to see about getting electricity in the grange hall. Mr. Hartley reported that after contacting members of the electric company there was a possibility of this service.

Rex Hartley volunteered to write letters to all boys in the service who are sons or members of grange families.

During the literary program Wayne Johnston gave a guitar solo, and Jake Gilmour gave a talk describing his trip through the southern and eastern states, returning by a northern route. On this trip he was accompanied by his son Gayle. They visited many places of historical interest.

Plane Crazy, Comedy, At Silvertown School

SILVERTON — The junior and sophomore classes will present a comedy "Plane Crazy," at the high school auditorium Friday night.

The lead being played by Bob Schwab. Other members of the cast include Louise Leonard, Zephne Given, Alois Berget, Phyllis Starzl, Arnold Herigstad, Wilbur Howell, Will Scarth, Bernice Hanson, Darrell Satern, Jane Lynch and Joan Cooper.

Mrs. Newman Suffers Fractured Collar Bone

AUMSVILLE — Mrs. Gus Newman fell on the steps at a Salem cannery Wednesday and broke her shoulder bone. She is suffering considerable pain and is being cared for at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Blanche Newman, at Four Corners.



James J. Overlock, above, husband of the former Virginia Arlene Davis of Lyons has received a commission as second lieutenant in the marine corps after completing basic training as an officer at the marine corps schools at Quantico, Va. He is now enrolled in "reserve officers' class for advanced training in principles of command. His home is in Seattle.

Ren V. Haskins, now in England with the USNR, has sent a clever hand-drawn V-mail Christmas card to Sheriff A. C. Burk telling all the folks "Hello from England."

Robert E. Lee Herring of 495 North 21st street, has arrived at St. Anselm's college for a course of instruction lasting approximately five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet in the army air forces flying training command. His training will include numerous academic courses as well as elementary flying training. When he has completed the course he will be classified as a navigator, pilot or bombardier and go onto schools of the flying training command for training in these specialties.

Rodney G. Vandeneynde, son of Gene A. Vandeneynde, has been graduated from the New York midshipmen's school and is commissioned as an ensign in the naval reserves. He was one of 14 Oregon and Washington men to be graduated.

Mrs. Nettie Beckner Reynolds, formerly of Salem and widow of the late John W. Reynolds, died at her home in Portland on Sunday, December 5.

Relatives include J. O. Goltra, Mrs. Malcolm Gilbert of Portland, Miss Mary Reynolds, Mrs. Lloyd Reynolds and Mrs. Louis Lachmund of Salem.

Commitment services will be held in the City View cemetery Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Women's Clubs Exceed Bond Quota in State

The Oregon Federation of Women's club has gone over the half million dollar mark in its November campaign to sell enough war bonds to pay the \$300,000 cost of one heavy bomber for the fighting forces. Total bond sales reported by Mrs. Charles W. Robison, Portland, campaign chairman, were about \$525,000, with many clubs and counties "still unheard from."

This is enough, says Mrs. Robison, not only for the bomber but for two or three supporting pursuit planes as well.

The Portland Federation of Women's Organizations, with Mrs. E. Victor Creed as chairman, chalked up sales amounting to \$240,636 which included one \$100,000 denomination series F bond sold by the Women's Advertising club. Members of the Klamath Falls Library club, working under the direction of their president, Mrs. Roland Oakes, and their war service chairman, Mrs. Loren Palmerton, accounted for another \$100,000. The Seaside Woman's club, with Mrs. Cassius W. Peck as chairman, reported sales in Seaside and Astoria totaling more than \$39,000. Portland Woman's club workers, with Mrs. A. R. Ritter as chairman, reported \$32,000.

A complete club-by-club report will be ready within the week, Mrs. Robison says.

The Oregon federation's campaign was conducted in cooperation with the women's division of the Oregon war finance commit-

tee. It was part of a nationwide drive launched this fall in the general federation of women's clubs to replace, by the sale of war bonds, the 60 American bombers lost in the raid over Schweinfurt, Germany, in October.

Mrs. Arbuckle Dies Monday

SILVERTON, Dec. 6 — Mrs. Marie Arbuckle, 51, 507 Norway died Monday noon. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Arbuckle's Memorial Funeral home. Mrs. Arbuckle was born May 14, 1892 in Grafton, N.D. and had lived in Silvertown for 22 years. She is survived by her widow, J. D. Arbuckle and three sons and three daughters. They are Jesse, in the US marine corps; Fremont, in the army, stationed in Oklahoma; Richard and Byron, Silvertown; Eunice Tresider, Vancouver, Wash.; Fern Donenhauer, and Sarah Arbuckle, Portland.

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