

Lt. Gen. Simpson Inspects 70th at Adair



Expressing himself as "glad of the opportunity to have his picture taken with men of Co. L, 276th Infantry regiment, during his tour of inspection last week at Camp Adair, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commanding general of the Fourth army, second from the left here, posed with some of this group from the 70th division. Left to right in the picture are Sgt. V. D. Cooke, Gen. Simpson, Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commanding general of the 70th division, and Pfc. Adolph Voigt. The Fourth army commander was at Adair for inspection of the 70th while that division was undergoing special tests upon completion of basic training.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

WOODBURN—Word has come from the Great Lakes naval training station of a promotion for Richard D. Mathieson of Woodburn. He is now a fireman second class. He recently was graduated from an electrical course under navy sponsorship at Iowa State college, Ames, Iowa. Mathieson was a member of the 1943 senior class at Woodburn high school.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lieske, 690 South 12th street, Salem, know "approximately" where their sons, Fred E. Lieske, seaman second class, and Cpl. William F. Lieske are this Christmas season.

The sailor, who received his training at Farragut, Idaho, and at Port Hueneme, Calif., is getting some adventure in the south Pacific.

The soldier, who enlisted in the signal corps nearly a year ago having won scholarships in advanced radar, has been sent to a military college in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, where he is studying not only radar but is taking up other academic courses. A graduate of Salem high school with the class of 1941, he is remembered here especially for his activity in the high school radio club.

Both young men have written home recently asking their parents to extend their Christmas greetings to many friends in Salem.

DETROIT—Donald Farrow stationed at an army camp in Arkansas is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farrow and his brother, Dick Farrow. This is his first furlough since his induction in February.

AMITY—Sverra Jensen, who is stationed at the San Diego naval base is spending a short leave with relatives here.

Stanley E. Russell, fireman second class, who has just completed his electrician's course at Farragut, has been on a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Viera, route 4. He is a former Dallas man.

Clarence Wolfe, son of Mrs. Jennie Wolfe, of 371 Rosemont, West Salem, is at home from the east coast on a 14-day leave. Wolfe is a third class petty officer and is a navy aviation machinist's mate. He is a graduate of grade and high schools in Salem.

Cpl. Albert Curry writes to his mother, Mrs. Olive Curry, from "somewhere in England" of his visit to a Red Cross service club;

"Am writing this from the nicest service club I've yet seen—outside of that 11-story job in Chicago. Just had a bottle of semi-cock and am going to see 'Tales of Manhattan' in a few minutes. Boy, what a difference these little things can make. Right now the boys in the far end of the room are playing Larry Clinton's record, 'Deep Purple', which was all the rage when Bill (Bill Snell) and I first began to take notice of the juke boxes. Nice! So nice. 'It isn't homesickness that gets a fellow so much. It's lack of diversion. Tonight will prove my point. Here I am—wishing I were home, of course—but rather happy, at that, because I can sit in familiar surroundings and write about things I enjoy."

"The Red Cross is responsible for this layout: snack bar, lounge, library, gameroom, etc.—all but the theatre which is GI and free. Here we can buy 'coc' for 3d (about 5c), sandwiches at 4d, coffee, 2d per, etc. Have been following 'The Stars and Stripes' (Red Cross newspaper) each day. It's really nice to have a place like this to come to. So far as I can see, the Red Cross is the top outfit in their line. They give us help, advice, keep us in money if we are really up against it, get us news about our relatives who are ill back home, and all sorts of things. It's this sort of thing that makes a soldier happy when he is away from home."

The war department announced today the list of 273 men missing in action including Staff Sgt. Alred M. Zielaskowski, son of T. F. Zielaskowski of route one, Newberg.

WOODBURN—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dowd of South Woodburn, who have three navy sons, have been enjoying visits from the two who enlisted from Woodburn. Perry E. Dowd, storekeeper first class, at Patuxent River, Md., had an 11-day leave, four days of which he spent at his home, leaving Thursday to return to his base. Paul W. Dowd, seaman second class, has just finished his boot training at Camp Bennon, Farragut, Idaho. His 15-day leave and shorter distance to travel will permit him to spend Christmas at home. When he returns to Farragut he hopes to be assigned to special training. The meeting of the brothers at home was a surprise to both; neither knew the other was to be there. Perry had been in Virginia a year and a half. Paul enlisted in the late summer.

WOODBURN—Mrs. E. M. Staiger left Friday to join her husband at Springfield, Ohio, where he will be stationed for several months, taking special collegiate work in connection with his training as aviation cadet. Mrs. Staiger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Gill.

Promoted to a technical sergeant is the word from the Mississippi Ordnance plant about Technician Third Grade Richard M. Stafford of 1079 Ruge street, West Salem. He is stationed at Jackson, Miss.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Temporary promotion of four Oregon officers was announced today by the war department including first lieutenant to captain: Joseph Hugh Blatch, inf., 321 North 25th street, Corvallis.

Lt. James M. Houck arrived in Salem Sunday afternoon, piloting an army bomber. He was enroute to March Field, Calif., and left on Monday. While here he visited his wife, the former Nancy Dutton. Lt. Houck has been overseas with the army air corps for the past six months.

The naval recruiting station at Portland announced enlistments Monday by Alphonse F. Plattner, Albany; and Robert C. Christianson, Silverton.

Visits in Scio
SCIO—Mrs. Della Petet of Corvallis visited this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Lettler, on the farm near this city.

Invasion Hangs Upon Weather

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The chances of knocking Germany out of the war quickly with a powerful land invasion of Europe will depend in part on the bombing weather in the coming weeks of winter.

If the weather grounds the allied bomber fleets, the reich may be able to recuperate enough to make the invasion a long and bitter campaign.

With favorable conditions, the allies can pound Germany with heavy blows to hasten the bleeding of her war strength.

A number of German war centers are set up for the kill. One or two more raids might knock them out. But with a respite from bombs the Germans could restore them to effective production.

Fire Victim Given Christmas Shower

WOODBURN—The Teachers' association met Wednesday for the annual Christmas party in the Home Economics room at the high school. The room had been arranged and the tree decorated by members of the senior class in home economics, Beverly Hughes, Virginia Olson and Auda Rich.

Refreshments were served by Supt. and Mrs. M. E. Galapp and Mrs. Mildred Odgers. Instead of the customary gift exchange, all brought gifts for one of their number, Miss Marjorie Church, whose farm home near Canby was recently burned to the ground.

Fidelis Class Holds Social Night Party

GERVAIS—The Fidelis class of the Presbyterian church held its monthly social night Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Brown. Mrs. D. L. St. John led a short devotional service appropriate to the Christmas season. The class voted to give \$5.00 to a fund which is being raised to buy more equipment for the day room at Camp Adair.

They will also buy some plaques and pictures to be used in the various Sunday school rooms of the local church. The rest of the time was spent socially.

An exchange of Christmas gifts was held and refreshments were served. Twenty-one attended. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown.

Progressive Dinner Given by Club Members

WOODBURN—Sixteen members of the Junior Woodburn Woman's club held the progressive Christmas dinner party last Wednesday night. From cocktails at the home of Mrs. Walter Miller the club advisor, they went to the Carl Huber home on East Lincoln, where Mrs. Edward Mohr was hostess at the salad course. The entree was served by Mrs. Zora McGonegal, on Corby street. For the dessert course and the gift exchange, Mrs. Harold Steel entertained.

In all of the hostess homes Christmas trees, bolly and candle light expressed holiday joy. Each guest brought a child's gift to help fill the package to be sent to the Doernbecher hospital for crippled children.

Northwest Meet To Benefit State Snell Believes

The state of Oregon probably will benefit materially as the result of a meeting of the Northwest States Development association held at Spokane, Wash., last Friday and Saturday, Gov. Earl Snell reported upon his return Monday.

Snell said the conference considered a large number of emergency and postwar projects, most of which contemplate development of power and reclamation on the Columbia river and its tributaries.

"The conference was harmonious in its recommendations," Gov. Snell said, "and each state submitted a definite and well balanced program." Virtually all of the projects would require financial assistance from the federal government, the governor reported.

States represented at the conference were Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

A report including the recommendations will be sent to Oregon's delegation in congress.

Farmers Union News

LIBERTY—The Liberty Farmers Union local will have an unusually important meeting Tuesday, December 21, at 8 p.m. Scheduled business will be election of officers, election of delegates to the state convention, election of delegates to the co-op warehouse convention.

There will be a panel discussion on the program and policies of the National Farmers Union.

Reading Club Holds Christmas Party

DAYTON—Sixteen members and two guests attended the annual Christmas party of the Dayton Reading club held Friday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Orr C. Goodrich, near Dayton.

Mrs. Vernon Thompson and Mrs. Mamie Randall were the guests. Miss Elsie Herring won top honor in a Christmas guessing game. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the H. G. Coburn home.

Mothers Ill, Daughters Take Over Classes

UNIONVALE—Mrs. Glen McFarlane, principal of Unionvale high school, was ill and unable to teach Thursday and her daughter, Miss Marilyn McFarlane, substituted for her.

Mrs. Charles Ferguson, the primary teacher, was ill Friday and her daughter, Muriel, substituted for her.

Allies Supply More in Pacific

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Allied ability to supply and reinforce troops in the distant south Pacific theatre is growing, as Japanese efficiency at the same job diminishes, Sen. Bone (D-Wash) declared in an address broadcast overseas by the office of war information.

Superior ability in supplying troops, the Senator said, will mean the difference between victory and defeat in that area.

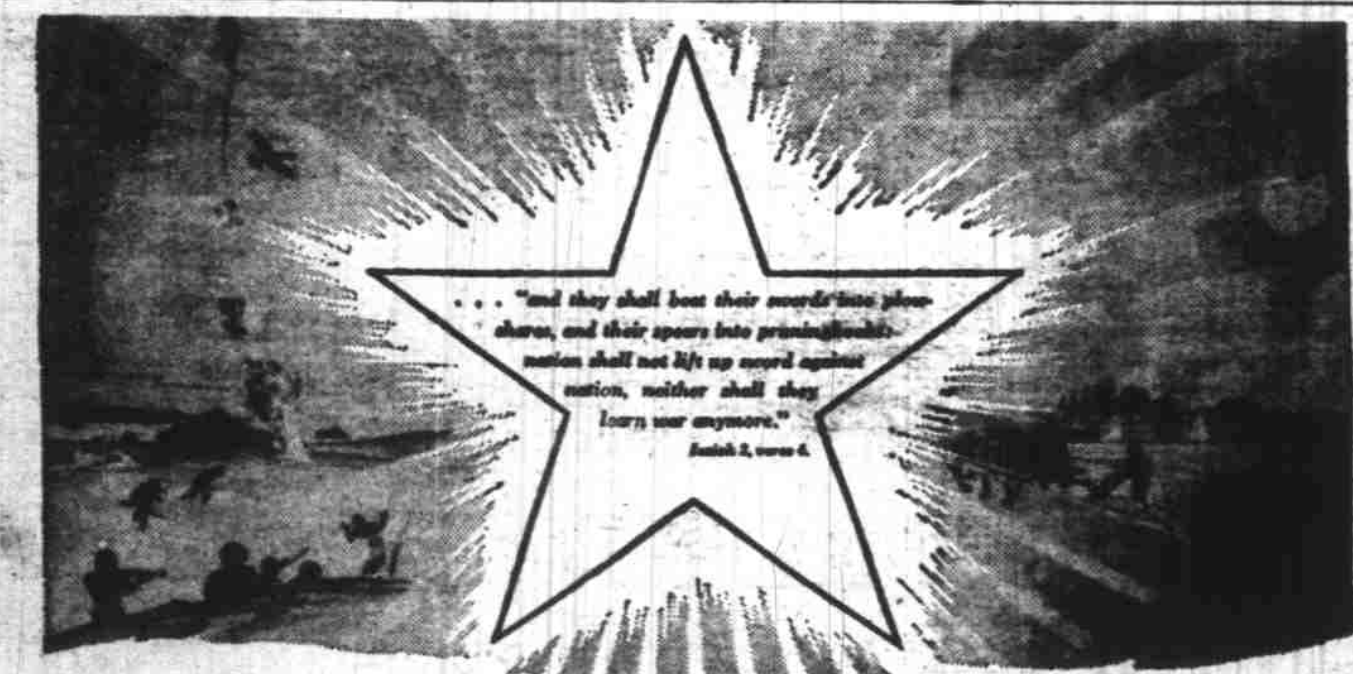
Bone said Japan's former Premier, Mobyuki Abe, recognized "the rising tide of United Nations power." In his recent statement that "our enemies have planned an all-out counter-offensive, have taken that offensive and are carrying it out persistently."

Wilkinson Rites To Be Tuesday

WOODBURN—Charles Rutherford Wilkinson, 66, former resident of Woodburn, died at the Oregon City hospital Sunday. He came to Oregon 18 years ago. He was born at Oakdale, Neb. Survivors include his widow, Edna Wilkinson of Gladstone; two sons, Willard W. of Oregon City and Rutherford A. of Jennings Lodge; five grandchildren, two brothers and a sister in the east.

The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Tuesday in the Ringo chapel in Woodburn with Rev. D. Lester Fields of the Methodist church in charge. Burial will be at Belle Pass.

THIS CHRISTMAS
— SPEED THE VICTORY —
BUY MORE WAR BONDS AND STAMPS



A Message of Hope . . .

In these dark days through which we now travel, Isaiah's words of old are like a guiding star, bringing to us a new hope; a vision of things to come.

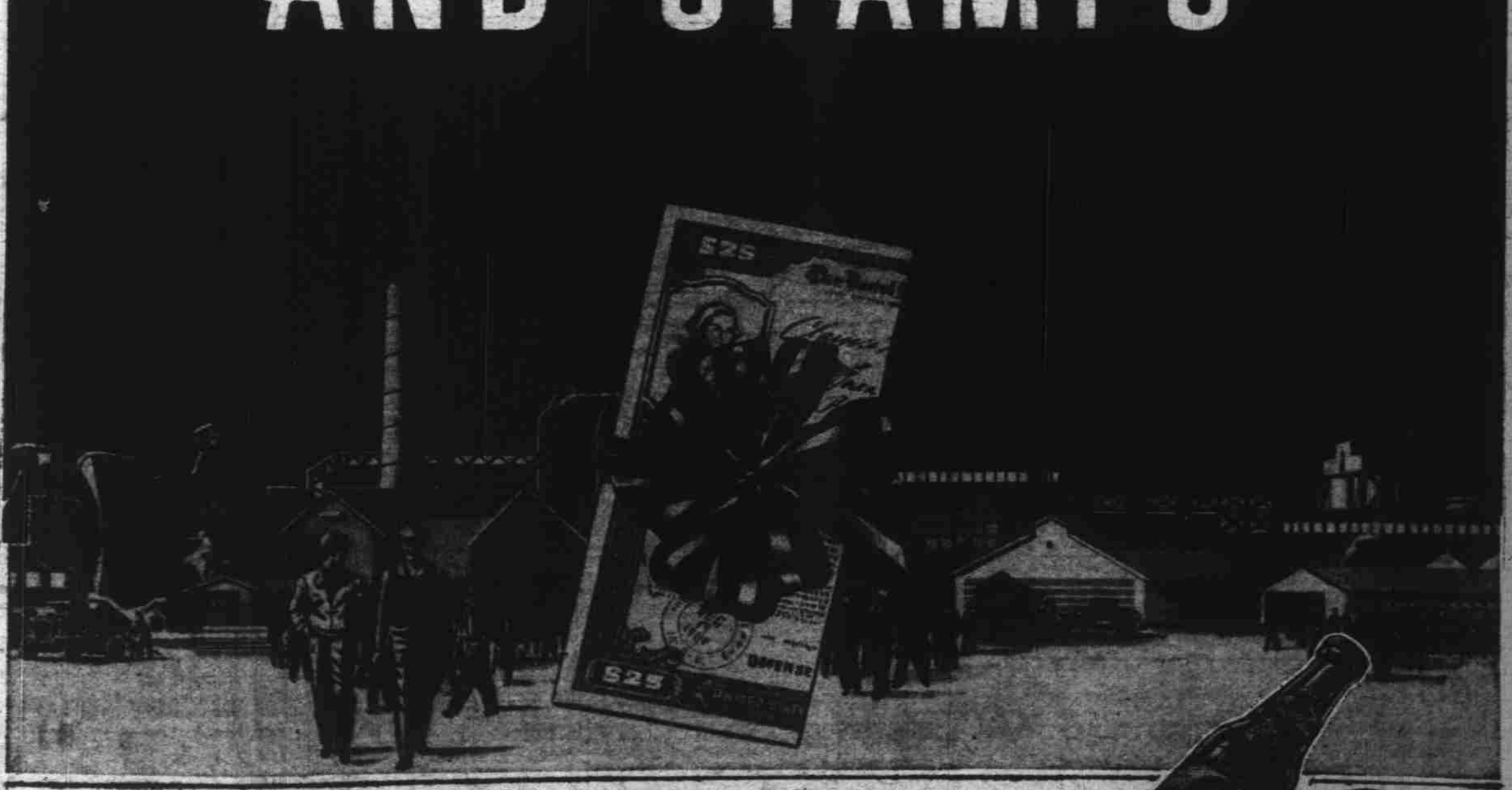
Let us strive then to hasten that day when we shall have "Peace on Earth" by putting forth every effort to achieve ultimate Victory. Let us pray that when Victory comes, it will assure the world a lasting Peace!

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