

### Engagement Of Mary McCall

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCall of Salem have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Catherine, to Mr. T. Edwin Paisley, jr., USNR, of Philadelphia.

The prospective bride was formerly employed by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company here and is now a member of the women's reserve of the United States marine corps. She has been stationed at the marine corps public relations office in Philadelphia since June.

Mr. Paisley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Edwin Paisley of Philadelphia. He is now assigned to the public relations office of the Fourth naval district there, and was formerly assistant to the president of the Philadelphia Business College in charge of public relations.

No date has been announced for the wedding.

### Rebekahs Take New Member

Salem Rebekah lodge met on Monday with Mrs. Merlin W. Ready, noble grand, presiding.

The committee on Christmas seals reported a very successful sale and the USO committee reported serving around 800 on Sunday.

Mr. Lloyd A. Wood was initiated into the Rebekah degree by the team under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Townsend. Installation is planned for January 12 jointly with the Salem Odd Fellows lodge. Next Monday night is to be good of the order night under the direction of Mrs. Gustave Erickson, district deputy president.

Mrs. Bertha Junk Darby, who has been visiting her son, Herbert J. Darby and family in Portland since Thursday, returned to Salem Monday.

The Women's association of the First Presbyterian church will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. H. J. Clements, 960 North 14th street today.

### Three-Way Beret



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by Laura Wheeler

Have this smart beret in any of three versions. First crocheted of bright worsted, then finished in one of 3 ways shown. Top with a bit of gay felt, a pom-pom or make a third version with interlacing ribbon. Becomes every type. Pattern 729 contains directions for beret; stitches; list of materials.

Send ELEVEN CENTS in coins for this pattern to the Oregon Statesman, Needlecraft Dept., Salem, Ore. Write plainly PATTERN NUMBER, your NAME and ADDRESS.

### History Repeats

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—(AP)—President Roosevelt's order placing the railroads under government seizure missed by only one day the 26th anniversary of a similar order issued by President Wilson on December 26, 1917, which became effective two days later.



**TELLS TROTH**—Miss Mary Catherine McCall, USMC, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCall, whose engagement to Mr. T. Edwin Paisley, jr., USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Paisley of Philadelphia, has been revealed.

### Today's Menu

Celery and green pepper will join apple to make salad for today. The dessert is a surprise recipe.

Celery, green pepper, apple salad  
Cheese mayonnaise dressing  
Frankfurters and sauerkraut  
Boiled potatoes  
Buttered carrots  
Navy's choice pie

### NAVY'S CHOICE PIE

2 1/2 cups cooked prunes  
1 1/2 cups uncooked cranberries  
3 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup liquid from prunes  
1/2 cup honey  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Baked pastry shell (9-inch)  
Meringue

Measure prunes, remove pits and cut prunes into small pieces. Rinse cranberries and chop fine. Combine cornstarch and sugar, add liquid and stir to blend. Combine all filling ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil and cook and stir 2 or 3 minutes. Pour into pastry shell and cover with meringue. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees) about 30 minutes. Cool before cutting. Decorate with sliced cooked prunes and whole, cooked, sweetened cranberries, if desired.  
Serves 6 to 8.

### Potatoes Appear As Puffs

Sweet potatoes appear in several recipes, but here's one of the most popular. Notice the new touch, molasses:

**SWEET POTATO PUFFS**  
6 sweet potatoes  
1/4 cup molasses  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 cup cream or milk  
Bake potatoes until tender. Remove from shells and mash well. Add molasses, butter, nutmeg and milk and beat until light and fluffy. Return to shells and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) until brown.

### RATION CALENDAR

**FOOD**  
Canned Goods—Green stamps D, E and F good through January 20 for processed fruits and vegetables, jam and jelly.  
Meat, cheese, canned fish and edible fats—Brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q good until January 1.  
Sugar—Stamp 28 in book 4 good for 8 pounds until January 18.  
**SHOES**  
Stamp No. 18, book one, good indefinitely. Airplane stamp No. 1 valid now.  
**GASOLINE**  
Book A coupons No. 9 now good for three gallons each.  
**FUEL OIL**  
Period 1 coupons in new fuel oil rations valid through January 2. Coupons with galloons printed on the face valid for amount indicated until expiration date shown on coupon sheet.

**TIRES**  
Cars with C ration books must have tires inspected every 3 months; B books every 4 months; A books every 6 months. Commercial motor vehicles—tire inspections every 1 month or every 5000 miles.  
**STOVES**  
Purchaser must get certificate at ration board for new stoves.  
**WOOD, SAWDUST, COAL**  
Fuel dealers deliver by priorities based on needs.

### Dan McDade Will Visit Delbert Reeves Post

SILVERTON—Dan McDade, department commander, American Legion, will be a guest of Delbert Reeves Post 7, American Legion, at Silvertown on February 7, according to information received Tuesday by C. H. Dickerson, commander of the local post, and Mrs. F. M. Powell, auxiliary president. The two organizations will plan a joint meeting and invite the parents of the community to hear Commander McDade.

### Strawberry Sets Fine Table—Draws Stars for Every Meal

By KENNETH L. DIXON

ON THE ITALIAN FRONT, Dec. 19—(Delayed)—(AP)—Staff Sgt. Strawberry Shook sets such a fine table that he and his crew get kidnapped every now and then and they see stars all the time.

"Go down and have a cup of coffee, sir," says Strawberry when a stranger trudges through the mud up to his field kitchen hidden in the trees on a hillside next to an officers' mess tent. More cheering, hospitable words were never spoken.

That's one of the secrets of Mess Sgt. Shook's success. He always keeps a pot of hot coffee.

"It takes a little figuring," he said, "and you can't throw coffee away like some guys do. Sometimes the officers are drinking re-heated coffee even at meal time, but the way I look at it they'd rather drink that than no coffee at all. In this way, when they come in cold from up along the line there's always a cup of hot coffee waiting."

They know that all along the front. They also know that Strawberry always serves some kind of pie at meal time and that he stays away from stew and hash as much as possible, but word gets around and you never sit down at Strawberry's table without seeing a few stars scattered here and there. Generals like good food, too.

"One day I had 19 stars at the table," said Strawberry. "That was when Gen. Arnold and Gen. Spaatz and that bunch came through with Gen. Clark and of course that would be the only day in about a week that I had to serve canned luncheon meats at noon, but the generals didn't seem to mind."

They had custard pie that day and some kind of tasty salad. Besides, you seldom hear any serious griping at Strawberry's table, for even the most unpopular GI food somehow looks fairly attractive.

It's all done with GI ingredients, but the difference lies in the red-haired 26-year-old cigar-smoking Strawberry himself, whose real name is E. H. Shook. He is from Waco, Texas, and used to cook for the Veterans' administration.

Certain low characters among his wise-cracking customers insist that only an error in accepted military routine could have turned a professional cook in pri-

vate life into an army mess sergeant but Strawberry merely grins his one-sided grin and says experience is what does the trick.

"You can make chocolate and custard and fruit pies and several kinds of cakes out of army issue stuff if you know how," he said. "You stay away from stew and hash as much as you can."

He was grinding meat as he spoke. It was the kind of meat that would have wound up in a stew at most messes because it certainly wasn't choice cut stock, but Strawberry was grinding it up, mixing in a little seasoning and it showed up at lunch as "Salisbury steak"—hamburgers to you.

"Not the best hamburger in the world," said Strawberry. "But if I served it as stew these guys would gripe and holler, but they'd eat it as a hamburger and talk about how good it is."

The mess officer is Lt. Aniello F. Destefano of Belmont, Mass., but he promptly denied any responsibility for the quality of the chow except that he had a hand in kidnaping Strawberry and his crew from the special outfit for which they were cooking. Likewise, Strawberry passed the buck on to his crew, which he claims is the best in the army, so maybe it would be a good idea to meet them.

They are headed by Sgt. E. James Davis of Sweetwater, Texas, and Gerald Clements of West, Texas, chief cooks; Corp. Samuel

### Blais Now in Army Friends Learn

SILVERTON—Local friends learned during the holiday season that Merlin Blais, former Portland newspaper man who made a twice-weekly call at Silvertown until the past year, has been inducted into the army. Mrs. Blais and their two children will be at Chehalis, with her mother for the duration.

### Riches Visits Family Home in Silvertown

SILVERTON—Frank A. Riches of Buena, Wash., spent the double holiday at Silvertown with his sisters and brothers, Robert and Theodore Riches and Miss Winifred and Miss Lois Riches. Riches, who is a prominent cattle man of eastern Washington will attend a convention at Denver early in the new year. This was his first trip to Silvertown since his father died a year ago.

M. Benton of Charleston, SC, and Riley S. Walters of Breckenridge, Texas, second cooks.

It may be that one of the reasons their chow is considered the best along the front is that they are the regular kitchen detail. They do it as a steady job and not for punishment or occasional detail.

They don't mind. They're sort of proud of their reputation and, after all, they get to eat their own cooking, too.

### In Red Cross



Madeleine Carroll, film star, wears her new Red Cross uniform as she reports at Washington for a four-week training course prior to going abroad as a hospital staff aide. She will assist in providing recreational facilities for American fighting men in hospitals in the war zone. Her husband, Stirling Hayden, is a lieutenant in the marine corps. (AP wirephoto.)

### John Slook Dies in Woodburn

WOODBURN, Dec. 28—John Slook, 71, died at his home Tuesday morning. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday at the Ringo Funeral parlor; burial will be in Belle Past cemetery.

Mr. Slook was born in Oregon March 16, 1872, and had lived in Woodburn for five years. Survivors include his widow, Eliza Slook; two brothers George Slook, Mill City; and Ralph Slook, Weed, Calif.; a sister, Louise Smith, Mill City; and three stepchildren, Mrs. William Jungnickel, Woodland, Wash.; Mrs. H. Clow, and James Wooley, both of Portland.

### Ray Appeals To Supreme Court

Appeal from an order signed by Judge E. M. Page in the Multnomah county circuit court restraining Tom Ray from acting as an official of the Portland boiler-makers' union, was filed in the supreme court Tuesday by counsel for Ray.

The action originally was filed by Otto W. Mursener, official of the international brotherhood of boiler-makers.

The court directed Mursener and the international brotherhood to post a bond of \$100,000 to protect Ray in event the court's restraining order proved wrongful.

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