

Tire Service Now Open For Business

Salem Tire Service is now open for business in its new location at 445 Marion street, across that street to the north from the old senior high school building, the proprietors, John Versteeg and Sam Barry, announce. The business formerly was conducted at 425 Chemeketa street.

The concrete building now occupied has been enlarged and remodeled to suit the needs of the tire service establishment, patronage of which has greatly increased in the last two years until the former quarters were no longer adequate. The company's stock of tires, re-capping and repair equipment are now installed in the new building and the proprietors announce that they will be able to serve their many customers in Salem and the surroundings more promptly and satisfactorily than in the past.

"With our greatly increased room, and crew of experienced workmen, it is, as it always has been, our aim to maintain only the highest standards of workmanship and quality of material, personal service and fair prices," the proprietors declared.

John Versteeg and Sam Barry, both residents of Salem for many years, have been associated together in tire service for 16 years, and partners in their present establishment since 1940.

Shortages of manpower, material and equipment together with the "paper work" incident to tire rationing have revolutionized the tire service business since the outbreak of war, they remarked.

AUMSVILLE — Fred Steiner, US army, has been transferred to Clinton, Canada from a Florida camp. A brother, George Steiner, has enlisted in the navy and leaves Monday for Farragut. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steiner.

William Jones, is stationed at an army camp near San Diego. His mother, Mrs. F. A. Garbe, left Wednesday to visit him in California.

William A. Howard, pharmacist's mate, second class, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, while on leave. He is stationed at Hueneme, Calif., in the main dispensary of the medical department.

Cpl. Warren Killinger of Phoenix, Ariz., is visiting his parents while on furlough.



Pvt. Edwin A. Claus, former Silverton high school student, is now a patient in an army hospital following wounds received December 3 in the Italian campaign for which he received the Purple Heart. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Claus, 255 East Lefelle, and his wife, the former Frances Rossow, is working in the shipyards at Vancouver and living with her parents on route 7, Salem. Pvt. Claus has been in the army since March 23, 1943, and received his training at Fort Sill, Okla.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



SALEM HEIGHTS — Ronald Otho Faison, seaman second class, is home on leave after finishing boot training at Farragut, Idaho. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Faison, 120 Hansen avenue, and enlisted in the navy November 19. He will return to Farragut following his leave.



Pvt. Lloyd D. Ambrose is at home a few days after having completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., before continuing to his new assignment at Fort Meade, Md. He is visiting his wife, Margaret, and his mother, Mrs. Al Potter. Ambrose has a twin brother, Floyd, stationed at Camp Adair.

TURNER — Earl S. "Stan" Prather, seaman second class, writes from Treasure Island where he is attending advanced naval training school, that he and Don Bower of St. Marys college pre-flight school, met and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gemmel in San Francisco for a few hours. Both Prather and Bower are graduates of the Salem high school with the June 1942 class.

Prather was a dinner guest at the home of Lt. and Mrs. Harry W. Garnett in San Francisco. Lt. Garnett and Stan's uncle, Chief Warrant Officer Darrel W. Hutchens spent a number of years together on navy duty in China before Pearl Harbor, and later Lt. Garnett was in the battle of Midway island. Chief Warrant Officer Hutchens is a survivor of the Lexington sinking in the Coral Sea when he won several citations. He is now on sea duty with another aircraft carrier in the south Pacific. Prather has completed his range finder course and is awaiting assignment, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Prather.

Pvt. Wallace D. Gilchrist has completed his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas, and has been home on an eight day furlough visiting his wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gilchrist, 1035 Highland avenue. He left Wednesday for further training at Fort Ord, Calif.

TURNER — Lt. Marlan M. Bones writes to the home town from "somewhere in north Africa" that their Christmas in Africa was nice, but lacked the home touch. However they had "turkey and all of the trimmings." There is always a lot of work to be done and he has little time to write. Lt. Bones hasn't seen any of the Turner boys stationed there, though he understands there are a few stationed there and in Italy. The ways of living here haven't changed much from the days of the old Roman empire, he says. One of the most unusual sights seen there, is the way the people load down the little burros, and then get on top of the load and ride along the highways, prodding the animals with sticks. Most everyone speaks French or Arabic, "a hard lingo to pick up, but with a little practice and knowledge of Latin, the men in service make out fairly well." Lt. Bones said most of the country nearby is pretty much battle worn. He has a detachment of men under his command that he is very proud of. Several of them have received the Purple Heart and two of them have been awarded the soldiers medal for gallantry in action, while serving under Lt. Bones.

He is the son of Maude B. Bones of Turner, is a graduate of the Turner high school and served in the Hawaiian islands before Pearl Harbor.

Pvt. Robert D. Over has been visiting his mother, Mrs. J. E. Burt, 1064 Oak street, while on his way to Fort Ord, Calif. He recently has completed basic training at the anti-aircraft coast artillery school, Camp Wallace, Texas. He was inducted into the army September 1, 1943. He was previously a student at the University of Oregon.

Tech. Sgt. Thomas Roen, Jr., who is stationed at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roen, 1517 Court street, and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McDowell. His wife and their daughter, Marlene will return with him Monday to Boise.

PRINGLE — Eugene Helfiker, seaman second class has sent word to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Helfiker, that he has finished his coast guard training at Alameda, Calif., and will be sent to radio school at Atlantic City, N.J. Sgt. Kenneth Helfiker, another son, still is stationed on Galapagos island as an army air corps mechanic.

LaVerna C. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bell, route 3, box 536A, has been promoted from second class to pharmacist's mate, first class, USNR, according to word received by his parents. He is serving somewhere in the Pacific theatre and is stationed with the marine corps.

Sgt. Merle A. Milton, son of Mrs. Mattie Bowler, route 1, Independence, and second Lt. Norbert J. Krantz, brother of Miss Hilda M. Krantz, Scio, have been wounded in action while serving in the Mediterranean war theatre, the war department announced in a casualty list released today.

Pvt. Billie Meithof, at Camp Roberts, Calif., has been visited for two weeks recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Meithof, and his brother, Darrell Meithof of Hopmere.



Maj. Kenneth H. Black of the marines, above, and Mrs. Black from LaJolla, Calif., are visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie J. Black, and his sister, Mrs. Ralph H. Kletzing, Jr., 1140 Columbia street. Maj. Black recently arrived in the United States after 17 months overseas duty with the marine corps aviation service. He was officially commended by Adm. William F. Halsey, commander of the south Pacific area for outstanding work as materiel officer for the allied units in the Solomons last winter. Maj. and Mrs. Black visited Thursday in Corvallis with Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch, with whom he made his home while a student at Oregon State college, from which he was graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1936. Maj. Black received his flight training at Pensacola, Fla., receiving his wings upon graduation there in 1939. He is being transferred soon to Washington, DC, and Mrs. Black, who has made her home in California while he was overseas, will accompany him there.

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E. T. Waring, electrician's mate second class, former projectionist at the Capitol theatre, is home on leave after serving a year overseas. He saw action on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, Waring enlisted November, 1942, in Salem office and received his basic training at Farragut naval training station. He has been visiting his wife at their home, 1492 State street.

Cpl. Thomas Gilg has been ill in a hospital overseas to the last month, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gilg. He is in the army air corps.

MONITOR — Cpl. Paul Conyne writes from Italy that a New Year's storm there was the worst in 20 years for that particular community. Tents of the entire company were blown away.

Five Fighting Crommelins, Bruised, Battered, Kill Japs Because They 'Look Peaceful'

By EUGENE BURNS

PEARL HARBOR—(AP)—Which Crommelin? There are five academy-graduated Crommelin brothers out here—hence the question when I asked for the one who was seriously burned when the escort carrier Liscome Bay was sunk in the Gilbert operations. Soon I met two bandaged Crommelins and learned that not one but three—

Captain John, 41, Commanders Henry, 39, and Charlie, 34—had come to near grips with death within four days in the Gilbert island offensive.

It's no accident that four of the five are carrier fighter pilots. (Henry's eyes didn't permit it). They're the fightingest family in the Pacific.

Consider Charlie, carrier and group commander. "Charlie (class '31) has done more damage to the Japs than all of us rolled in together," says John, the oldest.

"Cut the gush," says Charlie, adjusting the bandage over his left eye. His lips are still purple and his face stained with powder burns. For that matter, John doesn't look so well either. His hair is still patchy from the burning. His left side is raw, and his fingernails are fire-blackened.

Capt. John, who is right proud of Charlie, his third younger brother, added: "And another thing. He never brings back half-empty ammunition cans."

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"I regret," he said, "that Jap pilots weren't sitting in their cockpits. Dead Japs look so permanently peaceful." Charlie didn't smile because he's self-conscious about his broken teeth, suffered when a Jap 20mm shell exploded in his cockpit at Mill. A fragment blinded one eye; 240 more splinters punctured his lung, broke his right wrist and peppered his body from knee to scalp. Bloodied so that he could hardly see, with part of a finger shot off, Charlie flew his Hellcat 100 miles to his carrier and "sat her down 4-0." (Navy for perfect.)

Now take Henry, (class '25), the studious member of the family, who walked in to join his brothers by appointment, commanded a destroyer division off Tarawa. His ship's hull was punctured by Jap shore batteries. Two projectiles from Japanese shore batteries punctured his hull and stopped next to the torpedo magazine compartment but did not explode.

"He's the luckiest of the three of us," said Charlie, "just think if his torpedoes had let go." John added: "Henry ought to be Tech. Sgt. Curtis R. Maxfield of the marines, formerly an employe of the state highway department, is back in the United States, having been assigned to officer's school after having seen much action in the south Pacific as an aerial gunner. He went overseas in March, 1942 after enlisting in Salem soon after Pearl Harbor.

UNIONVALE — Pfc. Sidney Jones with his wife and Vancouver, Wash., friends visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Launer.

Before Midway, John flew from field to field demonstrating to pilots how not to kill themselves. After Midway, John couldn't hold off any longer and put in for duty aboard the fighting carrier, Enterprise. There, as air officer, he helped turn back the enemy at the Stewart islands, Santa Cruz and Guadalcanal.

Then at the capture of Tarawa-Makin "Uncle John" was on the ill-fated Liscome Bay as chief of staff to Rear Adm. Henry Mullinnix. Badly burned, he managed to get into the water. He carefully surveyed the sinking, burning, exploding ship the better to present a complete report so that in future action our sailors may live to inflict greater punishment on the Japanese.

That, killing Japanese "so they look peaceful," is the Crommelin aim.

Domestic Issues Paramount Among Voters for 1944 Election

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—What will be the dominating issues once the presidential candidates are selected and the 1944 campaign gets under way in earnest?

Thus far the republicans have stressed domestic issues and what they term "bungling" on the home front. Waste and extravagance.

For the democrats, President Roosevelt has raised a win-the-war banner and postwar expansion of social security.

Rationing, price and wage controls, strikes, subsidies, tax return puzzles and items which republicans and anti-Roosevelt democrats put under the general heading of "bureaucracy," are overshadowing war and peace talk right now.

Most democrats put this down to more active early campaigning by the republicans. Unlike the democrats, the republicans have a scramble on their hands for the presidential nomination. This means more speech making.

But democratic spokesmen look for their win-the-war drive, supplemented by promises of jobs for returning soldiers — likewise a republican pledge — and an expanded peace time production to pick up momentum after the conventions.

Republicans assert no party can monopolize a win-the-war slogan. The first opportunity the democrats had to stress their 1944 campaign argument came at the recent meeting of their national committee. It adopted a resolution praising the administration's war program and saying that in war the American people have learned to cooperate with other nations to speed victory and to use all the nation's manpower and resources to produce for war, a lesson which it said could be applied to peacetime.

Speakers at the Jackson day dinner also stressed the war direction activities of the president. Mr. Roosevelt a few days later gave the soldier-vote issue a shove to the front, demanding that members of congress stand up and be counted on a federal ballot bill.

Domestic problems, however, were paramount in political talk in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, with labor issues dominant in Pennsylvania. In the Keystone state there appears to be a great acceptance of rationing and a decline in criticism of its administration in contrast to a few months ago.

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against strikes and so-called pressure action by unions.

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Domestic issues are said to be dominant in Indiana, with farmers irked over the pork and egg situations, the fixed income groups riled over the rise in living costs, and war workers reasonably well satisfied.

In Ohio, stress also has been placed on domestic issues, but it is said there still have been insufficient utterances from any side to indicate what may be the predominant debating points before the elections.

National issues figure prominently in Wisconsin and Oklahoma, too.

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Colorado is said to have its share of dissatisfied groups. The protestors are said to include miners, farmers, truckers, ranchers and small business men.

Need Laborers Early

CORVALLIS, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Oregon farmers will be calling for laborers earlier this spring than last year, J. Ralph Beck, emergency farm labor service official, predicted today.

Extra spring work, left undone last year because of labor scarcity and increasing inroads of the draft on rural workers are principal factors in an early demand for additional manpower, Beck said.

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