

Silver Wing Clubs Form For Airmen

Oregon 17-year-olds are helping to set an enviable and perhaps unmatched record for enlistment of aviation cadets in the army air corps enlisted reserve according to procurement figures recently released by Maj. B. P. Cody, state recruiting chief, at Portland.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

SILVERTON—Mrs. Josie Mires left Sunday night for Bell Flower, Calif., to visit with her son, Clarence Porter, lieutenant, 3d, home on a leave from Honolulu. His home is in Bell Flower. She will also visit other relatives before returning to Silvertown.

Another son of Mrs. Porter's, Harold Mires, has been at home here for a brief visit from his basic training at Farragut. He left Saturday night for camp.

Andrew Lelack, seaman second class, is home on a 15-day leave, following graduation from boot training at Farragut, Idaho. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lelack, Dallas. Lelack is a graduate of Mill City high school.

SILVERTON — Mr. and Mrs. James Busch are here for a brief visit with Mr. Busch's father, George Busch. Busch came up from San Francisco during the past few days. He has been stationed at Camp Claiborne and is on furlough.

SILVERTON — Second Class Yeoman Marvin Senter is a guest of his grandfather and aunt, C. J. Rosheim and Miss Sophia Rosheim at their East Hill home. Yeoman Senter has been with his mother, Mrs. George Senter, and other relatives in San Francisco for several days.

The Silver Star has been awarded to Capt. John D. George of Salem for gallantry in action according to an announcement received from the war department. Capt. George was cited for his conduct in an engagement at Scout Ridge, New Guinea on August 31, 1943, during which he was slightly wounded. He was formerly assistant city engineer here, and was a member of the national guard. Mrs. George is living in Silvertown for the duration.

Pvt. Bernard Krefl has completed an engineering course at Baylor university in Texas, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Krefl of Salem, and will next study radar at the air corps station at Madison, Wis.

LeMar Shepherd has been promoted to the rank of technical sergeant somewhere in the south Pacific his mother, Mrs. Mollie Shepherd, has learned.

Harold Dean Ellis entered the navy at Portland Tuesday.

Brush College Club Entertained

BRUSH COLLEGE — Mrs. John Schindler, president of the Brush College Grange Home Economics club entertained the group at a luncheon Thursday. Mrs. Bertha Garron was elected president and Mrs. Charles Glaze secretary-treasurer at the business meeting. Plans were made for a rummage sale. Mrs. Karl Harritt will be hostess in March. Attending the luncheon were Mrs. Glenn Adams, Mrs. Bertha Garron, Mrs. Karl Harritt, Mrs. Charles Glaze, Mrs. A. E. Utley and Mrs. John Schindler.

Warner House Burned Despite Fire Company

AMITY—The house and contents of Mrs. Ella Warner in the southeast part of Amity were completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The city fire department rushed to the scene but was too late to save the building or furniture. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Silverton Infant Is Baptized

SILVERTON — The infant son of the Albert Tippers, Norman Albert Tipper, was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran church Sunday with the Rev. S. L. Almie officiating, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dahl as sponsors.



GERVAIS — Roy Joseph Mileta, radioman third class, USN, arrived Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mileta, to spend a brief leave.

T. George Drago, former employe of Sears Roebuck company in Salem, has been promoted to chief pharmacist's mate in the navy, according to information received here. He is on duty with a marine photographic squadron in the south Pacific battle zone and was at one time stationed at the marine corps air station at Mojave, Calif.

First Lt. Waldo O. Mills, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo O. Mills, has left for Carlisle, Penn., where he will take a six weeks course. He was resident physician at the state tuberculosis hospital in Portland before being called into the service. His wife, who is also a doctor, has gone to Rochester, Minn., where she will take special work at the Mayo clinic for a month.

Cross Awarded Damages

Award of \$4071 damages in the case of H. M. Cross vs. Mark D. Campbell and Coastal Lumber company in the Polk county circuit court was affirmed in the state supreme court Tuesday in an opinion by Justice George Rossman, affirming Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker. The suit involved a claim for damages for the removal of property.

A new trial was ordered in the suit of Clarence D. Horner vs. Marie H. Wag, in which the plaintiff alleged a laundry business in Tillamook was purchased from the defendant had been misrepresented. Horner was awarded \$5000 damages in the Multnomah county circuit court. An opinion by Justice Hall S. Lusk reversed Circuit Judge Lewis P. Hewitt.

In the case of Marian Boehr vs. Catherine Brown, administratrix of the estate of Mary E. Callan, Judge Walter L. Tooze of the Multnomah county circuit court was reversed in an opinion by Justice Arthur D. Hay and the case was dismissed. It was a suit to obtain property which the deceased allegedly promised to plaintiff for services performed as a nurse.

Mrs. Sannerud Taken To Salem Hospital

SILVERTON — Mrs. Harry Sannerud was taken to the Salem hospital late Sunday where blood transfusions were given early this week.

Mrs. Sannerud, the former Miss Lulu Gollerud, is a Silvertown teacher and the sudden illness was said to be a relapse from the flu.

Retention Silvertown Pastor Is Approved

SILVERTON — The retention of the Rev. Russell Myers for an additional three-year term as pastor of the First Church of Christ, has received the unanimous approval of the board and will be taken up by a congregation vote early in March, according to Ira Loron, chairman of the board.

Court Studies Alumina Plant Drainage

Drainage problems of the yet-to-be-constructed alumina plant were carried to the county court Wednesday by Robert Rosik, hydraulic engineer and W. B. Shoellkopf, project engineer, and two proposals were set forth.

Particular problem is getting rid of the great amount of water which will be running through the plant 24 hours a day washing the alumina clays. One proposal entails laying a pipe-line into the Willamette river directly from the plant, which means construction of a ditch under the river road and through city property which was purchased some years ago as a sewage disposal location. A pumping station to supply water to the plant is expected to be set up on this property.

Drawback of this plan is matter of high water. Alumina officials had figured on gravity to draw surplus water back into the river, and high water conditions would complicate this to the extent that the plant would be forced to shut down during periods of high water. Great expense also would be involved.

Second and most favored proposal is use of Claggett creek as an outlet for the waste water. This creek wandering down through the McNary property and at length emptying into the Willamette. Engineer Rosik said that he had inspected the stream and found it rather badly clogged up near a railroad bridge some distance below Salem. The county court was approached on the matter of cleaning of this bottleneck, and the alumina engineers indicated a willingness to cooperate.

Judge Grant Murphy however said that he wasn't certain whether the county was authorized to effect such clean-up unless the overflow resulting flooded county roads or highways. The court agreed to give the matter further consideration.

Bethel Pupils Boost Quota

BETHEL—Mrs. Carrie Branch, teacher, and 13 pupils of Bethel school purchased \$279.80 of bonds in the fourth war loan drive. The pupils had been so enthused with the idea of buying two parachutes at \$65 each they saved every dime to buy savings stamps and more than doubled the quota.

These youngsters and teacher also sent \$4 to help fight infantile paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Branch have had their guests their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin E. Branch of Bremerton. The young couple spent nearly a week visiting here and at Silvertown with Mrs. Irvin Branch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams. Branch is employed in the navy yard at Bremerton.

Elliott Files, Representative

Carl Elliott of Willamette filed Wednesday in the state department for the democratic nomination for representative in the state legislature from the seventh district, Clackamas county.

Other filings Wednesday: Anna M. Ellis, Garibaldi, for the republican nomination for state representative in the legislature from the third district, Tillamook county.

L. G. English, Toledo, for the republican nomination for district attorney of Lincoln county.

OSC 1944-45 Dates Follow This Year

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Oregon State college this week announced dates for the 1944-45 school year which closely follow this year's pattern. Fall term Freshman week will open October 3 and registration October 7. The school year will close June 29, 1945. Registration in the 1944 summer session will open July 8.

Food Dealers' Meeting Called

All grocers and meat dealers in Salem and vicinity have been invited to attend a meeting Friday, February 25, at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the school administration building, High street entrance, Edward Schunke, Salem director of the Oregon Food Merchants association, announced Wednesday.

Willard Case, district rationing representative of OPA, and John Ferris, meat rationing specialist, both of whom have appeared on previous programs in Salem, will be present. A short film on rationing and an educational film on meat cutting will be shown. An OPA price analyst will be present, so the meeting will be thrown open to any questions on rationing or price.

This meeting will be held by the Oregon Food Merchants association, the distributive education service of the state division of vocational education cooperating. Ration calendars which will lessen the dealers' work in answering consumers' questions will be distributed to all dealers who attend. All grocers whether members of the Oregon Food Merchants association or unaffiliated are invited to the meeting. J. M. Lansinger, secretary of OFMA, will be in attendance.

Y Saturday Parties Start

The Salem YMCA announces that the first of a proposed series of Saturday night parties open to the entire Salem high school student body and those of high school age will be held at the association building Saturday night from 7:30 to 10:45 p. m.

The new series will reach more young people than did the original Hi-Y, Tri-Y coed parties, preparations being made to handle perhaps 200 persons. Entire facilities of the Y will be thrown open for the event, and the evening will be spent informally with lobby games and dancing and swimming being conducted as the guests desire. No date is required. A person once leaving will not be permitted to return.

The new program is a step in the fight against juvenile delinquency, groundwork having been laid by the council of social agencies, Hi-Y and Tri-Y officers and the YMCA staff. It will mean a place for young people to go on Saturday nights and this was a main point of the planning—students, not adults, will be in charge. No fee of any kind is charged.

Col. Hatcher Reported Alive

A US FORTRESS BASE IN BRITAIN, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Col. William A. Hatcher of Detroit, Mich., and Spokane, Wash., the first US Eighth AAF group commander missing in action, is alive in a German prison camp, it was disclosed here.

He was in command at this base until he failed to return from a mission over France December 31. The information was contained on a postcard sent to Lt. Col. Robert W. Poles of Spokane, ground executive officer, in which Hatcher said he "hit the silk and came out unscratched." The card was dated Jan. 14. Boles and other officers said there was no doubt as to the authenticity of the signature.

Hatcher commanded the group in which Capt. Clark Gable flew five missions while he was in the European theater of operations.

OPA Chief Predicts Gas Cut April 1

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Revelation of a new shortage in gasoline ration coupons here today was followed by a prediction by OPA Regional Director Leo F. Gemter of a possible cut in gasoline allotments on the Pacific coast by April 1. Gemter predicted the petroleum administration for war would not increase the Pacific coast quarterly allotment of gasoline and pointed out that illegal coupons are draining off a substantial portion of the fuel set aside for motorists in this region.

May Convert Caves For Convalescents

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Oregon caves resort, long a favorite spot for tourists and honeymooners, may be converted into a wartime center for ill and wounded navy men. Niel E. Allen, attorney for the resort, said navy and park officials indicated to him that the mountain resort, which accommodates 170 persons, might be taken over by the navy.

Maclay Joins Forestry Staff In Expanding Rehabilitation

EUGENE, Feb. 24.—(Special)—Thousands of jobs await returning service men in the private forest lands of western Oregon at war's end in work of rehabilitating burned and non-stocked cut-over lands and in building a better fire protection system. In order to be ready with this program in the post-victory era, the West Coast Lumbermen's association has added another forester to the Oregon staff at Eugene. He is Robert D. Maclay, for 19 years with the US forest service in the Pacific northwest.

Maclay will work under Walker T. Tilley, Oregon forester for the association, and will spend most of his time in the field working with private forest operators, to get full compliance with state forestry laws and to improve forest practices. Examinations will be made of private forest lands throughout the western section of Oregon in the Douglas fir region to determine what must be done to bring these lands up to full production of commercial trees. In the post-victory period there will be a program of planting on much of the burned and non-stocked forest lands. Snag falling will provide many jobs. All of this postwar forest development will be done with the ultimate objective of creating permanent sustained yield areas in this state.

Maclay is a graduate of the school of forestry at University of California in 1923, and in addition to his 19 years with the forest service also has had experience in logging in the redwood area. He will headquarter in Eugene.

Capt. Wickland, Columbia Rescue Hero, Passes Away

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Capt. Oscar S. Wickland, 74-year-old hero of Columbia river rescues during the 35 years he commanded the Point Adams coast guard station, died in a hospital here today. Wickland, retired since 1932, drove an open boat through one of the heaviest surfs ever recorded to rescue the entire crew of 28 from the Peter Frede, which foundered off the Columbia in 1906.

Another of the famed rescues which brought the Swedish-born captain the congressional medal of honor for heroism was that of the tanker Rosecrans, which went down on Peacock spit in 1913. Wickland is survived by a son, Lt. Cmdr. W. R. Wickland, and a daughter and granddaughter here. Funeral arrangements, to be held at Astoria, have not been completed.

Jane Froman Seeks Million in Damages

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Jane Froman, the singer, filed suit in federal court Monday for \$1,000,000 damages against Pan-American Airways, inc., for injuries received when the trans-Atlantic airplane, "Yankee Clipper," crashed near Lisbon, Portugal, a year ago. She also asked \$10,000 damages for loss of luggage.

The singer's complaint said some of her injuries were permanent and that they were caused by "careless, negligent and improper handling of the plane," on which she was a passenger en route to entertain troops overseas. PORTLAND Shipping 18-2 inside

Green Island Mission Reported Bombed

AN ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, Feb. 23.—(AP)—A Catholic mission on the south end of Nissian in the Green Islands, which had been fortified by the Japanese, has been overrun and occupied by New Zealanders, a south Pacific spokesman said Tuesday. In the fight for the mission, the New Zealanders captured six 20 mm. guns, two machine guns, two mortars and rifles. Nissian is the main island in the Green group atop the Solomon Islands which were invaded February 15.

Hamill Defies Order, Remains at Post

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Robert M. Hamill, defying the school superintendent's order to relinquish his post as war production training program head, remained firmly at his old desk this week. Hamill, who maintains he is protected by teachers' tenure, had been ordered to report as a high school teacher this morning. School board members delayed action to see whether he would comply.

Salem Woman Better After Suicide Try

A middle-aged Salem woman, who, according to her mother, has had recent domestic difficulties, was reported recovering Tuesday night from effects of a dose of lysol swallowed late in the afternoon in an attempt to commit suicide, city police said. First aid men, summoned to the scene, said the patient's mother had started the necessary emergency treatment which they continued until a physician arrived.

Expected Meet Bond Goal

Salem high school is expected to go over the top Friday in its drive to reach a \$15,000 war bond goal which will buy a trainer plane for the army, estimates at a Wednesday bond assembly revealed. Gene Vandenyne and Adam LeFor of the fourth war loan committee spoke briefly to the students.

Bill Reinhart, who holds triple presidencies of Harrison-Elliott chapter of Hi-Y, the Civics club and the National Honor society, also talked briefly on bond buying, his remarks being the more significant since he leaves Monday for navy service. He was given a rousing send-off by the student body.

A bond party is projected for Friday afternoon immediately after school in the gymnasium with war stamps as admission fee. At that time high school "sweater boy" will be voted on from among nine candidates, each vote to cost one war stamp. Gov. Earl Sells has been invited to the event.

North Marion Men Called

WOODBURN — Men reporting for pre-induction examination February 22 from the Woodburn board included: Clarence Simpson Smith, Silvertown; Edward Aloysius Froemel, Mt. Angel; Lester DeVerre Martin, Salem; Roger Ealbert Anderson, Silvertown; Leonard A. Ficker, Mt. Angel; Clifford Melvin Eklund, Silvertown; L. Dean Thompson, Salm; George B. Van Arnum, George Hugh Lovett and Leonard Albert Strobel, Silvertown; Victor John Meissner, Mt. Angel; Ronald Hicks Syron and Earl Huston Wells, Silvertown; William John Perkins, Jr., Scotts Mills; Raymond Aloysius Miller, Brooks; Willard Leonard Faulhaber and Maurice Adolph Nissen, Mt. Angel; Christ Frederick Nix, Jr., Woodburn;

Vernon Vincent VonDracek, Silvertown; Ralph Fairfield Dungey, Gervais; Alan Arthur Leary and Carl Frederick Christensen, Jr., Woodburn; Roy A. Beckett, Monticello; Kenneth James Frad and Maurice M. Stamey, Silvertown; Milton H. Kleinsmith, Woodburn.

Transfers from other boards: Jesse Fallen, Woodburn, transfer from Idaho; George O. Williams, transfer from Arizona; Paul Thaddeus Wimer, transfer from Nebraska; and William Unzicker, Hubbard, transfer from Nebraska. Transfers to other boards: Virgil LeRoy Scott, Silvertown; Hiroshi Kaneko, Harry Kunio Fukuda, Roy Satoshi Kaneko and Tom Tsunoe Yashikita.

The examination will determine whether they are to be taken into the army. If so they will have 21 days in which to arrange their affairs before induction.

Sewing Machine Clinic Planned

ROBERTS — Mrs. George Higgins and Mrs. Harvey Schuebel, project leaders, demonstrated the "Care of Non-Electrical Equipment in the Home," at the Extension unit meeting Friday. During the business meeting the unit voted to give six dollars to the grange for the use of the hall. A sewing machine clinic will be held at the March meeting and women will be taught to care for and make minor repairs on the machine.

Sons of Revolution Re-Elect Peace

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Karl V. Pease of Salem was re-elected president of the Oregon Society of the Sons of the American revolution Tuesday. Other officers chosen, all of Portland, were Walter S. Bear, vice-president; Thomas A. Rochester, treasurer; Frank E. Gannett, registrar; George D. Dyer, historian, and Edward J. Clark, secretary.

Sam Byrd OK'd by Navy

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Sam Byrd, the golf professional, said today he has passed his physical examination at Fort McClellan, Ala., and probably would be inducted into the navy within a few weeks.

Lafe Hills Moving

SCOTTS MILLS—Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Hill are moving to the coast this week.

Mrs. Thacker Returning

Her efforts to regain freedom once more through habeas corpus proceedings having failed, Mrs. Myrtle A. Thacker is en route from Oakland, Calif., to Salem in custody of prison officials to resume serving her four year sentence for theft of livestock in Curry county, Warden George Alexander said Wednesday. Mrs. Thacker was received at the prison under the name of Mrs. Myrtle Garner in June, 1941, but later was released on a habeas corpus writ by Judge L. H. McMahan of the Marion county circuit court. Mrs. Thacker charged that her conviction was illegal because there were no women included in the Curry county jury panel.

The state supreme court later reversed Judge McMahan's order but in the meantime Mrs. Thacker had left the state. She was arrested near Oakland three weeks ago and subsequently lost her fight against extradition to Oregon. She was remarried after leaving the penitentiary.

Missouri Basin Plan Favored

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Hearings on the proposed \$490,000,000 Missouri river basin development were concluded today by the house flood control committee with members of congress generally expressing approval of the plan. Chairman Whittington (D-Miss.) said the committee would begin consideration of the proposal in executive session, possibly within a month, and, if approved, it would be included in an omnibus bill which probably would be introduced this year. The Missouri piver proposal, known as the Pick plan and recommended by army engineers, would include a series of 12 multiple-purpose dams in addition to levees for flood control, irrigation, power development and navigation along the Missouri and its tributaries. Sen. Murray (D-Mont.), endorsed in the plan, told the committee he had "no apprehension" that the rights of the four states in the upper basin — Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota — would not be safeguarded.

Marion CE Music Fest Slated

Marion County Christian Endeavor union's annual music fest, planned by Norma Conklin, county CE music chairman, will be held Monday night at Salem's First Christian church. Each society represented in the union is expected to offer a sacred vocal or instrumental presentation at the music fest, after which refreshments will be served by the host church, followed by the monthly executive meeting.

DuBois Appeals

Notice of appeal has been filed with the circuit court by Leon DuBois, sentenced Monday by Judge E. M. Page to three years in the penitentiary on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. DuBois had been granted a stay of execution to Saturday noon on raising \$5000 bond, in order that he might perfect an appeal.



Japs attack an American construction unit who fight from their equipment in this thrilling scene from "The Fighting Seabees," starring John Wayne, Susan Hayward and Dennis O'Keefe, coming to the Grand today.

From where I sit...

by Joe Marsh

Bob Newcomb was reading me a letter the other day—from his son in the Marines. Dick Newcomb's somewhere in the South Pacific, thousands of miles from home, yet he writes to ask:

"Tell me, Dad, do they still pitch horseshoes back of Bay? Is Johnny keeping my tools in shape? Are the trout still biting in Seward's Creek?"

Makes you realize what the men over there are thinking about. Sure, they're fighting for Democracy and Freedom and a Better World Tomorrow.

Joe Marsh

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