

# Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



The Larkin brothers, (left to right) 1st Sgt. Marvin "Buck," Staff Sgt. Melvin "Tiny," and Sgt. Howard, are all members of the same company with the US army in New Guinea. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Larkin, Station A, live in Salem. Marvin's wife, the former Irene Zamow, is a telephone operator and lives with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Zamow, 546 Statesman street. The brothers have been in the army since September, 1940, when called with the Oregon guard. The picture was taken at Fort Lewis just before they left that point. The parents have just received word of the youngest son, Howard's, promotion to sergeant.

Four Salem 17 year olds completed their enlistments in the US navy this week and shipped out to Farragut for basic training. All were enlisted through the Salem recruiting office now under the direction of A. C. Friesen, specialist first class, USNR.

The Salem recruits are William F. Sharp, Richard F. Eckley, John C. Stavenau and Virgil B. Galloway. Others in the group included Orval G. Pack of Dallas; Arnold Davis, Chemaw; Robert W. Tulare, Eugene L. Ergaud of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Butler of Salem have learned of the arrival of their son, Sgt. Warren E. Butler, in England. Sgt. Butler relates that English weather is much like that of Oregon and expresses a liking for the land.

Camp Carson, Colo., is now the station of Cpl. William H. Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Byrd of Salem, who is attached to the mountain infantry. Cpl. Byrd was formerly located at Camp Hale, Colo.; where, he relates, drills were undergone in skiing, cliff scaling and other "toughening up" routines in the 8,000 foot elevation.

An interesting letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. James Leith of St. Louis, Ore., from their son, Cpl. Harold Leith, who is stationed in India. Young Leith's message for the most part is concerned with the terrible famine conditions which have plagued India. He tells of sights such as "little children, even babies, out in the cold and rain without a bit of clothing and nearly starved to death. Their arms and legs aren't any bigger around than one of my fingers." He also mentions seeing a python snake measuring 40 feet in length.

Lt. John A. Trumm has returned to Mather field, Calif., after a furlough spent in Salem with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Trumm, 370 East Washington street. Lt. Trumm recently received his wings at Stockton field, Calif., and is qualified to pilot a B-25 bomber. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy. Two brothers, Urban and William, are in the navy somewhere in the south Pacific.

Word has been received in Salem of graduation of Lt. Alvin W. Jones from an advanced training course at Williams field, Ariz. He has been assigned as instructor in basic training at Marana, Ariz. He is a son of Bert L. Jones of Portland.

## Overgard Resigns Police Department

Resignation of Sgt. William W. Overgard, who joined the Salem police department in April, 1937, and promotion of Patrolman David M. Houser to sergeant and to the night desk at the city station were revealed Thursday by Chief Frank Minto.

The change was made the first of this month. Overgard, owner of considerable apartment properties in Salem, said he was leaving the police force to enter private business, nature of which he did not yet care to disclose.

## Mrs. Tom Anderson Hostess for Aid Group

SILVERTON — Mrs. Tom Anderson was hostess Wednesday afternoon at her Coolidge street home to members and friends of Trinity Aid society. Mrs. M. J. K. Fuhr served as chaplain during the afternoon and also reviewed the popular novel, "The Koba" by Lloyd Douglas.



John F. Van Osdol, Jr., pharmacist's mate second class in the navy, spent a recent ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Van Osdol of Salem. He was accompanied by his wife, the former Dorothy Lee Jones, who will remain here with her parents while her husband is on duty somewhere in the south Pacific. Van Osdol for the past three months has been stationed at Fort Huachuca, Calif., where he qualified as expert machine gunner at gunnery school. He enlisted in the navy in June, 1942.



SION, England — Sgt. Arthur L. Friem, 20, waist gunner on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, has been awarded the oak leaf cluster to the air medal. The decoration was conferred for "exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe." Sgt. Friem is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Friem of 170 South 25th street, Salem, Ore. Before entering the service Friem was a student at Willamette university.

## Shoe Stamp Good May 1

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—A new ration stamp will be good for a pair of shoes beginning May 1, but one of the two coupons now in use—No. 18 in ration book 1—will expire April 30.

The office of price administration, announcing this today, said that despite a continuing tight supply of leather "it is expected that shoe rationing can be maintained at about the present level" of two pairs a year.

The new valid stamp, which will be good indefinitely, will be designated shortly before May 1, OPA said.

Today's action will leave two shoe stamps in use as at present, since airplane stamp No. 1 in ration book 3 is also good indefinitely.

Stamp 18 was validated last June 15 and only 6 per cent of the number issued remain in circulation, OPA said. It is the only valid coupon in ration book 1.

## Egg Shortage Is Foreseen

### Too Drastic Reduction In Laying Flocks, Experts' Belief

Danger from a too drastic reduction in laying flocks by experienced poultrymen in Oregon is foreseen by Noel L. Bennion, extension poultryman at Oregon State college, on the basis of early reports from hatcherymen and some poultry producers.

These reports indicate a prospective substantial reduction in the number of chicks hatched this year compared with a year ago, says Bennion. The high cost of feed and early seasonal decline in egg prices have discouraged some producers.

"Growers might well bear in mind that this is the time of year when egg prices are normally low," said Bennion. "The feed-egg ratio, while less favorable than a year ago, is still above the 10 year average. The average size of laying flocks in the United States has already been substantially reduced. If the number of chicks hatched this spring is reduced too far, a shortage of eggs next fall will doubtless occur."

Bennion recommends that established producers maintain their flocks, but eliminate culls and low producers to conserve feed and obtain more economical production.

While doing this they can brood enough chicks this spring to replenish their flocks next fall with a fresh supply of pullets. It takes pullets of good quality to obtain maximum production during the late summer, fall and early winter months when demand for eggs is greatest and prices highest, he says.

Oregon's suggested goal for egg production in 1944 was set at only a 1 per cent decrease in number of chicks raised for egg production, but 26 per cent decrease in broiler production. Federal and state goals have been set on the basis of adjusting poultry numbers in line with available feed supplies while supplying needs for poultry, meat and eggs.

The reason for the large recommended decrease in broiler production is to conserve more feed for needed egg production, Bennion explained, as laying hens make more economical use of feed than broilers do in producing human food.

## Livestock Men Meet April 4

The Western Oregon Livestock association has picked April 4 and 5 as the dates for its annual meeting, to be held at Eugene, according to notices sent out by H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman and secretary-treasurer of the association.

President R. L. Jones, Clifton, and other members of the executive committee are setting up convention committees to study and report on such subjects as marketing and labor, animal disease and predatory animal control, the feed situation, and general resolutions. E. L. Potter, head of the department of agricultural economics at OSC, will be one of the principal speakers.

All livestock growers in western Oregon, whether members of the association or not, are invited to attend the meeting, says Lindgren.

## Willamette Vetch Seed Is Boosted

Willamette vetch seed, which now is included with common vetch in the government seed purchase program, may still get the national recognition it deserves if plans now afoot work out, according to Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department at Oregon State college.

Experiment station and extension officials are urging Oregon growers to keep their Willamette vetch well marked and separate from common vetch even though it will sell for the same price. The plan is to get all sacks of Willamette vetch labeled plainly as such, so consumers in the south or elsewhere will note the name. Oregon officials feel sure that this will result eventually in a preference and premium price for Willamette because of its extra hardiness and other superior qualities over common vetch.

Dr. Hill says Oregon growers would be better off to eliminate common vetch entirely from their cropping plans as Willamette yields better, aside from its increased hardiness.

## VFW and Auxiliary Will Elect March 15

SILVERTON — Election of officers for both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary will be held March 15 at the army. Mrs. Charles Hartman is president of the women's group and Lester Standard of the men's organization.

Short business meetings were held Wednesday night for both groups. At the women's group, Mrs. J. P. A. Hanson and Mrs. Leslie Elliott were initiated.

## US Plans to Use Spuds for Alcohol

By OVID A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—The government is completing arrangements to convert upward of 18,000,000 bushels of lower grade white potatoes into industrial alcohol for war purposes. The idea is to prevent their possible waste and a drop in growers' prices.

The potatoes will be dehydrated at idle mid-western sugar beet plants and then shipped to alcohol plants for processing. Industrial alcohol is needed in greatly expanding quantities for manufacture of munitions and other war materials.

The war food administration said the decision to use the potatoes for alcohol was made because last year's bumper crop had pro-

vided more than could possibly be consumed before this year's spring and early summer crops reach the market. The government had promised growers a market for the giant 1943 crop.

## Treasury May Ask New Debt Limit

WASHINGTON, March 2—(AP)—The treasury may ask congress soon to increase the national debt limitation by \$0 billion dollars to cover "the mounting deficit caused by war expenditures, legislative leaders heard today.

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the senate finance committee predicted that an increase from the present limit of 210 billions to 260 billions would be sufficient to meet financing needs in the next year.

## Willkie Says Demo Party Falling Apart

By SAMUEL G. BLACKMAN

NEW YORK, March 2—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie declared tonight "The democratic party is falling to pieces" and urged republicans to achieve internal unity "because the opportunity is now ours to step into power in the national government."

"A new party in power with a new point of view is doubly necessary to the welfare of the country today," Willkie, a candidate for the republican presidential nomination, said in an address for delivery on the March of Time

program over an NBC national hookup.

"Because it is torn by disunity, the party now in power cannot give this nation a strong and effective government," he said. "The democratic party is falling to pieces."

"Its congressional leaders and its executive leader are becoming involved in deeply disturbing disputes; its executive department is becoming increasingly petty and arrogant in its relationship to congress; the antagonistic social, economic and political groups that compose it have begun to war among themselves; the chief executive has lost his power to hold them together, to direct them, and to produce within the democratic party a concerted and unified effort toward winning the war or planning for the peace."

## Labish Ditches Are Cleaned

LABISH CENTER — The Salem Sand and Gravel company has completed cleaning out the irrigation ditch at a cost of \$4.50 per acre for each onion grower.

The farmers feel it has helped the drainage problem considerably. There has been much ditching done on individual farms for the past few weeks.

NEW YORK—(AP)—Mrs. Cecile Nabony told police today her son, Richard, 6, had not been home overnight.

Detective Thomas Kenny found Richard and another little boy soon afterward.

"We're cops," explained Richard, displaying a tiny badge. "We were looking for robbers."

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