

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing



Private Kenneth Hoogerhyde, who has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoogerhyde, of his safe arrival in the Gilbert Islands. He has been stationed in Hawaii for nearly two years. His brother, Kenneth, will be inducted into the army soon.

Lt. Charles Barclay, now stationed in England, has written his mother, Mrs. James Barclay, an account of his experiences there. Particularly referring to the activities of the Red Cross, Barclay requested that his mother buy a membership for him with five dollars. Lt. Barclay is a former employe of the Bishop store in Salem.

Lt. Dwight K. Runner, navigator, of Salem, Ore., will soon complete an intensive course in combat flying at the Alexandria army air field, Alexandria, La., and in the near future he will go overseas to a combat area. He is a member of a Flying Fortress crew trained by the Second air force, which has the task of readying four-engine bomber crews for overseas duty. Lt. Runner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O. Runner, Rt. 6, Box 273, Salem. He is a graduate of Salem high school, class of 1940, and attended Oregon State college.

MONMOUTH — Maj. William Rette, chief administrative officer of the Camp Adair hospital for the last two years, has been transferred to Barnes General hospital, Vancouver. Mrs. Rette and their three children will remain here until school closes next week, when they will go to Salina, Calif., for a month's visit with her parents. They have occupied the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Jensen while here.

MONMOUTH — Chief Petty Officer Lee Stillwell, who is in the naval construction battalion, is home on a 30-day leave after spending 16½ months in the Aleutians. He and his wife, the former Nadine Mason of Dallas, visited here Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mason. Other guests at the Mason home were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rousseau of Portland.

MILL CITY — Pfc. Johnnie Siems has been wounded in action, according to information received by his mother, Mrs. Ted Olson. Another son, Morris Olson, recently was discharged from the army and is now confined to a veterans' hospital in Roseburg. He is improving, according to information received here. His mother visited him last week.

George S. Grant, yeoman 3/e of the navy, who has been on recruiting duty in the Portland office for the past 20 months, is in Salem on special assignment work with A. C. Friesen, specialist 1/c in charge of recruiting in the Salem area. Yeoman Grant is no stranger in Salem as he was employed as field clerk for the department of the interior in the construction of the Oregon capitol building, four years ago.

He is the son of A. L. Grant, a business man of Baker, Ore., and is enjoying a visit with his friends in Salem, together with his work.

ELDREDGE — Pfc. Ernest Banyard has returned to Camp Roberts, Calif., after spending a 10-day furlough with his family and friends. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banyard.

Seven Willamette valley men enlisted in the navy in Portland on Tuesday: Edward L. Jackman of Salem; Norman R. Bethell, Monmouth; John W. Weder, Corvallis; Paul D. Fritts, McMinnville; William R. Baldwin and Raymond D. Fritz, both of Molalla; and Harvey C. Bartel, Dallas.

After 21 Years of Separation Salem Sisters Meet Again

By ISABEL CHILDS

After 21 years of separation and almost 19 years of no correspondence, Mrs. Lewis Ritzman, route seven, Salem, and Mrs. John Brennan, 575 South Winter street, sisters, did not recognize one another. However, the likeness of their features led casual acquaintances to ask the question which brought them together here last week.

Joel H. Coe and Henry "Hi" Haman, owner and manager of the Perfection Bowling alleys, where the two women waited for husbands and sons, surprised Mrs. Brennan as she sat at the coffee counter by insisting that she must have a sister and that the sister must be in the room. At first, Mrs. Brennan, who had been separated from older sister and brothers when she was only three years old at the time of their parents' divorce, denied existence of a sister. But Coe and Haman did not give up. They inveigled the women into telling their given and maiden names, and comparison proved how right their eyes had been.

So, since Wednesday, Mrs. Ritzman, who as a young widow was visited by her mother and younger sister in 1923, and that same younger sister, since married and the mother of a family, have been putting in as many hours as they can spare from their homes becoming re-acquainted.

As the Deck sisters, the pair spent portions of their girlhood in Salem. But they have only recently returned here. Mrs. Ritzman came here with her family a year ago from Missoula, Mont. When last December she was a patient at Salem Deaconess hospital, she looked out of her hospital room window into the yard of the house into which her sister's family had moved in November.

Of Mrs. Ritzman's five children, three sons are in the service. The oldest, Pvt. James Moore, would have seen his aunt as his mother's double. He it was who suggested that one sister wear her hair up and one leave it down so that the neighbors could tell them apart. He arrived home Sunday from Greenwood, Miss., on furlough a few hours before Sgt. Harvey Moore had to leave to return to March field, Calif., where he is an aerial gunner instructor. The younger brother is putting to use some of the knowledge gained in two years' service in the Aleutians.

The middle son has recently been sent to Camp Roberts for basic training as a paratrooper. The oldest of Mrs. Brennan's four sons, Jack, 19, is in the coast guard, where he has served for two years, and is stationed at San Diego. Two younger sons, Albert and Tommy, play in the Crystal Gardens orchestra with their father. Mrs. Brennan was waiting for them when Coe and Haman looked at the shape of her face, her nose, eyes and mouth and asked her to "say it over again" when she declared she had no sister—at least none whose address she knew.

The story of how the address was lost, when Mrs. Brennan was told her sister was moving to Missouri some 18 or 19 years ago is longer than that of how the sisters found themselves. But while

S/Sgt. Leonard A. Buhrman, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wiederkehr of Jefferson, is spending a brief furlough from San Luis Obispo, Calif., with them and his wife. His wife, the former Dollie Wiederkehr, will return to California with him.

ATHENS, Ga., May 20—Richard T. Drinnon, aviation radio-man, third class, USN, of Salem, Ore., has reported to the US navy pre-flight school here for three months of intensive physical toughening and instruction in advanced ground school subjects. Upon successful completion of the course, he will be transferred to a naval air station to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Drinnon son of Mrs. Emma Drinnon, 2340 Laurel avenue, completed naval flight preparatory school at Austin, Tex., and was transferred here from the CAA war training service school, Houston.

Sgt. Richard L. Morgan is spending a 10-day furlough at his home on route one. He is stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

Orville L. Malm, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Malm, route 7, box 390, is at home on a 15-day furlough from Farragut, and will report for an assignment following his visit.

A second son, Earl L. Malm, storekeeper second class, is on active duty in the South Pacific, having been released from the hospital in Honolulu.

Lt. Robert Irish, pilot with the air force, sent word to his mother, Mrs. Corrine Irish, that he had arrived in England by plane. He was formerly stationed in New Mexico.

Seaman First Class Stewart Sharpnack is now in the South Pacific with the coast guard. Sharpnack, who has been in uniform 15 months, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zena Sharpnack, of his general whereabouts.

Pvt. Robert M. Lawless is home on a 15-day furlough from his service unit at Hines, Ill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lawless of 542 North Liberty street.

Sewing Susies 4-H Club Work Shown at Swegle
SWEGLE—Included in the open house display at the school house Friday night was the work of Sewing Susies 4H club. The following were awarded prizes: Joan Stark, first prize; Joan Stark, second prize; Lavonne Yost, Vida Standley, third prize.
Other girls completing their first year of sewing were Nola Jean Zobel, Merline Cozad and Donna Mae Brandt.

Renew Acquaintance



Mrs. Lewis Ritzman, left, and Mrs. John Brennan, right, sisters, met at a coffee counter after 21 years of separation. The Statesman photographer who asked them to "just look natural now" caught the similarity of features which led casual acquaintances to bring them together.

the younger sister moved around, the older sister remained at Missoula until she and her family came west so that the husband the younger sister had never met could engage in defense work. In Portland, where they lived for a few months before finding a Salem residence, she hunted industriously for Roxie (whose friends and family today call her "Amejila"). When she met her in a bowling alley, she was—the expression is true but suitable—bowled over.

Car Accident Brings Suit

Suit to recover \$6550 for general damages and \$168 for special damages allegedly resulting from an automobile accident has been started in the circuit court against W. M. Tate and Anna May Brandt.

According to the complaint filed Saturday, Charles Duane Burt, a minor child, was riding as a guest in a car owned by one of the defendants, Anna May Brandt, on March 13. The car, operated by the defendant's son, Glen Brandt, collided with another car at Nebraska avenue and 14th street. The second car was owned and operated by W. M. Tate, the second-named defendant.

The complaint states that the boy suffered concussion of the head, fractured ribs and fracture of the right arm. Suit is being brought on behalf of the child by Floyd Burt, guardian ad litem.

Howard Warren Rites Set for Monday

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 22, from the Hamilton Funeral home in Vancouver, Wash., for Howard L. Warren, 49, former forest service employe here, who died Saturday, May 13, in Vancouver. He had been employed the past 18 months at the Kaiser shipyards. He was a veteran of World War I.

River Men Study Columbia Navigation

UMATILLA, May 20—(P)—Navigation possibilities are being studied by a group of riverboat operators who headed up the Columbia river today. The 400-mile trip along the Columbia and Snake rivers, will take four days and will end 100 miles above Lewiston, Idaho. Data will be presented at Walla Walla June 8 and at Portland June 15 at hearings to be conducted by army engineers.

Rye Slumps Sharply Again

CHICAGO, May 20—(P)—Rye broke sharply in heavy trading today with the price for May and July deliveries off five cents, the limit permitted for one day's trading by the board of trade. May and July futures were at new lows for the year. September and December rye, though receiving considerable support from commission houses, shorts and professional traders, declined with the other months to new seasonal lows.

The break in rye unsettled other grains and led to increased selling of wheat futures, especially the July, which finished at a new low for the current downturn. At the close wheat was ¼ to 1½ lower, July \$1.64½ to \$1.64. Oats were down ¼ to ½, July 77½. Rye was 2½ to 5 cents lower, May \$1.15½. Barley was down ½ to ¾, July \$1.21½.

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