

# IN THE... Nation's Service

## Melvin Nichol Tells of Life in Philippines

AUMSVILLE — Pvt. Melvin Nichol, serving with the army combat engineers in the Philippines, writes his wife, the former Dorothy Drake of Aumsville: "During the day our camp looks like a side show with Filipinos wanting to trade eggs, bananas, chickens and so on.

Some of the people speak pretty good English. Most of them are barefooted while some of them wear wooden shoes with a leather strap over the toes. They saved their clothes and hid them from the Japs and wear them now since we came. All of the people believe in raising many children and all you can see is children.

The people aren't very dark. They look much like the Spanish. Some of them have horses that the Japs did not take from them and have a two wheeled buggy to ride in. Some have caribou to use. They have to let them lie down in mud holes every three hours or they will die.

Houses are built of split bamboo and are about five feet above the ground, with thatched roofs.

They have beautiful churches here. They are made of cement blocks and are supposed to be three or four hundred years old. They are very big and have steel bars over the windows. There are many bells in them that are played when someone dies. The people are pretty religious.

The women are very short but have a good build. One was just here selling crabs and shrimp. They are fresh water crabs, smaller than those at home.

Women carry rice on their heads and can carry a hundred pounds or more. The men lay around while the women work. The women do our washing for us and they do a very good job.

They have dances here when someone gets married and play American songs and dance in the grass.

Teachers taught the children to hold up two fingers and say "Victory." They teach them other words in English. They can say "Hello."

The people want American rations and really think they're good!

Filipinos raise mostly rice, some sweet potatoes, cotton, sugar cane, peanuts, sweet corn and a few beans. There is a fruit called Popius that grows on a tree and tastes like a muskmelon and orange mixture."

Private Nichol has been overseas 18 months and has seen action at Munda and Bougainville.



Lt. Abe L. Steinbock, chemical warfare service, is stationed at the arsenal chemical warfare, Edgewater arsenal, Md. He was commissioned Dec. 23, 1944, and was home on leave later and returned for 12 weeks additional training. He was taking chemistry at Willamette when he was inducted. He is playing basketball at Edgewater post, resuming the sport in which he was active while in college.



Pvt. Phyllis Hafner of the woman's army corps is now stationed at the army base in Oakland, Calif., according to word received by Lt. Edith Dine, local enlistment officer at the US army recruiting station in Salem post office building. Private Hafner is on duty with the supply division of the army air base. The Salem WAC left for service in October, 1944, and received her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Ia. Prior to her enlistment she worked in the payroll office of the Oregon shippers and had been at one time employed at the state capitol. A sister, Roland M. Hafner is serving with the USNR. Photo by Bishop's.

## Air Medal to Manuel Hadley

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England — For meritorious achievement and displaying courage, coolness and skill as a flying fortress gunner, Staff Sgt. Manuel C. Hadley, 19, of Salem, Ore., has been awarded the Air Medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Quillin A. Hadley, 723 Ferry street, Salem.

Sergeant Hadley, serving with the 91st bombardment group — combat home of "Memphis Belle," joined the army air forces on July 8, 1943, was awarded his gunner's wings in February, 1944, and was ordered to England on May 26, 1944, for duty with the eighth air force in the bombing of Germany.



## Gilbert R. Stuller Commended for Work in Aleutians

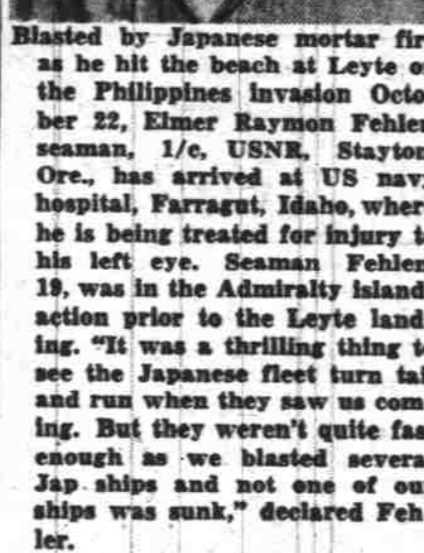
"Admiration for the work you are doing and has done the past 18 months" is conveyed to Cecil W. Stuller, route one, box 121, Wallace road, from Capt. John G. Smith of the engineer combat company with which PFC Gilbert R. Stuller is serving in the Aleutians.

"His job has not been easy, and coupled with the separation from his home ties there are many times, I am sure, when he would have given anything to be back there with you," Smith's letter continues. "However, he has done what was required of him without grumbling or dissent, which reflects very favorably upon you, his father."

"I am proud to be the commanding officer of a company composed of so many such as your son, and I truly hope that the time is not too distant when we can all return to our homes."

Formerly of Lafayette, Stuller enlisted as a volunteer at Vancouver barracks five years ago next August. He was attached to the coast artillery and saw two years of service with an anti-aircraft battery at Borinquen field, San Juan, Puerto Rico, West Indies, and later was transferred to Fort Stevens, Ore.

After intensive commando and LST landing training on the California coast, Stuller made the landing on Kiska with his buddies. He has a brother, PFC Charles W. Stuller, on headquarters staff of the redistribution station at Santa Barbara.



Blasted by Japanese mortar fire as he hit the beach at Leyte on the Philippines invasion October 22, Elmer Raymond Fehler, seaman, 1/c, USNR, Stayton, Ore., has arrived at US navy hospital, Farragut, Idaho, where he is being treated for injury to his left eye. Seaman Fehler, 19, was in the Admiralty Islands action prior to the Leyte landing. "It was a thrilling thing to see the Japanese fleet turn tail and run when they saw us coming. But they weren't quite fast enough as we blasted several Jap ships and not one of our ships was sunk," declared Fehler.

## Scrap Books Sponsored by Amity Women

AMITY — The Women's Civic Improvement club met with Mrs. E. O. Morse with Mrs. W. C. Bannister and Mrs. Isaac Bantzari as assistant hostesses.

Members directed the president, Mrs. R. R. Massey, to buy several scrap books for the club members to fill with reading matter, fiction, biography, funny stories to send to service men in the hospitals.

Mrs. Bantzari was elected secretary of the club to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Joseph McKee.

Later, members helped Mrs. G. E. Gillaspie work on a scrap book for the soldiers, and Mrs. E. Waddell told of her recent six weeks visit in Washington, D. C., and New York City. Mrs. W. C. Bannister played several piano accordion selections. Fifteen members and guests were present. The next meeting will be March 13.

## Veteran Aid Aim of Curry

### Agricultural Committee To Advise Returning Soldiers Formed

PORT ORFORD — A joint meeting of the Curry county planning committee and the veterans advisory committee was held at Gold Beach last week, resulted in definite plans and recommendations for locating discharged war veterans in Curry county agriculture.

A committee composed of Luther Tisdale, Fred Gustafson and J. J. Musser was appointed on the special lily growers project to draw up share-tenant or tenant purchase plans that would be practical for older lily growers to execute with returning veterans.

A minimum of family-size unit, standard recommendations, was reduced to a 25-cow dairy, 400-ewe flock, six acres of Easter lilies or three acres of cranberries. This unit is recommended as adequate to support a family under reasonable living standards.

Res. H. Hansen, chairman of the livestock committee, advised that there was room for limited expansion of dairy cow members in present producing areas.

Eva Donaldson, representing the home and rural life committee, urged that recommendations be made proposing that veterans locate on well established roads near schools, where telephone and electricity will be available.

The land use committee report was made by County Agent R. M. Knox, who advised that progress in the county-wide electrification program made the most important contribution to land use.

C. H. Buffington acted as chairman substituting for Fred Adams, who is attending the legislature in Salem.

## OSC Research Helps Produce War Minerals

### OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Feb. 22—Methods for extracting valuable minerals from low grade sands, worked out in chemistry and chemical engineering laboratories here, are being successfully applied on a commercial scale in Florida in producing scarce minerals needed during the war, reports George W. Gleeson, acting dean of engineering.

The processes were first applied in southern Oregon near Bandon, where chrome ore was obtained when it appeared the foreign sources of that metal were lost. When the "battle of the Atlantic" was won the government had no further need of this higher priced source of chrome, hence plants shut down, Dean Gleeson explained.

The Bandon plant of the Humphreys Investment company, a Denver corporation, was then moved to Florida, where the same methods have now been used for seven months in separating ilmenite, rutile and zircon from sand deposits there. The first two are sources of titanium oxide, used extensively in welding flux and in paints.

## Nadal Family Visits Amity

### Father in Chicago for Business, Others Visit Abrahams

AMITY—Mrs. Joseph Nadal and daughter, Barbara Lou, are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Abraham, while Dr. Nadal is on a business trip to Chicago.

Betty Lee of Amity who joined the WAVES last summer is spending a short leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lee of Amity. She is stationed in New York.

Willard Blivens, instructor in the air corps and stationed in the east was a recent guest at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Simpson.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Emerson were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Emerson of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Emerson and family of near Sheridan and John Cook of Camp Adair.

Mrs. W. E. Taylor who has been seriously ill at her home for several weeks is improved. She was taken to a hospital in McMinnville for a checkup Monday.

Mrs. T. W. Robertson who has been ill at her home here for several weeks is much better and is able to be out again.

The Baptist Mission Circle will meet Friday at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Will Look, west of Amity.

## Weekend Visitors Are Entertained At Marion Forks

MARION FORKS — Visitors at Marion Forks included Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairfield of Redmond; and Mr. and Mrs. V. Jacobson and Leo Jacobson of Monitor made a trip up for posts.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith end day at East Idanha for Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wolfe and daughter, Louise, Idanha; Mr. and Mrs. L. Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. G. Pittman, Marion Forks; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Snyder, Drother Young and Audrey Smith.

Mrs. J. Piert of Sisters, a daughter Sandy are visiting with relatives in Portland. They were former residents of this section.

## Salvage Fat Drive Upped For 45 Days

The next 45 days constitute one of the most critical periods in fat salvage since the war began, according to word just received by the OSC Extension service, which has been asked to assist existing salvage agencies in an intensive campaign to get in more waste fats, especially from rural communities and small towns.

Total fat supplies in sight for 1945 are fuel 10 per cent under the 1944 production, in the face of mounting need for war purposes, lend-lease, and civilian use in this country.

That more waste fats can be obtained, especially from rural areas, is indicated by sample surveys made recently in eight states, including Oregon. In this state approximately 15 rural families were contacted in 10 different counties concerning fat salvage. Of 153 families contacted, 108 had turned in fat in the previous two months, averaging 2.2 pounds per month, reports Mrs. Azalea Sager, state leader of home economics extension. Fifty-four of the families said they could turn in more fat than they had in the past, with possible increases ranging up to 50 per cent.

Arrangements have been made in each county for extension service workers to cooperate with salvage committees and other agencies in making sure that collection points are operating in each community in connection with local stores or meat markets. Some confusion over suitable containers has been cleared up with the announcement that any tin can is suitable for use in turning in waste fats whether it has a lid or not. Glass or paper containers are not suitable.

The goal for waste collections in the country as a whole in 1945 is 250 million pounds, compared with 170 million pounds collected last year. These waste fats are used in manufacturing many kinds of munitions, medicines, soap, and other items, needed both for military and civilian use.

## Thomas B. Stewart Home on Furlough

Sgt. Thomas Blaine Stewart, radio technician of the army air corps, attached to a bombardment group, left after a two weeks' furlough spent with his mother, Mrs. Edith Farmer, and grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Patton, recently left for an eastern center.

His mother and step-father accompanied him to Portland. While in Salem, the sergeant was entertained by oldtime friends at a variety of functions including a trip to the Oregon beaches.

Stewart's group has received two Presidential Unit Citations for outstanding valorous service. He wears the Croix de Guerre, with the palm of the French government. He has seen duty in Africa, New Guinea, France, Italy and Corsica, having served for more than two years in the European war area.

Stewart was a Salem high school graduate with the class of 1938.

## Leonard Buhrman Recovering From Wounds of Leyte

BARNES GENERAL HOSPITAL—Pvt. Leonard Buhrman of box 95, route one, Jefferson, Ore., is receiving medical attention at Barnes General hospital, Vancouver, Wash., for gunshot wounds received at Leyte, while serving with the field artillery.

Private Buhrman was inducted at Fort Lewis, Wash., in January 1942, and has served in the Philippines and Hawaiian Islands. He has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal and Asiatic Pacific ribbon. He received his basic training at Orange, Calif., and is a graduate of Cedar Rapids high school, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Before entering the service, he was engaged in agricultural work. His mother, Mrs. Hattie Buhrman, resides at Juan De Fuca, Wash., and his wife, Dollie Buhrman, resides at the above address in Oregon.

## Busy Beavers Bother Scio Residents Again

SCIO—Beavers have been felling small trees and ornamental shrubbery along the mill race in Scio, property owners complain. At the D. W. Johnston residence in recent years several trees have been felled, at the Fred Daley home recently a weeping willow and four fiblet trees have been cut by beavers. In some instances the animals remove the trees, while in other cases the trees are left where felled after much of the green bark has been consumed by the beavers. A few years ago local property owners obtained relief by legal trapping.

## Grandchildren Hold Reunion

AMITY — Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith were their grandson and granddaughter, Phillip Smith, an engineer in the U. S. army stationed in the east, and his sister, Joan Smith, a student at Oregon State college.

A family reunion and dinner was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Wood, west of town.

Present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Wood's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ware of Corvallis, David, Becky and Howard Wood, Joan Smith and brother Phillip Smith, Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wood. The young folks are the six grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith.

## Sears to Give Scholarships

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Feb. 22—Six scholarships in home economics here, amounting to \$200 each, have been established for 1945-46 by the Sears-Roebuck foundation, according to announcement received by Dean Ava B. Milam from the foundation. Similar scholarships in agriculture had been in effect here several years.

The scholarships are to be awarded to six farm-reared girls with scholastic ability and who have "a sincere desire for full and complete training in advanced home economics education and who otherwise would not find it possible to enroll," according to rules of the grant.

Dean Milam says county extension agents, particularly the 4H club agents and home demonstration agents, will be asked to assist in selecting girls to receive the scholarships.

## Man, Woman Found Dead In Apartment

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—(P)—Harry William Bewley, 54, heir to a \$125,000 fortune, and his wife, Rose, were found dead today in their apartment. Police said the only explanation appeared to be murder and suicide.

The bodies were found by Mabel E. Rayburn, building manager, who broke into the apartment about noon today after the couple failed to appear since early yesterday.

Police said tonight the deaths had occurred between noon yesterday and 8 o'clock last night.

Both were fully clothed and wearing overcoats. Bewley was sprawled across a chair and the body of Mrs. Bewley, his third wife, was on aavenport. She still wore a hat.

A service revolver, with two bullets shot, was found under Bewley's body.

Bewley had worked as a guard at Oregon shipyard and was a former city policeman. He was the son of Roswell Lawson Bewley, McMinnville, Ore., banker who died Feb. 2 leaving an estate estimated at \$125,000.

The only other heir is a granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Rummel, Chicago, who was bequeathed \$500 by the 80-year-old banker. Bewley was to receive the remainder of the estate.

## Upstate Cities Win Honors In Dairy Meet

PORTLAND, Feb. 22.—(P)—Top honors for butter and cheese producers went to upstate cities in the annual contest held by the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers association here today.

Marvin Carkuff, Farmers Cooperative Creamery, McMinnville, won first butter honors; Ralph Gillette, Eugene Farmers Creamery, second.

Percy Wood, Sunshine Creamery, Baker, was first in the aged Cheddar cheese division; Caddie Hutchens, Mt. Angel Creamery, second; Palmer Zottola, Grants Pass, third.

Hugh Barber, Willowa County Creamery, was first in fresh cheese division; Virgil Donaldson, Hebo, second; Gordon Long, Alderdale Cheese Factory, Nehalem, third; Leo von Arx, Sunshine Creamery, Baker, fourth.

## Family Reunion Marks Birthday

MIDDLE GROVE—A family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hyett on Thursday commemorated his birthday, with covers placed for Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Baker, daughter Ruth and granddaughter Joan of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Merton DeGuire and Elbert of Silverton; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Vernon and Henry Windhorst of Polk county; and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. DeGuire of Salem; Mrs. M. DeGuire and Mrs. A. W. Vernon are sisters of Hyett, and A. B. DeGuire is a nephew. This group makes the occasion of Hyett's birthday, time for a special annual reunion. Mrs. Hyett made a business trip, by plane, to San Francisco, recently, and on the return trip experienced some rough weather as the plane landed in Portland.

## Illinois Scientist to Speak at Silverton

SILVERTON, Feb. 22.—Dr. Oliver Lee, director of the Dearborn observatory of Northwest college, Evanston, Ill., will be the principal speaker Wednesday at the Silverton chamber of commerce meeting, John W. Jordan, program chairman, has announced.

Dr. Lee has been visiting his brother, O. E. Lee and will speak on "Life on Other Worlds."

## Scio Anglers Expect Run of White Fish Soon

SCIO—A local angler stated this week that the "run" of white fish soon would be on, in event higher temperatures prevail. Salmon from the sea are expected soon also for the spawning season in fresh water streams. Many fish that survive the season are frequently observed in Thomas creek at Scio returning to the ocean.

## Officer Visits Two Chapters

AMITY — About 25 members of Amity chapter of Eastern Star attended a district meeting in Dayton Friday, Mrs. Hazel Foster, worthy matron of the grand chapter of Oregon, paid her official visit of inspection to these two chapters. The work of the Order was exemplified for her benefit. A 7 o'clock dinner was served in the Masonic hall to 60 members before the meeting.

## JEFFERSON—Pfc. Hurlbert E. "Gene" Hunter was slightly wounded in action in Belgium January 27.

Francis Phelps, aviation metal-smith, 1/c, expects to have leave in another week and will come with his wife to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelps. He has been in the navy four years and is now stationed at Alameda, Calif.

Francis Bomber, aviation ordnance man, 1/c, is stationed at San Diego. He is a son of Mrs. Anna Bomber of Jefferson and was recently promoted to his present rank.

Jim Winfrey, seaman 1/c, and Mrs. Winfrey came from Bremerton to spend the weekend at their home here. He is driving a truck at Puget Sound navy yard and has returned there while Mrs. Winfrey is still here.

## Sweet Home Man Gets Combat Infantry Badge

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Pfc. John M. Stevens, son of Mr. John S. Stevens of Sweet Home, Ore., has been cited by the 361st infantry regiment of the 91st "Powder River" division and awarded the combat infantryman badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with the fifth army in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of a silver rifle, set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Applications for enlistment in the navy Wednesday included Warren Howard Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Merrill Brooks, and Jack Otis Shattuc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Shattuc, 151 Silverton road, Salem. Both men were sent to Portland for final physical examination and processing, and will be sworn in some time next week after which they will be placed on an inactive duty status before being shipped to San Diego naval training station for indoctrination.

## Births

Wilkerson—To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilkerson, route three, a daughter, Georgia Gail, born February 6, Deaconess hospital.

Cross—To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Cross, 904 Church street, Dallas, a son, Herbert Allan, born February 14, Deaconess hospital.

Collins—To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Collins, 3120 Portland road, a son, Richard Verner, born February 9, Deaconess hospital.

Willard—To Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Willard, 1795 South Cottage street, a son, Wayne Edgar, Jr., born February 9, Deaconess hospital.

Cummins—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Cummins, 1945 Elm, a son, Robert L. Orison, born February 19, Deaconess hospital.

Earhart—To Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Earhart, 2562 Lee street, a son, Claude Elvin, Jr., born February 14, Deaconess hospital.

Salter—To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Salter, route five, a son, Gene Leslie, born February 12, Deaconess hospital.

Roberts—To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Roberts, Turner, a son, Charles William, born February 15, Deaconess hospital.

## Valley Obituaries

NINA GERTRUDE FOOTE  
SILVERTON—Nina Gertrude Foote, 76, long-time resident of Silverton, died Wednesday in Clarkston, Wash., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fern Foote. She had been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Foote was born in Wisconsin, Sept. 9, 1868. She is survived by two sons, Merle Foote of Silverton, Dwight Foote of Waldport, two daughters, Mrs. Percy McGaffee of Woodburn, Mrs. Fern Foote of Clarkston.

Funeral announcement will be made later from the Ekman funeral home.

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