

IN THE... Nation's Service

Frank Childs Brings News Of WU Grads

Lt. Frank E. Childs, USNR, a graduate of Willamette university and former instructor there, has returned to the Pacific coast, bringing with him from Washington, DC, his wife, the former Margaret Shirliff, and their small daughter, Carol. They are in Portland with Mrs. Childs' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Anderson, also former Salem residents. They were joined there this weekend by other members of the Childs family from this area.

In Washington, where Childs went last fall for further navy training, Mrs. Childs and Carol made their home with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. deLospinasse (Helen Childs) when the young navy man went back to sea. Shortly before leaving the nation's capital this time, Lieutenant Childs spent some time with Lt. Brongwyn Williams, former Willamette university athlete who is now in the navy bureau of personnel in Washington after 31 months' duty in the Pacific aboard aircraft carriers.

The Childses also saw Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hart (Betty Savage), Willamette graduates Hart, who was a graduate student at University of Minnesota with Childs, is in the federal bureau of the budget.

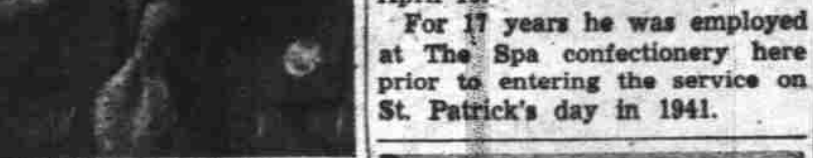


Harvey Shafer Here on Furlough

Sgt. Harvey Shafer is in Salem visiting his mother, Olive Hillmo, 515 South 21st st., his brother, Paul, and his sister, Mrs. Averill Reaney.

Shafer was seriously wounded in France and following hospitalization abroad, has been at Bushnell General hospital, Brigham, Utah, recently and is now on his first furlough. He expects to leave Salem for California about April 16.

For 17 years he was employed at The Spa confectionery here prior to entering the service on St. Patrick's day in 1941.



PFC Harry O'Reilly

PFC Harry C. O'Reilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. O'Reilly, route 4, box 328, is a paratrooper with Patton's army in Germany. The young soldier went into the army in October, 1943, trained first at Ft. Camp Roberts then at Ft. Benning and went overseas last September.

O'Reilly's parents received a copy of a mimeographed paper "The Talon" from their son's division, in which it said that the division captured an unnamed town in Germany, with very few casualties, and captured 200 Germans.



PFC William H. Searcy

PFC William H. Searcy of the third marines, who saw service at Bougainville and Guam during his 2 1/2 years in the South Pacific, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ross, 1854 Hazel avenue. He spent Easter weekend with them. Searcy is now at the navy hospital in Astoria. He lived in Condon prior to enlistment.

Add to that a string of "firsts"—such as the first WAC unit ever assigned to an army in the field and the first WACs to be transported by LST's—and you have the WACs of the Fifth Army!

Landing in North Africa in August, 1943, the small unit burst into print when it was assigned to the Fifth Army—to work with the Fighting Fifth in the field—and a very active field it was and has been and is!

When the Fifth went on for the critical invasion of Italy, General Mark Clark assured the skinned soldiers that they had won a place in the Fifth Army and that as soon as possible he would send for them.

It wasn't a long wait, for in November of 1943, shortly after the fall of Naples, the WAC unit mov-

ed into Italy, and that started the long trek up the boot of Italy.

An Oregon WAC serving with the Fifth Army is Technician fourth grade Mona J. Skaug, daughter of Mrs. Dina Skaug, 2004 Market St., Salem. Before joining the WAC in March, 1943, she was a secretary for the West Coast Beet Seed company in Salem and was a member of the Junior Hostess League of Salem. She has three brothers in service: Sgt. Clarence N. Skaug, Sgt. Vernie J. Skaug, and Cpl. Henry M. Skaug.

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Lt. N. V. Burris, Combat Veteran, Will Aid Cadets

BROOKS FIELD, Tex. (Special)—Having completed a tour of combat duty at war zones throughout the world, and with thousands of battle missions against the enemy to their credit, a group of AAF pilots today rounded out a course at Brooks Field, Texas, preparing them for a new role in America's air war.

In four weeks of study, members of the class at the AAF training command's twin-engine central instructors school formulated plans for instructing aviation cadets in advanced flying techniques.

Included was 1st Lt. Nedry V. Burris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Burris of 1270 N. Sumner St., Salem, Ore. Veteran of 13 months' service with the 7th air force, Lieutenant Burris has been awarded the distinguished flying cross with an oak leaf cluster and the air medal with four clusters.

OTUMWA, Ia. — Ensign William Egon of Brooks, Oregon, has reported at the naval air station, Otumwa, Ia., for naval air primary flight training.

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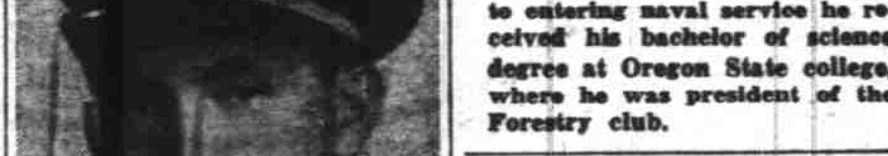
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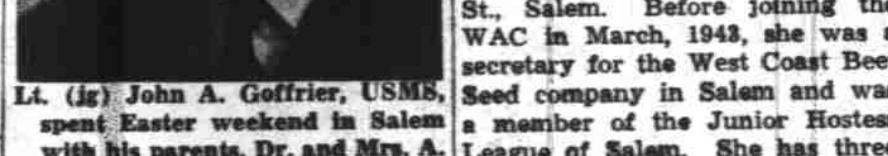
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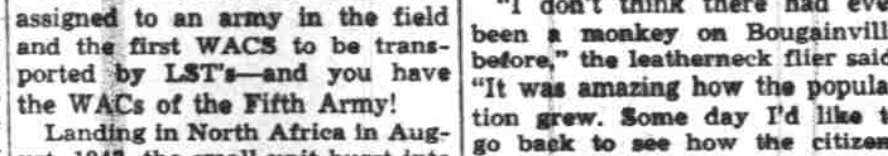
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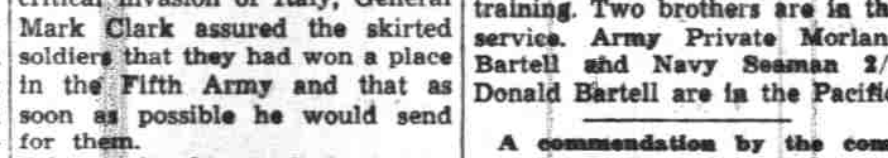
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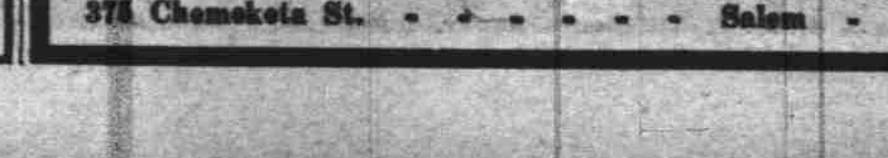
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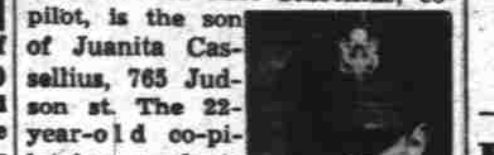
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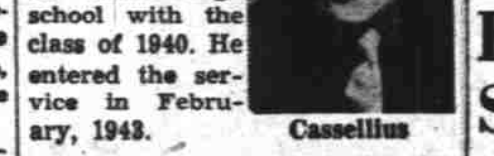
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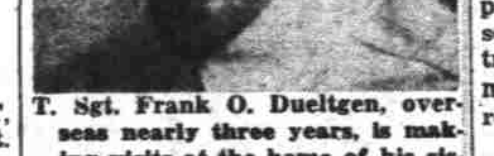
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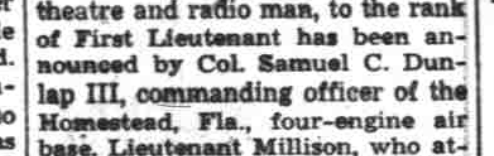
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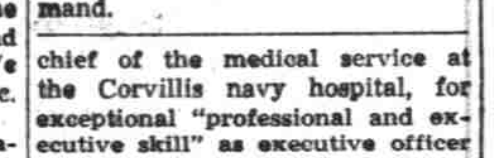
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