

Small Oregon Cities Show Unvaried Gain

Every one of the 38 Oregon cities with a 1940 population under 2000, which requested a new census to ascertain whether they were entitled to additional pro-rata funds, have shown an increase in number of residents, Robert S. Farrell, jr., secretary of state, told the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday. The gains ranged from 2 1/3 per cent for Philomath to 175 per cent for Milwaukie.

Farrell, who gave the club a thumb-nail sketch of the activities of all the divisions within his department, also said he planned to ask the state legislature to enact a law providing that new drivers' licenses may be applied for during the month of each applicant's birthday, instead of having a single rush for new licenses as would be the case in July of 1947 if present statutes remain in force.

The secretary of state particularly stressed the work of the motor vehicle division and called for more general adherence to traffic laws in regard to automobile lights and drivers' caution. He cited a great increase in accidents and traffic fatalities as proof that his branch of enforcement must receive particular attention.

Other members of the board of control, Gov. Earl Snell and State Treasurer Leslie Scott, attended the meeting.

Robert Ragsdale Home To Attend College

RICKREALL—After 3 1/2 years of service in the navy, most of the time spent aboard an aircraft carrier, Robert C. Ragsdale, chief electronics technician's mate, has returned to his home here with his discharge received at Bremerton, Wash. His service ribbons include the American Defense, ribbon, European theatre ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with three stars, the Philippines Liberation ribbon and the Good Conduct medal.

He plans to continue his scientific work and will enroll in the spring at Reed college in Portland for work preparatory to entering Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His younger brother, Allen, received a disability discharge from the navy a year ago. They are the sons of Mrs. Florence Ragsdale.

Robert E. Dodge Home Following Discharge

SPRING VALLEY — Pvt. Robert E. Dodge, who at one time was a prisoner in Germany, arrived home unexpectedly Friday night and surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Dodge of Spring Valley. He received his discharge from Camp Bowie, Tex. He was a member of the 106th division which was almost annihilated. Robert E. Dodge was a Salem high school student before induction.

Service Couple Visit At Turner Residence

TURNER—Mrs. Rachel Gordon and her husband, Lt. Robert Gordon and son, Robert Lee, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Riches. Lieutenant Gordon returned from Europe in September and is on terminal leave until January 9. Mrs. Gordon was graduated from Reed college in May 1943 and has been making her home in Richmond, Va.

Lt. Col. L. A. Austin Visiting in Woodburn

WOODBURN—Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Austin Thursday were their son and his wife, Lt. Col. and Mrs. L. A. Austin, enroute from Fort Lewis to the presidio, Colonel Austin has been stationed at Fort Lewis since 1940 in the western defense command, but has been transferred to the main office of the command in San Francisco.

North Howell Men Are Returning to States

NORTH HOWELL — Sgt. Harley Oddie has arrived in the states from the Philippines and is on his way to Ft. Lewis for discharge. He hopes to be at home for Christmas.

Three Moullet boys, Cyril, Leon and Merle were also on the way home from Germany and the south seas.

FORT DES MOINES, Iowa — PFC Gloria L. Allgood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis R. Allgood, 1165 N. 13th st., Salem, Ore., has been awarded the good conduct medal. She is stationed at Fort Des Moines.

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- PFC Chester A. Boyle, 523 N. Church st., Salem.
- T. 5th Gr. Ray E. Cross, route 3, box 96-B, Salem.
- T. 4th Gr. Albert D. Dralle, 1811 N. 4th st., Salem.
- Pvt. Paul W. Hankins, 637 N. 17th st., Salem.
- PFC Jack F. Royston, Salem.
- Pvt. Albert C. Wunderlich, Salem.
- PFC Donald R. Glines, 3000 Portland rd., Salem.
- M. Sgt. Louis H. Pettit, 270 N. 23rd st., Salem.
- T. Sgt. Kenneth D. Lee, 745 Ferry st., Salem.
- Sgt. Paul L. Worthington, 730 N. Winter st., Salem.
- T. 4th Gr. Hillis R. Braden, 1880 N. 4th st., Salem.
- T. 4th Gr. Virgil L. Keller, 385 N. 24th st., Salem.
- M. Sgt. Ralph A. Gleissner, route 3, Albany.
- Pvt. Charles F. Longtin, 227 W. 2nd st., Albany.
- Sgt. Victor G. Peterson, 1620 E. st., Albany.
- Pvt. Francis Warner, route 1, box 154, Amity.
- PFC Emmett Miller, route 2, box 7, Canby.
- Sgt. Michael Negron, box 235, Dayton.
- PFC Ralph N. Miller, box 452, Independence.
- Sgt. Henry L. Holzhaus, Lyons.
- S. Sgt. Theodore W. Lichman, route 1, box 187, McMinnville.
- T. 5th Gr. Vern R. Scott, route 3, McMinnville.
- Sgt. Jay H. Bodle, box 372, Mill City.
- S. Sgt. Maxwell R. McLean, 175 S. Broad st., Monmouth.
- T. 4th Gr. Robert L. Gates, route 2, box 166, Newberg.
- PFC Raymond H. Hanson, 305 Mill st., Silverton.
- Sgt. T. Q. Reed, PO box 683, Sweet Home.
- T. 5th Gr. Donald B. Allport, box 138, Turner.
- T. 5th Gr. Wilfred G. Lohse, route 1, Turner.

George Kellogg Helps Send Men Home From India, Burma, China

CALCUTTA, India—Sgt. George N. Kellogg, route 6 box 566, Salem, Ore., is currently serving with the 975th QM supply detachment whose chief task is handling soldiers awaiting return to the United States from the India-Burma and China theatres.

The unit operates at Camp Angus, near Calcutta, receiving the overflow of troops who have been processed at the replacement depot. Recreational facilities, daily movies, sight-seeing tours to nearby Calcutta and athletic programs occupy the time of the soldier awaiting shipment.

Sergeant Kellogg is serving as a section head with this unit.

Turner Soldier Given His Army Discharge

TURNER—Cpl. Thomas Myers was discharged from the army at Ft. Lewis November 29. He received the combat infantryman's badge, victory medal, good conduct medal, European theatre of operations ribbon with three battle stars and expert rifle and carbine medals.

Overseas 10 months, of which he was a prisoner of war five months. After two months on a recuperation furlough, he was stationed in Seattle, operating a crane at the army salvage yard.

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Mrs. Regine Curlee, who formerly conducted a dancing studio at Albany, Corvallis and Salem, Ore., has arrived here to become junior hostess of the engineer training section service club. Mrs. Curlee, former secretary of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, is a graduate of the Columbia College of Expression in Chicago, and has produced and directed many pageants, minstrels and variety shows.

ON THE USS STEVENS — Walter W. Devaney, seaman, first class, USNR, Toledo, Ore., served on this destroyer during the final combat operation of the war at Balikpapan, East Borneo. The ship engaged in close fire support during operations preceding and during the invasion.

PFC Bernard "Bob" Brown, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry A. Brown received his honorable discharge November 28 at Camp Bowie, Texas. Brown has been in the service 2 years and 8 months, 14 months of which were spent overseas in combat in France, Germany, Italy and Austria.

Today Marks 50th Birthday Of Salem General Hospital; Expansion Program Is Set

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Salem General hospital. It was first established in a house on South Twelfth and Ferry streets, long since torn down. The original minute book of the hospital is preserved and discloses the early history of the institution which has now served occupying since 1926 a fireproof structure on East Center street.

The call for the meeting to start the hospital camp from the faculty of Willamette university which was interested in obtaining an institution for better medical care of the ill and for training of their students. The first board for the organization consisted of Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. R. S. Wallace, Frank E. Hodgkin, Gideon Steiner, George P. Litchfield, W. T. Gray, Frank Davey, H. T. Bruce and A. N. Bush. Mrs. J. J. Murphy was the first president, Steiner vice president, Gray secretary and Hodgkin treasurer.

Contributions from Salem citizens were solicited — furniture and vegetables and groceries.

The first superintendent was "Miss Bowman," who was employed at a salary of \$25 a month after the first month which was free. She served until Aug. 31, 1896 and was succeeded by Miss Abbie J. Mills whose term lasted until Dec. 1, 1899. After one month's service by Mrs. E. A. Holton, Miss L. McNary became superintendent continuing to Sept. 1, 1920. Miss Lillian MacDonald is the present superintendent.

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Falls City Men Home on Furlough

FALLS CITY—Harold Murphy, U.S. navy, returned to Bremerton Sunday after a 30 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Murphy.

Don Cummings and Henry Henthorne of the navy and Tim Hayes and Jerry Livingstone of the army are home for the holidays.

David Booser of the army has been discharged after spending two years in the South Pacific.

Capt. Knowlton Reiber of the army is home on a furlough after spending three years in the European theatre of war. He has enlisted.

A. O. Purser Serves On Homebound Ship

ON THE USS HOWARD F. CLARK, (Delayed)—A. O. Purser, F2/c, USN, 141C route 2, Salem, Ore., is serving aboard this destroyer escort, which is en route to the United States. The Clark, which participated in the Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns, had been at Guam since October 27 until she left for home via Eniwetok and Pearl Harbor. The ship sustained minor damage in the typhoon of last June.

Lyle Cave Civilian

PFC Lyle D. Cave, who has been overseas with the army engineers for more than two years, serving in both European and Pacific theatres of operations has recently received a discharge and is now at home with his wife at 695 Court st. apartments.

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—Lt. Robert J. Sell, proprietor of the Shepherdson's Abstract office of La Grange, Ind., on military leave with the army air forces, was released from active duty today at the AAF separation base here. Lieutenant Sell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Sell of 865 Marion st., Salem, Ore., and is married to the former Mary Jane Will of La Grange. He has an 11 year-old son, Robert J. Jr.

Scout District Names New Committeemen

Silver Falls district of the Boy Scouts of America elected committeemen for 1946 Tuesday night at a district meeting in Brooks.

Forty members representing eight district towns of Mt. Angel, Scotts Mills, Monitor, Silverton, Woodburn, Hubbard, Gervais and Brooks were present.

The following district committeemen were elected: Jack Fish, Silverton, reelected district chairman; M. D. Woolley, Woodburn, vice chairman; M. D. Ford, Silverton, district commissioner, and Dean Bishoprick, Woodburn, neighborhood commissioner.

Members at large elected and later appointed included John Jordan, Silverton, advancement; Ray Glat, finance; Father Damien Jentges, OSB, Mt. Angel, training chairman; Monty Russell, Brooks, camping; Neal Butterfield, Woodburn, organization and extension and Lee Withers, Woodburn, health and safety.

It was reported that new scout cub packs are being formed at Mt.

Angel and Scotts Mills. A scouters training course was set up for Smith Creek camp in the Silver Falls recreation area for January 5 and 6.

The next district court of honor will be held in Silverton, January 8, and the next district meeting at Gervais, January 22.

Tire, Gasoline Contracts for State Are Let

The Signal Oil company Tuesday was awarded the contract to provide Oregon with about \$100,000 worth of tires in 1946. It was estimated the average price per tires of all sizes would be about \$15. The award was made by the state board of control. There were three other bids.

The contract to provide around 2,250,000 gallons of gasoline and 100,000 gallons of kerosene went to Tidewater Associated Oil company, with Standard Oil to serve the state in places where Tidewater is not equipped to provide adequate supplies. The low bid on gasoline was 12.33 cents a gallon. Seven bids were entered.

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