

George D. Baird Out of Navy, Now Civil Engineer for Army

Visits Salem



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Visiting Salem this weekend, Comdr. George Douglas Baird, navy civil engineer on the staff of the secretary of navy and bureau of yards and docks, was released to inactive duty in the naval reserve in March.

Commander Baird, with his wife, the former Charlotte Stuttaford, and their children, Betty, 8, and Marianne, 4, are to reside at SE 62nd ave., Portland, but will visit in Salem with Mrs. Baird's mother, Mrs. Cornele Stuttaford, 497 S. 18th st. En route home, they joined an unexpected family reunion with Mrs. Baird's brother who, too, had just arrived from the east, and other members of their families.

The commander's release at the Jacksonville, Fla., naval personnel separation center, construction of which he had previously supervised, terminated nearly four years of service with the navy. He is returning to his pre-war job as civil engineer with the U. S. army engineers, in flood control.

Anniversary of Elks' Lodge Set April 20-21

Plans are well underway for a two-day observance April 20-21 of the 50th anniversary of the Salem Elks' lodge, officials have announced. The general committee of which Harry Wenderoth is chairman is to meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow to complete arrangements.

Principal speaker at the Saturday and Sunday observance will be Frank Lenergan of Portland, past grand exalted ruler of the Elks, and guest of honor will be Frank Wrightman of Salem, only surviving charter member of the Salem unit.

Only members in good standing will be permitted to take part in the observance, it has been announced. There will be neither families of members nor outside guests in attendance.

The Salem lodge, now at an all-time high of 1500 members and with a closed enrollment, is one of the largest in the entire nation.



Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.

Lodge to Talk At Young GOP Portland Meet

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., former U. S. Senator from Massachusetts, recently back from three years of service with the U. S. army, will be the main speaker at the Oregon state convention of the Young Republican Federation at the Benson hotel in Portland April 26 and 27, it was announced last week by Adam F. Lefor, Salem, convention chairman.

Lodge, prominent in public life for many years, is the seventh of his family to serve in the United States senate. He is the grandson of the senator of the same name who won fame during World War I by his opposition to the League of Nations.

Shortly after his return from the army last year, Lodge attracted national attention in a speech in which he emphasized the international role which he said the United States must play in the coming years.

Senator Lodge, 42, entered the army as a reserve officer in 1942 and was among the first of the American observers when American-built tanks went into action in Libya. He returned to the senate upon the order of President Roosevelt, and later resigned his senate post to re-enter the army.

He served in Italy in 1944, southern France, the Rhineland and Germany.

Delegates of Young Republicans from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will be represented at the northwest regional conference to be held in connection with the Oregon state

\$10 Million To Jobless in Three Months

More than ten million dollars was paid to claimants by the Oregon unemployment compensation commission during the first quarter of 1946, far higher than for any full year previously, Administrator Silas Gaiser announced today.

Veterans received \$2,984,223 in U.S. readjustment allowances, while \$7,121,250 went to workers laid off from covered employment.

Marion county held its usual second place in the state, with a total of \$237,477 in civilian payments and \$242,874 in veterans' allowances during the first three months of 1946.

Linn county paid out \$42,266 to civilians and \$39,591 to veterans, Benton \$15,795 civilians and \$26,646 veteran, Polk \$27,606 civilian and \$31,349 veteran, Yamhill \$136,895 civilian and \$67,902 and Clackamas \$260,498 civilian and \$98,344.

In March alone \$2,855,118 was paid to civilians and \$1,225,544 to veterans, both amounts being higher than corresponding figures for the entire year of 1945.

Both civilian and veteran payments increased slightly less than 19 per cent between February and March.

In the Portland employment office area, veterans received only 23.4 per cent of the benefits during the quarter, but in 17 of the other 25 local offices payments to former service men and women exceeded the amount disbursed to civilians.

McMinnville, Oregon City, Tillamook, Albany, Lebanon, Toledo, Coos Bay and Bend offices paid more to civilians. Medford, Pendleton, Grants Pass and The Dalles all reported better than 2-to-1 payments for veterans.

Out-of-state payments jumped to \$532,470 for March, bringing the total for three months to \$1,039,646. Few veteran allowances went to other states.

Among the guests to attend will be members of the Oregon congressional delegation, state officials and republican leaders of the state, Lefor said. He asked those needing hotel reservations to contact him at the state house.

Retires



Eric Butler, long time Salem manager for Western Union, who retired last week from that position.

Butler Leaves Job After 28 Years as WU Manager Here

Eric Butler, who started with Western Union in 1904 as a check clerk, has retired as manager of the local office after 28 years here as manager.

He plans to work on the five acre place he recently bought outside the city and perhaps spend some time at his beach cottage at Lands End. Other plans for the future include helping his son in the construction business.

Butler worked up to a manager's position, serving for a while as a Morse code operator before there were any teleprinters used by the company. He managed company offices in Medford and Bellingham, Wash., before coming here.

Veterans Will Get Chance to Buy Surplus

PORTLAND, April 6.—(Special) To speed distribution of critically needed surplus consumer goods, the War Assets administration will hold an "emergency" sale for certified veterans in Portland April 24 and 25, according to C. T. Mudge, Portland regional director.

The Portland sale will be held in the Municipal auditorium, Southwest Third avenue and Clay street. Veterans of World War II holding appropriate purchase certificates will be offered at fixed prices approximately 400 automotive units, 50,000 yards of 58-inch heavy O. D. duck, miscellaneous hardware, 235 combination bench and pipe vices, 8415 round-point shovels and 5650 peavies.

Smither Heads Horse Show

Arthur Smither has been appointed chairman of the Salem Saddle club's fourth annual Western Horse show, May 18 and 19, by Fred Amussen, president of the club.

The event is also sponsored by the Oregon Mounted Posse, and the Governor's Guard. Other committee members include: posse committee, Kenneth Golliet, Adolph Heater, Fred Ellis and Walter Zoel; events, Buz Youngquist; publicity, Graham Sharkey; program, Blanche Allen; tickets, Fred Ellis; entertainment, George Arbuckle; announcing, Doug McKay; parking, Bert Bilyeu; electricity and wiring, Keith Brown; paddock manager, Garnett Harra; property manager, Jack Lindemann; barn manager, Curly Hofstetter.

Marion Man to Be Air Force Guest in Florida

S/Sgt. Ray F. Hopper, who has been discharged from the army to his home at Marion, is an army air force member who was a Jap prisoner of war.

He has completed his hospitalization and has indicated that he wishes to accept the air force personnel distribution command's invitation to spend two weeks of his 104-day furlough as a guest of the air forces at Miami Beach, Fla. He will arrive there on April 28, 1946.

Virginia Harris to Head U. of O. Fete Committee

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 6.—(Special)—Recently appointed to head the queen coronation committee of the Junior Weekend celebration May 10, 11 and 12 on the campus is Virginia Harris, daughter of Waldo Harris, 245 E. Lincoln st.,

Salem; co-chairmen Marilyn Sage, Coquille, and Thomas Kay, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kay, 1525 Fairmount dr., Salem, announced this week. Miss Harris is majoring in journalism.

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