

## Mid-Willamette Valley News

From The Statesman's Community Correspondents

### Ex-Sergeant, English Wife, Son, Reunited

(Picture on page 1)  
SILVERTON — Happy New Year was a tangible fact for Harry Oehler, 24, former AAF sergeant, and his wife, Irene MacKenzie Oehler of North Wemby, Middlesex, England, who with their seven-month old son were united here New Year's eve and spent New Year's day in a family dinner at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Oehler, at 113 Willow st., Silverton.  
Mrs. Oehler and child reached New York on Christmas day, having flown the Atlantic on the second attempt, being turned back because of weather conditions the first time. They arrived at Portland on the Union Pacific's train Idahoan Tuesday morning at 11:45 a.m. and were met there by the husband father who brought them to Silverton.  
Oehler, who works with his father, L. P. Oehler, in the Oehler Locker plant at Silverton, entered the AAF in August, 1942. He went overseas the following May and was stationed at the Bovington air station in England. He met Irene MacKenzie at a dance in North Wemby. She was a draftsman with Britain's General Electric during the war. They were married in the early fall of 1945 and he was returned to the states on Christmas day that year.  
On May 30, 1946, Leslie was born, and his father began looking for his family to arrive in the states. He expected them in November or early December but each time he heard they were coming the trip was postponed. On Christmas eve he was notified by the Red Cross that the family would arrive at LaGuardia field, New York, on Christmas day. The wait from then until they arrived at Silverton New Year's day was about the longest, young Oehler said.  
In preparation for his wife's arrival, he has been building a house on Silver street which will be ready for occupancy in a couple of weeks.  
While the young mother said "Leslie was spoiled from the airplane trip and all the attention and was little cross because of being off his schedule," he appeared definitely pleased with his new relatives and entirely fascinated by the flash of the camera bulb as his picture was taken at his new home on New Year's day.

### Reunion Dinner Held, Officers Named for Year

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NEW YEAR'S BABY  
SILVERTON—Silverton's New Year's baby was born Wednesday night at 10:40 at the Silverton hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Bascue of 215 Sheridan street. The baby is the first son to the Bascues who have two daughters, one six and one four years of age.

Sunnyside—Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Taylor gave a New Year's day dinner for the following: Helen Brantner, Tommy Brantner, Shirley Brantner, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rea, Craig Taylor, Bruce Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Taylor.  
Hayesville—Troop 20 went for an overnight hike to the cabin in the woods, carrying full packs and they spent New Year's eve and the following day there. Adults making the trip were Scoutmaster Monty Christofferson, Bob Hartzell and George Strout. Richard Reitzenstein passed his swimming test for first class at the Y Saturday night.

### Ranch Ramblings

By Rural Reporter

While discussing profitable (or unprofitable) beef cattle fattening operations in the valley with J. Inskip, county agent up (or is it down?) in Clackamas county, he told of G. Matzen of Wilsonville and his six acres of irrigated land. This, Inskip said, is another link in the chain of evidence which is leading many stockmen to believe beef cattle fattening in the valley is profitable.  
The ladino clover, a 1945 planting, volunteered so heavily to hairy vetch that Matzen was forced to pasture it during the initial pasture period so as to prevent the vetch from destroying the stand of clover. Thirty-five head of cattle fed on the field from May 1 to May 15. This brought the vetch control, after which the six acres carried 14 head of beef cattle to November 1. Seven head sold in August, topped the Portland yard market for the day. Matzen estimates a gain of 300 pounds per head from May 1 until August. None of the animals received grain during the pasture period. But Matzen observed that the cattle should have been removed at a little earlier date as he believes that the stand may have been injured somewhat by late fall grazing.

Clyde Starr, Monroe, was elected president of the Linn-Benton Dairy Herd Improvement association at its recent reorganization meeting. Starr succeeds A. R. Forester, Tangent. R. H. Murphy, Albany, was named vice-president, and George Guessford, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Rollie Davis, Blodgett; A. R. Forester and Marvin Ulford, Lebanon. The members voted a 20 cent per cow assessment for the purpose of buying needed equipment. Also voted were increases to \$5.50 a month for a half-day's testing and \$10 for a full day's testing. A half day's testing is considered as 16 cows, and a full day's as 30 cows. A charge of 30 cents per month is charged for each cow over the recognized limits.  
The association has two full-time testers.

### Over Oregon

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—Americans were the most ingenious men in German prison camps, Henry Soderberg, Swedish YMCA official who visited prison camps during the war, said today. Soderberg, international YMCA representative, told a businessmen's club of the concert he heard behind barbed wire, with captured American fliers playing "instruments" improvised from Red Cross tin cans and scraps. "I enjoyed it," he said, "even though they made a most terrible noise."

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—Four firms in the Oregon district have been suspended from selling sugar by the government control agency, Sylvanus Smith, enforcement attorney, said today. Among them was the M & F Grocery, Independence, suspended for 30 days starting January 6 on a charge of sugar inventory shortage and overdrawn ration bank account.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—Alan Brown was chosen chairman of the board of Multnomah county commissioners for 1947 today.

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KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 2—A 15-cent hourly increase, the same boost earlier settled upon by other lumber groups, has been proposed by Klamath basin employers and the CIO International Woodworkers of America. If ratified by individual operators and the union membership, the increase will be retroactive to January 1.

MADRAS, Jan. 2—Russian thistles—the tumbleweeds which sometimes fill irrigation canals—aren't a noxious plant after all, two residents decided today. A Colver rancher, picking up a tumbleweed found a dollar bill entangled in it. A little later B. O. Larkins, Opel City, took another greenback from a thistle plant.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—The customer's war-time dream will come true in 1947, an Oregon food merchants association bulletin indicated today. The bulletin, warning of smaller profits ahead, advised grocery men: "Remember your customer is the most important person in the world. Treat him in the same manner you would have him treat you."

ROSEBURG, Jan. 2—Barton Kennedy Jenkins, 87, retired McKenzie valley farmer and father of two Oregon newspapermen, died here New Year's day after a long illness. Survivors include the widow, Rebecca, and two sons, Frank Jenkins, editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, and Paul Jenkins, Roseburg News-Review staff member. The funeral will be held here Friday.

MEDFORD, Jan. 2—Oregon-California Theaters, Inc., which purchased eight Leverette interstate theaters in southern Oregon and northern California this week, today announced plans to build three new show houses. Matt Freed, general manager, said theaters would be built in Yreka, Cal. and Central Point, Ore., and a drive-in theatre at Medford as soon as civilian production administration approval is obtained.

MEDFORD, Jan. 2—A planned New Year's eve jail break was frustrated after Jackson county jail officials got wind of the plan. Sheriff Howard Gault said today that apparently he was seeing at

The sheriff said eight prisoners the bars. Saw marks were found, although no blades were in evidence. Officials theorized the blades might have been disposed of down the drain.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—Senator Cordon left by train today for Washington, D. C., after attending the funeral of his daughter in Roseburg last week.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—The state board of health reported today that 159 cases of infantile paralysis boosted Oregon's communicable disease total in 1946 to 12 per cent over 1945. Only 69 persons were stricken with polio in 1945. The last year's disease ration, aside from infantile paralysis, however was good: venereal disease declined 27.5 per cent; diphtheria, 10.1 per cent; typhoid and meningococcal meningitis were all down.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—Mrs. Frances Gilbert, 83-year-old Newberg woman injured in an automobile collision here December 15 died in a hospital today. The death raised Portland's 1946 traffic fatalities to 58.

PORTLAND, Jan. 2—A police recapitulation today showed 13 cases of homicide in Portland during 1946 and 21 instances of negligent manslaughter up through November. Other totals through November—December statistics, except on homicide, have not been completed—were 42 rape cases, 81 suicides, 7,430 drunkenness arrests and 40,927 traffic violations outside of parking misdemeanors.

### Post, Auxiliary Plan Meeting

STAYTON—American Legion Post No. 58 will hold its regular monthly meeting January 8 at 8 p.m. in Forrester hall. Initiation ceremonies will be held for approximately 35 candidates. There will also be a speaker.  
The auxiliary will meet at the Women's clubhouse and conduct a brief business session, after which members will adjourn to Forrester hall and attend the initiation.  
Visiting members of the Legion and their wives are welcome to attend.

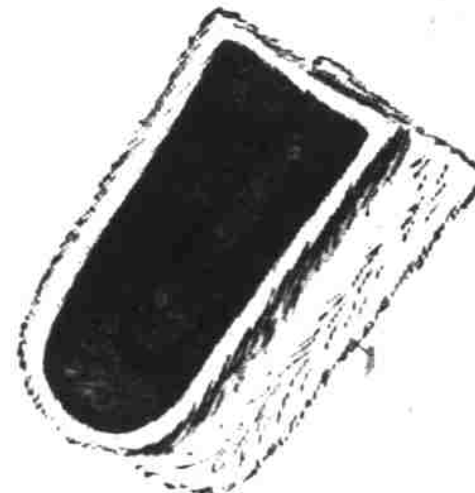
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8x10 in. size. Half price
- Assorted Vases** 33c to 75c  
Were 55c to 1.50
- Boys' 8.69 Jackets** 6.95  
Wool and leather combination
- Assorted Figurines** 33c to 75c  
Regular 45c to 1.50
- Men's 23.98 Jackets** 13.97  
Leather-wool combination. 34 to 44
- Men's 10.75 Raincoats** 7.97  
Zelan water-repellant finish. 36 to 40
- Men's 10.98 Wool Shirts** 5.97  
100% new wool, solid red color

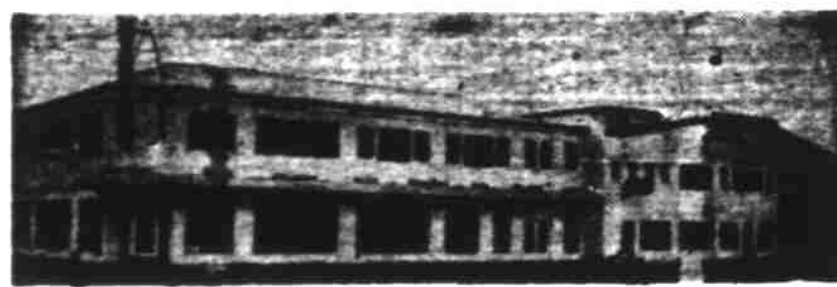


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