

## Items About Local Boys In Service

### Dick Avery Helps Keep Them Flying Over Europe

Private Richard B. Avery, son of Mrs. Lela Avery of Coquille, and who at one time was employed on the Sentinel, has been in England since last fall. He is one of the trained mechanics which are the backbone of the Ninth Air Force which is giving the Nazis so much discomfort and trouble daily over Europe.

Getting there "fastest with the moose" is an old Yank custom that is being carried on today by the Ninth Air Force Service Command to support air offensives over the French battle fronts. Its shuttling cargo planes and truck convoys move mountains of equipment according to the needs of medium bomber and fighter groups. Its work-shops offer quick repair facilities for aircraft at huge depots or in the field. And the mighty roar of Ninth Air Force engines over France today assured Allied troops of secure air support is proof that the old American custom pays off.

Dick Avery was a C. H. S. graduate in May, 1940, and had been business manager of the Hi-Times. Before entering the service in Jan., 1942, he was linotype operator on the Etna, Calif., Western Sentinel. Mrs. Avery is living with her parents in Tucson, Ariz.

### Pvt. Floyd Smith Here On A 9-Day Furlough

Private Floyd E. Smith, whose wife is the former Anna Holmstrom, came in last Friday from Camp Roberts, where he had just finished his basic training in Field Artillery. He has a nine-day furlough, which he is spending at Mrs. Holmstrom's home. When he leaves here he is to report at the Army Camp Robinson in Arkansas. When he resided in Coquille Floyd was employed at the Fitzgerald Service Station and later at the Smith plant.

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### Patterson Chaney Now In Normandy

Patterson Chaney, private first class in the Quartermaster corps, has been in Normandy since early in July. Prior to this he saw a lot of England and Scotland where, to his great enjoyment, he was able to see the fine old cathedrals and had the opportunity to sketch some of the countryside. In France he is with an evacuation hospital outfit, is in good spirits, has obtained some French water colors and gets in some occasional painting. Pat has been gone from here since last December.

### Sgt. Harry Smith Somewhere In France For Second Time

Sgt. Harry D. Smith, writing to his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shepard, says to tell all his friends "hello" for him and that he hopes to be seeing them soon. He is with a Quartermaster Salvage Repair company and has been overseas since last November. Just now he is somewhere in France, his second trip across the channel from England. Before being sent over he was stationed at Camp White here in Oregon.

### Coquille Valley Boy Missing Since July 15

According to official war notification, given the Sentinel by Mrs. Wm. Knabe of Scottsburg, their daughter, Mrs. Betty Spry, the former Betty Knabe of Arago, has received notice that her husband, Pvt. Wm. H. Spry, has been missing since July 15, the last action, against the enemy in which he was engaged. The notice did not say whether it was in Europe or not that young Spry was in action.

### Frank True In From Farragut Last Week

Frank True, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. True, who had been in training as a Navy Signalman at Farragut, Idaho, for the past nine months, came in last week for a few days at home and left Saturday for San Bruno, Calif., for further training and assignment to duty.

## Letter From Ken Lane in S.W. Pacific

Following is the letter recently received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane from their son, Kenneth, who is in the Navy on a vessel operating in the southwest Pacific:

Dear Parents: I have been intending to write for several days but haven't seemed to be able to get around to it.

As I can't think of anything to write about, I will tell you of a little trip I took the other day.

Some time ago, some of us bought a native canoe. It is 16 feet long, with an 18 in. beam, dug out of a log. A person always thinks of a dugout as being a crude sort of boat, but they have a lot of wonderful workmanship put into them. The sides of ours are only about one-half inch thick. Two men can easily carry it but it is so narrow you must sit flat in the bottom to keep in upright, and then it takes lots of practice. The position is very tiring. It also takes a lot of practice before one can paddle it more than a mile without getting out to rest. But it is very fast. Two men can keep up with the slower outboard motor boats.

Well, another fellow and myself got two days off and started to visit a native village on another island, about 15 miles from here, but the way we had to go, following the coast line to avoid as much open water as possible, made it further. We stopped to rest several times on the way and look at Jap defenses. Some places the guns are still as the Japs left them, with tons of ammunition lying around them but the Japs didn't go anywhere. I picked up a Jap skull with a piece of shrapnel still sticking in it.

Well, we approached the village in the afternoon. There was not a soul in sight anywhere and we were about to decide the place was deserted when we heard a drum begin to beat and after that we saw two natives on the beach. We began to wonder what kind of a reception we would get but found they were all at church. They are Seventh Day Adventists and quite religious. The women all wore mother hubbards. They are awfully careful about their eating white man's food, afraid it might have pork in it.

They were very friendly and gave us a hut to ourselves to stay in and when we shared our food with them, they would have given us the whole village. They gave us a lot of shell beads, polished shells and cat's eyes. Nothing that amounted to anything but the best they had. I will send some of it home.

After supper one of them broke out a home-made guitar and we sat around a fire and they played until about midnight.

The next morning we shoved off and arrived back at our ship that evening, tired, sore, and stiff. It was the first time in fifteen months that I had spent a night away from the ship.

The war seems to be going along favorably but the end doesn't seem to be in sight yet.

I am in perfect health and am in no danger, so don't worry about me. —Love, Ken.

### Jap Flag Received From Sgt. Carl Wilson In Pacific

Mrs. Bertha Wilson is showing to her friends a Jap flag of some kind which her son, Sgt. Carl Wilson, captured or found on New Guinea. He had been trying since last May to secure permission to forward it to her and only recently was he able to clear it through the mails.

Carl is a grandson of that Coos county pioneer, Dan Wilson, and he has been in Australia, on New Guinea and in the southwest Pacific since two years last April. He writes that he will be due for a furlough before long.

### Ray Taylor In Hospital On Hawaiian Islands

Alfred Taylor, of 137 South Beach, Coquille, has received word that his son, Ray, a graduate of Coquille High and now serving with the Marines in the Pacific, is now in a hospital at Hawaii, receiving treatment for shock concussion. Ray is a pharmacist mate, but the communication did not say at which one of the Marine engagements with the Japs he was injured.

### "Blimp" Hurlbutt Now At Army Air Base In China

A letter from Mrs. Ralph Hurlbutt, who now resides in Springfield, says that their son, Private First Class Donald "Blimp" Hurlbutt, a graduate of Coquille High, who has been in the Army Air Corps in Africa and India, is now stationed at a base in China and is a member of the crew on one of the B-29 Super Bomber Fortresses.

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## Red Cross Unit Not To Meet This Week

Coquille Red Cross will not hold its regular meeting on Friday, Sept. 1, due to the fact that a number of the regular workers are planning to leave town on Friday to remain away over Labor Day.

The next meeting date will be Sept. 8, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., in Guild Hall. Yarn will be ready for distribution; cut-out articles for home or workroom sewing will be ready and the general work table will be available for those who crochet or sew.

Mrs. D. B. Kesner, chairman of production, wishes to thank the following women who assisted during her absence: Mesdames K. P. Lawrence, G. B. Howe, and J. A. Berg; also those who continued their regular work, contributed yarn, etc.

### Golf Club Notes

The group from Myrtle Point and Coquille which calls themselves the "Lady Golfers," has been meeting once a week at the club house for lunch and golf. Last week the ladies held a business meeting and elected Mrs. R. C. Bowers, of Myrtle Point, president; Mrs. Frank Martin, of Coquille, vice president, and Mrs. Vernon Estelle, of Myrtle Point, secretary and treasurer. The group has had many pleasant days together and will continue as long as the good weather lasts. Plans are in the making for bridge afternoons for those who do not play golf. The course is now in excellent shape.

### Coquille Grange

Six new members of the Grange were initiated at the regular meeting last Friday evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gosline, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schram, Mrs. Sue Aiken and Mrs. Maud Dean.

The refreshment committee served melons and coffee, from an attractively decorated table, on which the Victory Garden idea was carried out with the use of vegetables and ferns. The committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laird and Elsie Wheaton.

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### SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT NORTON'S

## Belle Knife Hospital

Robert Smith, of Powers, underwent an appendectomy last Thursday.

Archie Martin, of Riverton, who suffered a skull fracture when he fell on the curb last Saturday night was brought to the hospital.

Hubert McFarlin, of Bandon, and John E. Leeper, of Arago, each underwent tonsillectomies on Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Baines, of Fairview, was brought to the hospital on Monday for treatment of arm and other serious injuries she received when a deer jumped in front of the car which Mrs. Baines was driving, on Fairview mountain, and forced it off the road.

Dorothy Pedro, Coquille, and Perna Brault, of Riverton, each underwent major operations on Monday and Jas. L. Frazier, of Coquille, an appendectomy the same day.

Frank Flam, of Bandon, who was shearing sheep on his ranch, suffered a broken hip when an automobile hit the fence near which he was working, caused him to fall. He was brought to the hospital on Monday. On Tuesday Mrs. W. B. Petty, of Bandon, was admitted for treatment and A. I. King, of Powers, for treatment of a badly fractured leg.

Mrs. H. M. Dupell, of North Bend, was admitted for treatment on Tuesday.

Dismissals the past week were Santos Vargos and Jimmie Oden last Friday, Mrs. Carl Briggs on Sunday, Earl Avery and Chas. Beyers on Monday.

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