

## Letter From Howard Hickam To Parents

The Sentinel is permitted by Mrs. H. H. Hickam to reprint this letter from their son, Howard Hickam, Mo.MMI/c, in which he tells of meeting his brother, Alvin, in the Philippines:

When we started on this trip, I knew that we would be away from our base for a long time so that mail would neither be received nor sent out but I had no idea that it would go on indefinitely. . . I'm sorry that I didn't tell you in my last letter that it would be quite a while before you would hear from me again. However, I suppose that you are accustomed to these long periods between letters and can understand the reason for them.

You may already know by now that Alvin and I ran into each other last week, for he promised me that he would write you about it right away. I knew that my letters wouldn't go out until we made our next stop, or I would have written about it sooner. I've kept in touch with him since he came overseas but as submarines and LST's hardly travel the same routes, I never thought it possible to run into him over here, so it was a very pleasant surprise. We were in a bay off one of the Philippine islands and his sub came alongside a tender there. He came back to my ship with me the morning that I met him (a week ago Monday), and stayed the rest of the day, so we had a nice visit. Of course, he was matured a lot since I saw him last, a civilian schoolboy in Coquille but I'm sure that you would be proud of him as I was for his good conduct and manners. He is still clean and orderly and he doesn't have the bad habits that are acquired by so many of the young boys that come in this outfit right out of high school. He is healthy and has high spirits with his good disposition and I can no longer call him my little brother for he has grown bigger than I am. I saw him a second time for a few hours aboard his sub on the evening of his birthday and it was hard for me to believe that he is now 21 and I can remember the night that he was born. Isn't it awful, how fast the years speed by? Anyway, it was swell to see him again and he says that it is quite likely his sub will return to the States after making one more patrol, so he will probably beat me home.

I'm sending you a print of a picture that was taken aboard ship some time ago, so you can see again what your wandering boy looks like. In case you can't remember me after all these years, I'm the guy in the middle with the white shivy shirt. It's time for chow now and I have to relieve the watch after I eat, so I'll have to knock this off. It's just as well for I haven't much to say as usual. Perhaps there will be some mail waiting for us at the next place we stop and I can draw inspiration from it to write a better letter to you. In the meantime, I hope this finds all of you hale, hearty and having fun. All my love, Howard.

## Johnny Williams Got Nicked On Iwo Jima

The following letter was written by John C. Williams to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Williams, on March 10. Johnnie, who was a star on the 1939 Red Devils football team, was with the 28th regiment of the 5th Marine Division. He calls himself lucky in the letter which follows, and he was:

Dear Mama and Papa—

Surprise! Here I am again just as good as ever. I guess they sent the word that one of those little Nips finally nicked me. It took them 18 days and a lot of lead before they clipped me. It wasn't bad although the tip of my little finger is still lying back on Iwo somewhere.

Mama, you didn't know how true it was when you said I was lucky! The slug that nipped my finger hit the clip in a Jap shoulder holster I was wearing. The force of the impact against my ribs bruised me up a little but, otherwise, I would have had a nice hole in my side, so you see I'm plenty lucky.

Pop, you were right when you said no yellow-belly could sink a bullet into me. I just got a little tired and careless or he would never have got a bead on me.

I think I got my share, though. I counted 23 in one heap after I let up on the trigger of Old Betsey—that's what we call our machine guns.

I sure celebrated my birthday nicely. I got evacuated by air from Iwo back to an island in the Marianas and I sure get a kick out of having nurses wait on me.

Well, I guess I'll close, hoping you are both well and happy. Your loving son, Johnnie.

## Midnight Curfew Order Explained

All persons are to be out of the establishment promptly by midnight, including bartenders, cooks, bus boys, waiters, waitresses, and attendants, excepting only such workers as are customarily employed after closing time for protective and maintenance purposes.

The serving of alcoholic beverages and the operation of all entertainment devices and programs which are to cease at midnight may not be resumed before 7:00 a. m.

No establishments listed as affected by the Midnight Curfew Order may evade the intent and purpose of the Order by closing off any part of the building occupied by the establishment as a means to change the establishment's accepted classification. For example, a night club may not close that portion of the building used for dancing and entertainment purposes in order to operate another part of the building as a restaurant.

For purposes of the Curfew Order, a restaurant may be interpreted to mean an establishment whose primary activity is the serving of food to the general public without entertainment which may be considered a major inducement or attraction to public trade. (This interpretation is not meant to apply to food-serving establishments in which there are the customary coin-operated devices which, in accordance with the intent and purpose of the Curfew Order, are to be silenced at midnight.)

## 322 Bicycle Traffic Accidents Last Year

A total of 322 bicycles riders were involved in traffic accidents in Oregon during the year 1944, with ten fatalities resulting from these collisions, according to Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state.

Of the total, 255 accidents, or 79 per cent, involved unsafe riding practices on the part of the cyclists, Farrell said. These unsafe actions included, in this order: attempting maneuver under unsafe conditions, inattention, side-swipe, entering street carelessly, making sudden turn across traffic, hitting parked car, trying to avoid a vehicle or pedestrian under emergency conditions.

Eighty per cent of the total accidents involved riders 5 to 14 years of age and the same percentages of fatalities involved riders in unsafe practices at the time of the accident. Of the ten fatalities, six occurred in rural areas and four in cities, indicating a need for greater care on the part of the bicyclists on rural highways, according to Farrell. Making a sudden turn across the path of an approaching car and riding across streets between intersections were the two chief factors in fatal bike accidents.

Seventy per cent of the fatalities occurred during hours of daylight.

## Employment Counseling Plans Announced By W.M.C. Director

Preliminary plans for adoption to meet local conditions of the national war manpower commission program for employment counseling have just been announced by L. C. Stoll, state W.M.C. director.

The national plan, Stoll said, provides for specialized employment counseling, specifically for veterans, physically handicapped persons, displaced war workers and new entries into the labor market such as students.

In Oregon, the plan provides that over a period of about six months counselors for local offices of the United States employment service will be thoroughly trained in counseling techniques. The training, however, and the setting up of this service will not be available in all parts of the state immediately, according to L. C. Stoll.

Both counseling service is available, public announcements will be made in every local USES area. Such a service will be preceded by working arrangement with government and private agencies and organizations which are interested in the occupational adjustment of its citizens. This, it has been decided, will secure the best coordination possible and make use of all local resources, according to Stoll.

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## Checking Tires Is A National Need

This is "check your tires week" in every village and city throughout every state in the nation, according to Edward H. Cummings, president of the Oregon Tire Dealers Association, who announces encouraging offers of cooperation by the various civic groups, OPA, ODT, and other governmental agencies and all mediums of advertising and publicity.

Rubber stocks are desperately low and the demands for the military cannot be neglected and at the same time the tires on passenger cars and trucks operating on the home front are in most cases highly essential to the production of war materials and to relieve the overcrowded mass transportation systems to carry war workers.

Lt. General Somervell urges cooperation with "check your tire week." In his capacity to provide equipment for the military, he knows the importance of tire care and conservation. James F. Byrnes, director, Office of War Mobilization, requests the motoring public to assist war effort by checking tires and having them repaired or recapped before they are ruined.

Mr. Cummings pointed out that while this is tire week throughout the nation, next week and every week is "tire check week" until final and total victory. It is not only a patriotic responsibility but, according to rationing regulations of the OPA, the fact that you do not take adequate care of your tires may be considered abuse. Under such conditions you may be refused new tires, even though you may be otherwise eligible.

## Son Of Deceased World War I Veteran May Have Assistance

Any son of a deceased veteran of World War I or World War II, who is actually in need of financial assistance to continue his education, is eligible for one of the ten National Commander Scholarships, to be provided this year in the United States, by the American Legion.

No limitation, maximum or minimum, is placed on the age of the beneficiary of a scholarship. It may be awarded to high school graduates, or to college or University students at any stage of a regular course, without regard to age of the applicant.

Application by any son of a deceased veteran, regardless of whether or not the latter was a member of the American Legion, may be mailed to Edgar Smith, Department Director of Education of Orphans of Veterans, The American Legion, 354 Pittock Block, Portland 5. Name, date, and cause of death of the veteran should be given with the application.

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## Townsend No. 2 Auxiliary

Townsend Club No. 2 Ladies Auxiliary met at the home of Mildred Miller on Mar. 15. The meeting was called to order by the president of the Auxiliary, Mae Curtis. Wearing of the Green was necessary at this meeting and everyone who came without wearing green was fined. Finished work was turned in and

work to take home was handed out. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess.

Plans were talked over for a party in the near future. All members are to bring covered dishes for potluck at Mrs. Ernest Buckner's home on March 29.

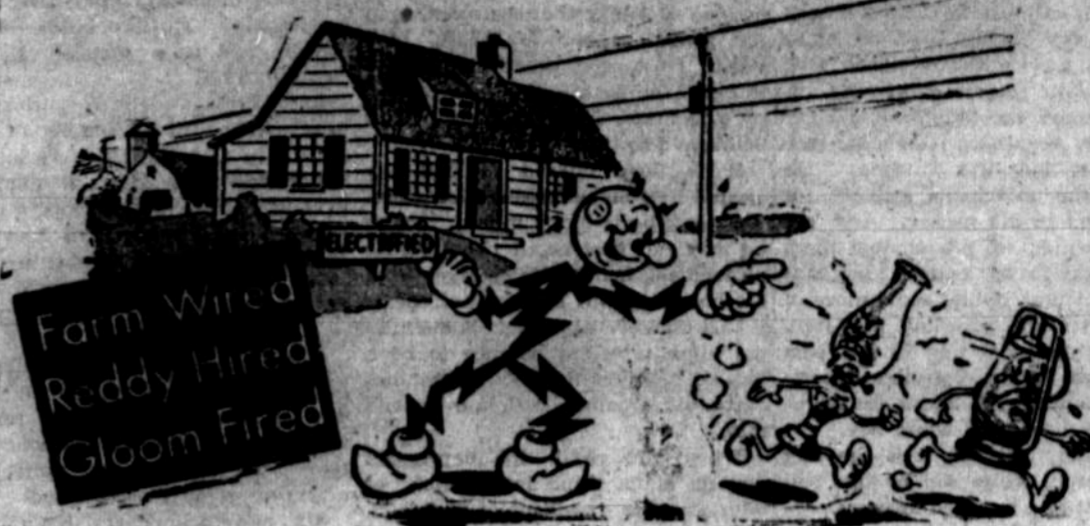
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