

BOYS AND GIRLS IN THE SERVICE

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like to bother other people with my troubles.

I am still somewhere in France but don't know whether I'll stay here or go farther back to recuperate. Anyway don't worry about me, if you don't hear from me too often.

I will close for this time, hoping you are all well.

With Love,
JAY.

CARL THEUERKAUF WRITES

Feb. 8, 1945
Philippines

Dear Mr. Athey: Here is your letter I promise to write whenever I had a chance. I've traveled to New Guinea first and then to the Replacement Depot in Leyte, was assigned to the 34th Inf. and then participated in an invasion and now we are back from the front resting, for how long I don't know. I'm certainly not in a hurry to get back.

The folks at home can't realize how dense this jungle is. The Japs have the advantage over us as we have to hunt them out and they have only to sit and wait for us. That saying there never was an atheist in a fox-hole is more than true. One thinks of lots of things when you're sitting in a fox hole at night with artillery and mortar shells landing a few feet from you. I dread those worse than facing a Jap machine gun or rifle.

So far I haven't bothered to collect souvenirs as we have so darn much to carry, let alone Jap souvenirs. I have seen some swell prizes.

Well to talk about more pleasant subjects now, I met Luther Sherier at New Guinea and Ralph Huber in Leyte. Ralph is in my outfit but in different companies so I get to see him often and have long talks of home and the folks in the valley. I've lost track of Luther when the paratroopers got off our ship. He was on board our ship for over a week.

All of us fellows are anxiously waiting for some mail to catch up with us, news from home certainly is appreciated.

The Filipino people treat us very nice and help around camp. Their life on these islands is care-free and easy, no worries about income taxes or political affairs. They raise some sweet potatoes, rice, sugar cane and some vegetables. The sweet potatoes are used also to make a drink called "Tuba", which has more kick than a mule.

I always had an idea that these islands were like in the movies but they only exist in Hollywood movie lots, the weather is hot and the mosquitoes attack like P-38's at night. During the day the flies drive us nearly crazy. There's no place like good old U. S. A. I guess the other boys over here will vouch for that. Right now I have a native kid keeping the flies off me while writing. Give them a few cigarettes and they're satisfied.

Well I guess it's time to close this letter. I hope everything is going well with you and the folks in the valley. If you can't figure my writing out get Bernice, my wife, to decipher this letter for you.

As Ever,
CARL J. THEUERKAUF.

Washington Letter

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facilities by electing an independent Congress which will take back its proper powers and restore government by law in place of government by executive order.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL. The Rivers and Harbors bill is being completed by Congress this week. This bill should have been passed last fall. In fact, it was passed by the House, but ran into some controversial problems in the Senate and died with the end of the Congress. Reintroduced immediately with the opening of the 79th Congress, the Senate cleared its difficulties and passed the measure, and it is meeting no trouble in the House. It has been seven years since a general river and harbor bill has been enacted. Most of the projects in this bill are for post-war development. Included in the bill are the following amounts for Oregon projects:

Chetco River	\$ 190,000
Coquille River	Maintenance
Umpqua Harbor and River	89,000
Yaquina Bay & Harbor	162,000
Depoe Bay	214,000
Salmon River	5,000
Bayocean Peninsula	120,000
Willamette River	3,600,000
Snake River, Oreg., Wash. & Idaho	58,625,000
Columbia River at Bonneville, Oreg.	50,000

Army Nurses on Inspection Trip in China



Second Lieutenants Ruth E. Allair, Oakland, California, and Lillian G. Kelly, Lake Worth, Florida, members of the U. S. Army Nurse Corps, inspecting living conditions in a Chinese soldiers' compound. These nurses are stationed at Kunming, China. The Army needs 10,000 more registered nurses.

Columbia River & tributaries above Celilo Falls to the mouth of Snake River, Ore. & Wash. 69,000
Columbia River, Oreg. & Wash. 49,470,000
Columbia River between Vancouver, Wash., and Bonneville, Oreg. 45,000
Columbia, Willamette Rivers below Vancouver, Wash., & Portland, Oreg. 93,000

In addition to the above list of projects adopted in the bill, preliminary examinations and surveys are authorized for the following: "Bays, inlets, and rivers along the coast of Oregon with a view to providing an adequate number of deep draft harbors. Nelseott, Oregon, with a view to protection of the beach. Harbor at Empire, Oregon. Alsea Bay, Oregon, with a view to the construction of a harbor of refuge. Coos bay, Oregon. Channel at Charleston, South Slough, Oregon. Tillamook Bay and Bar, Oregon. Nehalem Bay and River. Columbia Slough, Astoria, Oregon, with a view to the construction of a mooring basin for fishing boats within the harbor."

Alcohol Plant Future Linked With Research

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Success of research in finding profitable use for by-products of the plant at Springfield soon to make alcohol from wood waste, will probably determine whether such plants will be practical for peace-time operation, says Paul M. Dunn, dean of the school of forestry.

Dean Dunn points out that the estimated cost of producing alcohol by this method at about 22c per gallon is too high for normal times, but that this handicap might be overcome with the sale of by-products.

Three principal by-products are lignin, calcium sulphate and a waste liquor containing sugar. Research on the large scale use of this is already starting at the forest products laboratory here, said Dean Dunn. Calcium sulphate is the chemical name for plaster of Paris, for which there is large demand for use as fertilizer.

Trim, Tailored to War Bonds Mode



Trim and tailored—that's the credo of today's business girl, and her slightly younger sister is beginning to get the idea, too. High-style is the shirt and waist fashion, to be worn with or without a jacket. This one, made of rayon and wool in a soft shade of gold, has a blouse of the same fabric for extra warmth. Practical, wearable clothes, made at home, insure a smart appearance and money saved for extra War Bonds. A suitable pattern may be obtained at local stores.

U. S. Treasury Department

Jackson Day Dinner To Be Held in G. P.

The Democrats of Josephine county and many from other counties, will hold a Jackson Day dinner in Grants Pass, Friday, March 2nd, in the Redwoods hotel. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m.

All Democrats are urged to attend the dinner and hear prominent speakers from Oregon.

Derived from Southern pine, a chemical that makes soil water-proof is in use in combat areas. General Mud may have met his master.

EDWARD ARNOLD IS A BUSY MAN WITH MANY JOBS, INDEED

Edward Arnold's multifarious activities as Hollywood's busiest actor — member of numerous civic, charitable and wartime organization directorates, governing boards and committees — the number at one time totaling 32! — have been noted many times by writers, but this is the first serious attempt to find out why this hearty "heavy" of many films, and currently as the scheming Grand Vizier in "Kismet," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Technicolor production, does all these things. He has been asked before, it seems, various actors having approached him in approximately this fashion: "Will you tell me what it gets you anyway, all this night work—and sticking out your neck for every kind of thankless civic chore in town?"

A studio wit even went so far as to suggest that the film industry paraphrase the Navy's well-known recruiting slogan to proclaim: "Join anything in Hollywood—and see Eddie Arnold!"

He has a finger in everything there, it seems.

"What do I get out of it," Arnold replies rhetorically, and answers. "The most pleasure I ever had in my life! The way really to live and enjoy life is to keep busy, and I do keep busy!"

The popular character actor maintains an office to handle all his so-called outside activities—a necessity because his studio schedule, with many War Bond tours and army camp appearances, is heavier than ever.

"I get a feeling," he amplifies, "of really belonging to the times and the period in which I am living, and of at least trying to do my share of the thousands of community chores that have to be done."

A deep feeling of responsibility there, but he doesn't let it get him down. A check with his associates on some of his many committees shows he really does have fun, and so do they.

The wide range of Arnold's committee activities can be shown by listing a representative handful of organizations he has served or is serving, either as an executive, a director or committee chairman—such groups as the Permanent

Charities Committee of the Motion Picture Industry, the Los Angeles Area War Chest (in which he represents film workers), The Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences (which awards those much-coveted annual Oscars), the Masquers Club and the Affiliated Masquers' Service Men's Morale Club, talent subcommittee of the Hollywood Victory Committee, Western Division of Camp Shows, Inc., of the U. S. O.; Southern California Symphonic Association, and the Screen Actors Guild of which he is a past president.

"Yes, the more you stick your neck out, the more you find to do," Arnold says with a grin. "In every town, there is a group of men who are the essence of the community, whose hard work gives it character and development—in short, the leaders. They make the town what it is. Some of these committees consist of 'stuffed shirts' as their critics call them, meaning men who don't do much but take credit for what others do, but most of them are real sincere citizens, and I take my hat off to them. I know what they are up against. As long as they are on the job, lending their services to the community unselfishly, our country is going to be all right."

DANCE

The American Legion will give a dance Saturday evening, March 3, in the American Legion hall. The ladies of the Auxiliary will serve lunch.

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