

Clarence Lucius of Sams Valley Visits

Clarence Lucius, fireman F/c on transport ship, was home on leave last week, visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lucius of Sams Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Lucius have two other sons William and Elmer in the navy, and their son William's wife, Virginia Lucius is in the Waves and stationed at Personnel office in Washington, D.C. William, who is attending school on target repair base, will be out about the 15th or 16th of this month and they hope he will be home on leave at that time. Elmer Lucius got in touch and visited with a cousin Lawrence, who had been nicknamed by a "squint eye", who would never have a chance to nick another. His, the squint eye sword was sent by Lawrence to his mother. Elmer Lucius wrote that if Lawrence never had another day of service, he had done his share.

Elmer also told of being in officer mess on his birthday, when an officer came in, who had a son in the navy since 1932. He hadn't heard from his son for some time. On learning that it was Elmer's birthday, when he left, he handed him 4 \$1. bills saying, "Take these for my son".

Letters From Our Boys in Service

Maxton, North Carolina

March 28, 1944

Dear Grandma and Grandpa:

How is the weather out your way? We really have been having real summer weather for the past week altho it is raining today but still uncomfortably warm. Almost too hot for our OD's, sure wish we could change to our summer uniforms when it is so warm.

Well folks, I am no longer a 599 (Gilder Mechanic, I am now 070 (Draftsman). I have been trying to get my classification changed for the past 4 months and it is almost impossible to get out of 559 and it is hard to get any ratings while you are in it. I had to go up before the reclassification board last Thursday and today our CO. told me that I had been reclassified. Boy, what a relief and what a bunch of red tape to go thru. I have been turned in for CPL stripes but never could get them because I was 559 and not working in my classified job. Maybe now I can get a stripe or two.

I worked all last week on the new functional organization chart which is 12 foot by 42 inches. It went to Washington D.C. as soon as I finished it. It was about twice as big as any chart as I have ever made before but it turned out swell. "It is in for consideration now and if D.C. approves it, it will be a month or so before I can get a furlough because there will be a big shake up and a whole reorganization of the whole base.

I drew up the chart at Major Bailey's request and he is head of the reclassification board so that helped me a lot when I went up before the board and the adjutant of the sub-depot and my C.O. (both are Captains) went before the board with me and really plugged for me.

I couldn't hardly believe it, but after all I did take an officer's place up here in the control room and so far I have held the job satisfactorily.

Golly! I couldn't hardly believe about Jim. I read it first in the Central Point paper. Then I got yours and Jim's letter. I suppose he is O.K. by now. Maybe he will start growing like a weed or has he already?

I have had a complete physical checkup trying to find out why I have these headaches. Checked my eyes and found that I have 20-15 vision in both eyes. Checked my sinus and X-rayed my head but could find no pus whatsoever in my sinus glands—boy, oh boy, that was a relief to find that out too. I was supposed to go back but that has been two weeks ago and I haven't had a headache since, so maybe I am cured for good. I have gained 6 pounds in the last two weeks and now weigh 158, 8 pounds more than I have ever weighed before in civilian life.

Mac and I went up to Fort Bragg last Saturday night to see his little brother. He is 18 and has just been in a few weeks. He was one of the ASTP students to get transferred in to the infantry.

Lots and lots of love,

Your son,

Bob Hoagland.

England

March 2, 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Powell:

Let me express my appreciation to you for sending me The American. I surely do enjoy news of the old home town and the rest of the boys in service. Mother has sent me clippings ever since I've been overseas and some time ago, wrote that you were sending the paper. I've received four copies so far, all in a bunch, which is typical of how my mail arrives.

This is a rather nice place here in England. We enjoy a lot of the privileges that soldiers at home do, except that we are more or less on the alert all the time. I spent the first two day pass I've ever had, in London a short time ago. It's a swell old town. I also have my first furlough coming up and intend to visit Scotland. I'd surely love to spend it at home with my wife and daughter instead, but I'm hoping that time will come before the year is over.

I agree with Bill Grimes about Oregon. Not only would I refuse to trade any part of the States that I've seen, but will include Africa, Sicily and the country I've seen here.

Thank you again for the paper and may we all see victory this year.

Yours Sincerely,

Edward W. Inman.

News of Service Men

Doyle Lacy has been promoted to Technical Sergeant and received a citation to wear the district unit ribbon. He writes that he receives the American and enjoys it very much.

Andy McAllister writes that he received the American for eight months but since his address was changed, it hasn't caught up with him. He also expresses appreciation for the paper.

Ralph Cake Files for Nat'l Committeeman



Ralph H. Cake

Ralph H. Cake, Republican National Committeeman for Oregon and one of the fifteen members of the Party's Executive Committee, has filed for re-election at the coming May primaries.

In the last National campaign Cake was accredited with playing a major role in the naming of the late Charles L. McNary for Vice-President and in inducing McNary to accept the nomination.

Cake's platform follows: "The Republican Party has been faced with many crises since it was brought into being in Ripon, Wisconsin, in 1850. It now faces one of the greatest crises in the history of this nation. I believe it is the only agency through which our republican form of government can now be maintained. It is our only hope for safeguarding and preserving the free enterprise system upon which this country has been built. For these reasons, it is absolutely imperative that it prevail in the forthcoming elections of 1944."

GRANGE NOTES

Central Point Grange will meet Friday night with the lecturer's program preceding the business session. The program is in charge of Mrs. Judith Fisher and will begin at 8 o'clock. One prominent feature of the entertainment will be the appearance of the Victory Boys and Melody Girls from Apollos Studio.

The Home Ec. chairman advises she is still collecting tin and fats, which may be left at the Grange hall.

Mrs. Wm. Foley requests members to turn in their sales slips in order to be eligible for the Bulletin prize.

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County Sells Lots To Local People

The following property has been bought recently from Jackson County: L. P. Mathes bought two lots back of the Swartz house; E. C. Faber bought two lots joining east side of the Mildred Swain house, formerly the Roy Jones property; Verne Pendleton bought the lot joining his property on the west; the Munns bought the lot joining their property on the east; Frank Richardson bought two lots back of the Clark property, formerly the Mary Mee home.

A certain Central Point man bought the Flynn property, the house south of the American office and the lots in that block facing on 3rd street of the property. It was the west half of the block that he had already bought from the county.

First Grade News

43 children are here today. 5 children are out. Patty will move away soon. Janice is going to move too. We do not want our friends to go away.

Friday is Good Friday. So we will not go to school. But we will buy stamps on Thursday. We must not forget our friends who are far away. Let's help to get them home.

Sunday will be Easter. Jesus arose on the first Easter Day. He lives. He said, "I will come again." Let us be glad on Easter Day.

Locals

Thelma St Germaine is leaving for Hollywood where she will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Miss Frances Ferguson of Lebanon is visiting at the Paulios home. She expects her mother to arrive for a short visit and they will go to their home in Texas. They have been visiting their father and husband at Camp Adair.

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