

South America As Seen by Local Lady

Mrs. Mildred Swain is writing to her mother, Mrs. E. E. Scott, from South America, where she is with her husband, who is employed by the government rubber research.

Continued from last week

About the time we had finished "sprucing up" a bit in our borrowed room the tropical rains came down in torrents but rain or not we descended to the lobby via ELEVATOR (the first I've seen since arriving in Brazil), grabbed a cab and headed for this much talked of Staff House where one of the company men was entertaining a group of company officials and their wives for dinner. Some of the men I knew from their trips to Manaus and it was nice seeing them again and meeting their wives but there were several whom I had never met and Joe had met just the day before. If I were a man and lived in Belem I would most definitely live at the Staff House, for it is lovely. There is a beautiful garden and tall stately iron gates admit you from the street to the grounds. Then you climb winding concrete steps to the first floor level of the house and enter into a reception room. From there you go into a large, majestic looking room, long and rather narrow with large crystal chandeliers hung in a row down the center of the room. This room is now used as the lounge for the Staff House but my first impression of it was that it's very walls held the history of stately occasions and that it's glittering chandeliers had looked down on history-making conferences. Cocktails were served in the lovely lounge and then we went in to dinner. We were seated at a long banquet table with flowers in profusion. I enjoyed every minute of our evening at the Staff House and the dinner was wonderful. By the time we were ready to leave two of the ladies and myself had agreed that, weather permitting, we would do a bit of shopping in downtown Belem the next day. And so out into the stormy night again, for it was just as much of a downpour as earlier in the evening, and back to the hotel. Our room was ready so we collected our bags from our friend's room and turned in for the night.

When I awakened the next morning Joe had gone to work so I decided to have a leisurely breakfast in the hotel dining room and then amble over to the R.D.C. office to see what it looked like. I was the only person in the hotel eating breakfast at the late hour of 10:00 A.M. so had the huge dining room to myself and enjoyed wonderful service from my Portuguese speaking waiter. The menus are written in Portuguese with a brief description in English of the food mentioned so whether you speak their language or not you can easily get what you want in this hotel. I was fascinated by the first floor of this large building so embarked on a tour of the place. It included the Snack Room (as we would refer to it in English) where short orders and soft drinks are served; the large dining room; lobby done in green with green wicker furniture and plenty of "Portuguese literature" stacked around.

(To be continued.)

WASTE OF WATER BY EVAPORATION

Few people appreciate the large percentage of water that is wasted by evaporation.

Sprinkling the lawn between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., as allowed by the ordinance, is gross waste of water. Over half is wasted by evaporation during the day, before it has time to be of much benefit. Practically none is lost if sprinkled after 6 or 7 p.m.

All irrigation of vegetables should be done by ditches. Less water is used, and less frequent irrigation is necessary. Moreover it is better for the vegetables.

Most of the water used for household purposes should be saved and used for the garden.

If people of Central Point would be more judicious in the use of the water, we might have enough by being economical.

—Anonymous.

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4800 Mexicans To Help on Oregon Farms

Allocation of 1500 additional Mexican workers for arrival in Oregon the last half of August will bring to approximately 4800 the number of Mexicans available for farm work in the state by the end of August, reports J. R. Beck, state farm labor supervisor in the O.S.C. Extension service.

The period from August 20 to October 10, Beck said, is Oregon's most critical farm labor period. Harvest of snap beans, hops, apples, pears, prunes, potatoes and other fall crops will call for thousands of local farm workers in addition to the Mexicans, he pointed out.

About 3700 Mexicans were in Oregon at the peak of the pea and cherry harvest early in July. Because of the lull in demand for seasonal farm labor from now until the time beans and other late summer and fall crops reach their peaks, 400 of the Mexicans have been sent to California by the war food administration, Beck said. The WFA and the war manpower commission had approved use of about 600 Mexicans for industrial labor closely related to agriculture, but fewer than 200 could be placed in such jobs.

To replace those sent to California, as well as to take care of additional needs, WFA had made allocations providing for arrival of 850 Mexicans in Oregon on August 18 and 650 on August 24, according to Beck.

Service Men to Get More Furlough Gas

A new policy on granting gasoline rations to members of the armed services on leave or furlough was announced today by McDannell Brown, district OPA director.

Effective July 25, 1944, a member of the armed services on leave or furlough for a period of three days or more will be entitled to one gallon of gasoline for each day of his leave or furlough up to a maximum of 30 gallons. The new rule replaces one granting a flat five gallons to every member of the armed services on leave, furlough or pass, regardless of the length of the leave.

It has become evident that the old policy, which resulted in giving much more gasoline to a member of the armed forces who got many short leaves than to one who received one long one, was unfair to the man serving out of the country and returning after a long absence. To eliminate this unfairness, the new rule tailoring the amount of the ration to the length of the leave or furlough was worked out by OPA in conjunction with representatives of the army and the navy.

Furlough rations will now range between a minimum of three gallons, for a three-day leave or furlough to a maximum of 30 gallons for 30 days. At the suggestion of the army and navy, no ration will be granted for

passes (to army personnel) or liberties (to navy personnel), or for leaves or furlough of less than three days.

To receive his ration, the member of the armed services should apply to the war price and rationing board having jurisdiction over the automobile he expects to drive, and present proper leave or furlough papers. The ration will be issued in the form of coupons or gasoline purchase permits, or a combination of the two.

17-year Old Boys May Now Join Navy

Welcome news for Navy-minded 17-year-olds was contained in announcement this week by Herb Crain of the Medford Navy recruiting station that an enlarged quota for enlistments from this age group has

been opened by the Navy for the immediate future.

The recruiter urged the young men who previously have applied for Naval enlistment but who have not yet been accepted because of quotas in effect recently, visit the Navy recruiting station at once for completion of enlistment procedure.

It is not known, the recruiter pointed out, how long the currently expanded quota for 17-ers will remain in effect. These youths must apply far enough in advance of their 18th birthday to allow for completion of enlistment before they become subject to selective service at the age of 18, after which time they are not eligible for voluntary enlistment in the Navy or any other military service branch.

In announcing the newly enlarged enlistment quota, the recruiter also

pointed out that the opportunity for 17-year-olds to qualify for the Navy's radio technician program—a type of training which involves intensive and valuable education in the field of modern high frequency—still is open. He invited young men interested in this opportunity to visit the local station where they may be given a test to determine whether they can qualify for "RT" training. Those who can qualify may be enlisted with the advanced rating of seaman first class. Men of other ages, up to a maximum of 50½ years, also may take this test.

Robert Andersen of Seattle, Washington is visiting his aunt, Mrs. E. Gilbert Cays. He accompanied the Central Point group to the Fir Point Christian Service Camp near Glendale, Oregon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hult and daughter Mrs. John Powell and sons arrived Saturday afternoon for an overnight visit with the A. E. Powells. They had been in Gold Beach for a week on business and were returning to their home in Klamath Falls. John Powell accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith of Klamath Falls to Central Point, returning home Sunday with Mr. Hult and his family.

GOLDEN BARS FOR OVERSEAS SOLDIERS

Golden colored bars, representing each six months of overseas duty, will be presented soldiers of World War II, it was learned today in an announcement received at Fort Douglas, Utah, home of the headquarters of the Ninth Service Command.



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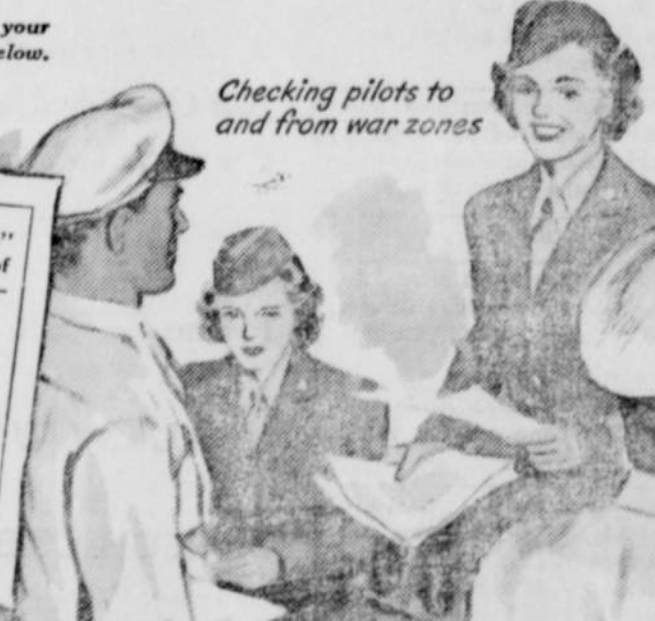
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