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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

Departed Belem on March 11th at 6:45 A.M. for Rio. We overnights in Barreiras in the state of Bahia (or Bala), arriving there at 1:45 in the P.M. Since there is 100% nothing with which to amuse yourself in Barreiras, the airport manager, an English speaking Brazilian, tried to entertain us. The airport is large and has one, and only one building which is the Panair waiting room and lunch stop, when necessary, and across a row of rooms, concrete cells, across the back of the building facing a screened porch. There are a few straight chairs to sit in at the table but nothing else. That night we slept in the little concrete rooms and it wasn't too bad. I've slept in worse places. In the P.M. the airport manager put us in the Pan Air heavy truck and took those of us who wished to go down to the city. The airport is on a Plateau some 2,300 feet in altitude and the city down in the valley. It was a four mile drive down the side of the plateau via hairpin curves to the jungle village. Our Brazilian driver spent his time waving his arms wildly and pointing out things to Mabel and myself while we had the honor of riding with him! I've got several gray hairs now from that trip. We drove to the edge of the San Francisco River which flows past the town of Barreiras and from there crossed in dugout canoes manned by blacks (Brazilians also). Barreiras is a very old rundown town with streets of sand several inches deep and piles of rocks or boulders sticking up here and there. It is impossible for cars or even wagons to be drawn through the city streets and all transportation is via horseback or muleback. There are also oxen there. With the exception of the beautiful church on a hill which they have there, all other buildings are half decayed, stuck with at least one wall fallen in, or thatched buildings with leaking roofs. One of the fascinating and most unusual things about the town is the completely modern slaughter house which they have there since they ship meat via the river in refrigerated boats to Rio, some 20 days by water. The slaughter houses are across the river and farther up on a small hill surrounded by jungle on all sides, sits a modern palace or "castle" as the natives there call it. It is the home of the man who raises the cattle and who is called a "matador" since he raises prize bulls for the bullfights. While we went through the town of Barreiras on foot we were accompanied by a parade of natives staring and talking about us. Most of the Brazilians in this section are black. Mabel and I wore slacks and since they have never seen a white woman wearing men's pants they assume that she is a wicked woman or she wouldn't wear a man's clothing. We learned that after departing from the town. Oh, me! They have a quaint electric lighting system run by a huge water-wheel. We recrossed the San Francisco river on our way back via the Ferry. It is a small barge with a rope guard rail all the way around. You simply walk onto the ferry and stand there with a group of people and that's it. The ferry is powered

by the swift current of the river and by a chain from the ferry being fastened to a cable which is strung across the river. We were pushed around by the current and finally got to the other bank and returned to the top of the plateau just before dark. Here a dinner was waiting for us and we loafed afterwards and to bed. On Monday, March 12th we departed for Rio again at 8:00 A.M. We had three additional passengers, one sick man who was being rushed to Rio for an operation. One of our officers on the crew of our plane was a doctor and he watched over him enroute; also we had two school children who were returning to Rio to resume their studies. The little girl brought her pet turtle in a paper sack and a tiny monkey of the Maraslette type, some five inches long with a very long tail. He was the coldest little thing I've ever seen when we got up to 15,000 and we wrapped him in everything. When we took a peek at him to see if he was still alive at such a high altitude his teeth chattered like a little old man's.

(To be continued)

News of Service Men

RECEIVES WINGS—

Alan S. Fleischer of Medford received his silver wings and was graduated as a flight officer of the army air corps at Marfa, Texas, May 23, a release from the school states. Fleischer, a graduate of the Central Point High School, was assigned to Marfa field from the field of Merced, Cal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Fleischer of Central Point and his wife is the former June Nealon of Central Point.

Lt. Lanse Pitts—

Headquarters, 13th AAF, Philippines—Second Lieutenant Lanse Pitts, husband of Mrs. Barbara Jeanne Pitts, Central Point, recently was promoted to first lieutenant at an advance 13th AAF base in the Philippines.

Lieutenant Pitts is a pilot and plane commander with the "Bomber Barons," veteran B-24 Liberator group with more than 800 missions to its credit.

He entered the AAF in February 1943, and joined the "Jungle Air Force" in November 1944.

LT. ERNEST J. PINKHAM—

"AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Second Lieutenant Ernest J. Pinkham, 25, son of Mrs. Alice M. Pinkham, of Central Point, Oregon, has been awarded his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "Meritorious achievement" during Eighth Air Force bombing attacks on German military and industrial installations.

The B-17 Flying Fortress pilot is a member of the 493rd Bomb. Group, commanded by Colonel Robert B. Landry, of New Orleans, La. The group is a unit of the Third Air Division, the division cited by the President for its England to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany.

HENRY B. KILBURN—

ABOARD A.U.S. BATTLESHIP OFF OKINAWA (Delayed)—Henry B. Kilburn, seaman, first class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Kil-

burn, Central Point, Oregon, fought aboard this floating fortress as she threw steel at the Japanese on Okinawa in the week-long bombardment that cleared the beaches for invading troops.

So deadly were her big guns that troops encountered no enemy fire in the areas she covered.

During the pre-invasion bombardment, guns of this ship and others of the Pacific Fleet knocked out enemy gun emplacements back of the beaches. Secondary batteries combed the landing areas, exploring every suspicious hill and clump of trees.

On the morning of D day, the deluge of shells pouring onto the island was intensified. Smoke was so thick it screened troops pushing inland to their objections.

Every man was at his battle station for many hours that day. Not until box lunches came up from the galley did many of the fighting crew remember that D-day was also Easter Sunday. Packed neatly in each box was a bright touch of home. Easter eggs in rainbow hues.

Seniors Enjoy Picnic At Lake o' Woods

Mud, snow, ice and rain were enjoyed by the seniors on their annual class day picnic at Lake of the Woods Friday, May 25.

Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jewett, the seniors left early Friday morning for a day of play in the woods.

The day was spent in the usual manner of school picnics with games, hiking and feasting. All reported a very happy time.

The potato shortage, leads us to mention that one valley grower Otto Bohnert hasn't been able to get his potato crop all planted on account of rain. This was the report we received Sunday.

FIVE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Miss Lois Speaker and Mr. Bennie Denton were married in Salem May 25th.

Miss Esther Carter, who just completed a very successful term as a teacher in the local school and Mr. Merriman will be married in Ashland next week.

Pre-school roundup held June 5th in the health house.

Robert Virtue and Nada Sinclair married in Susanville recently.

Central Point women meet at the Library to organize a Pro-American club. Mrs. M. C. Hurd was guest speaker.

Cecil Hansen entertains a group of friends as a farewell party for Doris McManama, who will spend the summer in Lebanon.

TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. Fred Wiley, Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Lewis accompanied Mrs. E. C. Faber to Medford Wednesday to attend the flower show.

Mr. E. P. Peer was in Central Point Saturday, looking for a site for a saw mill.

John Ross sporting a brand new fishing basket, he says he is going fishing and not return until it is full.

Mr. S. H. Chirgwin was calling on friends in Central Point this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Yakel plan to move to their ranch in California soon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Robnitz and Mrs. Leever visited Mr. W. E. Alexander at his home Saturday.

Legal Notices

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR CLATSOP COUNTY
LOUISE CLAIR MARTIN, Plaintiff
vs.
ROBERT EARL MARTIN, Defendant.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you are hereby summoned and required to appear in the above entitled court and cause and answer plaintiff's complaint on file herein within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons which is May 31, 1945. You are further notified that in case you fail to appear and answer said complaint within said time plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows:

For a decree of the court dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and divorcing plaintiff from the defendant absolutely, together with such other and further relief as the court may deem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication once each week for six consecutive weeks in the Central Point American, a newspaper of general circulation published in Jackson County, Oregon, by order of H. K. Hanna, judge of the above

named court, which order is dated May 28, 1945.

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