

**Boy Wins
Scholarship**
WASHINGTON, March 7 (AP)—Norman Diebel, 17-year-old, youth, won a scholarship in the five-day West-ern science institute here. One of 30 to be used to receive which may be used to receive degree-granting col-lege or university. Seven other high school youngsters received \$400 scholarships. Top awards in the annual science talent search went to Mar- ton Jowick, 17, and Edward Kosower, 16, both of Brooklyn. They received \$2400 each. There are now 770 named lux- ury trains in service in the Unit- ed States.

Heart-Breaking Letter Demonstrates Courage of Woman Held by Japanese

A heart-breaking letter, but one through which ran a thread of bravery, was received this week by Mrs. J. C. Seveik, 424 Adams, from her daughter-in-law, Esther Bellant Seveik, one of the American women liberated from Santo Tomas prison at Manila. Mrs. Seveik advised her mother-in-law of details of the death of Lt. Paul Seveik, first authentic word which has been received here. Lt. Seveik was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seveik.

brave, we must go on! They both died bravely and for their country, even Alan was a prisoner. No one can ever take the places in our hearts held by our two Seveik boys, Paul and Alan. There are no words to express our mutual bereavements. I will come home and be with you as soon as I can. Until then, my love and sympathy. Your daughter and sister-in-law, Esther."

In another letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellant, 4608 Thompson, Esther said that she weighed but 81 pounds, far below her normal weight of 125 pounds. She was wounded when the Japs fired on Santo Tomas prison, but said that her wounds were slight, however, the shrapnel killed one of her very dear friends, a Mrs. Robb, who was next to her. Mrs. Robb, whose husband is a prisoner in Japan, left a little girl whom Esther is caring for and intends to bring to the United States until she contacts members of the Robb family.

Esther, in other letters home, expressed the greatest love and admiration for the Filipino people. Here is her letter to Mrs. Seveik:

"Dearest Dad, Mother and Mary. At last I can sit down and write to you. It's been so long, I scarcely know where to begin. I have received no word from, or of, any of you until Faye's letter when our forces arrived.

"Did you know that Paul was one of the, if not the last, to sur- render on Bataan. He was a first lieutenant in charge of 16 men. They holed up in a pocket in the mountains, did not know about the surrender, and held the Japs off for four days at which time all their ammunition was exhausted. All the men were killed but Paul and before they captured him, he had presence of mind enough to smash all our machine guns and arms. The Japs were so amazed at his courage that even they made a hero of him. He was fed and clothed and well treated by them for a few days, then taken to Camp O'Donnell. A few days later he complained of a head- ache and lost consciousness that evening and died the next morning of cerebral malaria which he had contracted in Bataan. I was unable to learn any of these details (though I've known of his death for three years), until day before yester- day when I was able to talk to a friend of his who was with him when he died. He left the baby and I on December 26, 1941, to join forces. The city fell and I never saw him again.

"The Japs allowed me to stay out of Santa Tomas with Alan, who was only five or six months old, for 15 months after the oc- cupation. I lived with friends and had a desperate struggle get- ting food and money but man- aged all right. "The Japs began to be suspi- cious of our actions because on April 2, 1943, we were picked up and brought to Santo Tomas. Alan had a bad cold which grew worse and worse. I tried to get him into the small children's hospital, but there was no room, only eight beds and 500 children in camp. After he had run a fever of 104 degrees for one week, the Japs let me take him outside to a hospital. We fought desperately for three weeks for his life. Spanish, Swiss, Filipin- os, even one German, combed the city for medicine but it was too late. He died on June 25, 1943, only three days before he was two years old. I had his re- mains placed in a vault at the beautiful cathedral of St. Mary's and St. John's, thinking I could bury him with his daddy after the war.

"I received word yesterday that the Japs completely de- stroyed the cathedral a few days ago. What can I say? What can I even feel any more? Nothing, my dears, who feel these losses along with me. We must be

VOLUNTEER WORKER GAS RESTRICTED

Tighter restrictions governing issuance of supplemental gaso- line rations to volunteer work- ers have been announced by the OPA in view of the limited gaso- line supply and the fact that pre- vious provisions were so broad that many issuances could not be justified, E. W. Eggen, OPA mil- itage rationing representative, said today.

Volunteer workers deemed el- igible under the new ruling, ef- fective March 9, must be in one of the following categories:

1. Certain types of activities for social service agencies.
2. Work regularly performed under direction of governmental units which contribute to the war effort or the general wel- fare.
3. Work regularly performed under the direction of a govern- mental agency or non-profit or- ganization which either contrib- utes to the general welfare by aiding present or discharged members of the armed forces, or their families, or the families of deceased members, or contrib- utes directly to the war effort.
4. Work by a minister who is regularly serving a congregation in meeting the religious needs of the locality that he regularly serves.
5. Work regularly performed by representatives of govern- ment, management, or labor in recruiting or training industrial workers or in maintaining peace- ful labor relations.

Service Men and Women Home on Leave

Pvt. Ralph Mundlin from Mis- sissippi. Here until March 15.
Cpl. John Stewart from Barnes General Hospital, Van- couver, Wash. Here until March 15.

The above service people are entitled to free passes to the local theatres and free fountain service at Lost River dairy by courtesy of Lloyd Lamb of the theatres and R. C. Woodruff of the dairy. Please call at The Herald and News office (ask for Paul Haines) for your courtesy tickets.

Search For Young Campers Ends

OREGON CITY, March 7 (AP)— Sheriff's deputies and a posse of volunteers who started at dawn this morning to search for three small children reported missing in the woods, were called back today.

The youngsters, Pearl Avery, 10, Jacquelyn Fiske, 5, and brother Larry, 3, trudge into their homes this morning, trail- ing blankets and utensils they had taken when they went camp- ing on Tuesday afternoon.

Parents and neighbors had spent last night scouring the hills between Springwater and Estacada.

He Seeks Her



Rescued after three years in Bilbid Prison, Manila, Corp. Joseph P. Keys (bottom) of Pittsburgh, Pa., will come home to search for the girl he left behind him in 1940—Anna Marie Connelly (top) of Brooklyn, New York. He lost her address while overseas and the efforts of his mother, Mrs. Joseph W. Keys, to find the girl have been unsuccessful.

Three Bombers Lost In Week's Flying

MOUNTAIN HOME, Idaho, March 7 (AP)—Three B-24 bombers lost within a week was the toll today for the Mountain Home army air base.

Col. John H. Gibson, station commandant, said today wreck- age of a plane near Denio, Ore., had been identified as that of a plane missing from this base sev- eral days. Names of the nine crew members were announced last week.

Another Mountain Home- based bomber crashed a mile northwest of the field yesterday, killing all 10 of its crew mem- bers, and another went down Monday night near Battle Moun- tain, Nev., killing the navigator, 2nd Lt. Gene L. Hamilton of Casey, Iowa.

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FIREMAN KILLED IN DERAILMENT

SEATTLE, March 7 (AP)— A westbound Great Northern mail train was derailed six miles east of Skykomish in the heart of the Cascades early today, killing the fireman, Harold Fleming, Seat- tle.

The engineer, Frank Clemons, and brakeman, Earl W. Kilde, all of Seattle, were injured when the locomotive and six cars left the tracks in a ravine at 5:45 a. m. near Foss river. One of the cars was a coach.

An Everett ambulance and Dr.

Leo Trask left for the wreck scene, about 50 miles northeast of here.

Great Northern officials said the main line was reopened three hours after the wreck.

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