

# YOUR TOWN'S TOPICS

### Return from California—

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spencer returned June 30 from a three-week stay in California. They visited their son at Bakersfield, went deep-sea fishing, and fished in the mountains, to mention a few of their vacation experiences.

### To Take Training—

Jack Reichert, a former Clark and Wilson employe who was drafted, has reported to the U. S. Naval Training School at the Butler University Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana, for an intensive 16-week course designed to train him as a Navy signalman. While stationed there he will receive training in four kinds of signaling—blinker, search lights, semaphore, and flags. Upon successful completion of the course, he will be assigned to a ship or shore station.

### Go to Walla Walla—

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lincoln and Betty returned Monday from a trip which began Saturday to Walla Walla, Washington, and Lewiston, Idaho. Gilbert Lincoln, of Walla Walla, Mr. Lincoln's nephew, returned with them and left Wednesday.

### Go to Rockaway—

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Olson and daughter, Betty, and Midd Crawford spent the Fourth of July at Rockaway.

### Spend Day at Seaside—

The John Hatfield family spent the holiday at Seaside.

**Benefit dance at Odd Fellows hall Saturday, July 11. Music by Nightingale orchestra. 2811—**

### Return Saturday—

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Templeton returned Saturday from a week's vacation spent mostly at Walla Walla, Washington. Their son, James, is working in a cannery there 12 hours a day.

### Spend Week Away—

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Makasten returned Friday from a vacation trip which began the Saturday before. The first part was spent on the coast, while the last few days were passed in Portland. They visited their son, Harvey, who is a safety inspector at the Kaiser shipyards.

### Visit in Toledo—

Mrs. Sara Drorbaugh and Mrs. Cleo Caton were in Toledo on Wednesday and Thursday of last week visiting Mrs. Drorbaugh's daughter, Mrs. Bill Cochran.

### Families Go to Beach—

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gill and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howard were in Seaside over the week-end.

### Here Friday—

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Whedbee visited Friday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Roberson. The Whedbees went on to Seaside for the Fourth.

### Back from Waldport—

Mrs. Mertie Cline returned Sunday from a brief stay at Waldport.

### Spend Time at Beach—

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brickel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick and daughter, Maxine, and Beverly Bateman left for the beach Friday night and returned Sunday night.

### Receive Word—

Ben Wilkerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilkerson, wrote them that he left navy training in Bremerton for an undisclosed region on July 1. He has a third-class rating.

### Go to Hillsboro—

Douglas Culbertson attended Fri-

day night and Saturday, the Happy Days at Hillsboro, of which his cousin, Mary Letta Bush of Manning, was queen.

### Visit Friday—

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Boss and son, Reese, visited in Vernonia on Friday. They formerly ran the bakery here, but now have one in Portland.

### Visit Son—

Mrs. Leatha Tousley visited on Saturday her son, Arthur, who is working in forestry at Camp Hamlet.

### Visiting Here—

Tommy Richardson has been visiting at the Dave Marshall home for over a week. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson of Portland, former Vernonia people, will come for him on Sunday.

### Visits McNutts—

Visitors at the M. A. McNutt home over the 4th of July holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Anderson and family of Glenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fluke, Jr. and son of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fluke and son.

**Dance at Natal, Saturday, July 11, Glen Davis orchestra. 2811—**

### Visiting Greenmans—

Mrs. Charles Burrow and two children from Vale arrived here Thursday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Judd Greenman.

### At Breitenbush for Week—

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Timmons and niece, Cleo Lamping, returned Saturday from a week's stay at Breitenbush. Soon after they arrived there, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mellinger arrived, so the group spent much of their time together fishing.

### Seaside Visitors—

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Risley were at Seaside over the week-end.

### Have Week-End Guests—

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Taylor over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Locke Taylor of Garden Home, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watson of Portland, Richard Taylor, and Merlin Carrol of Ft. Lewis.

### Visit Vaughans—

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Matthews of Seattle were visitors at the J. W. Vaughan home last week-end. Mrs. Matthews is Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan's daughter, Helen Belle.

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### Olin's Have Guests—

Guests of the F. R. Olin last week-end were their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Manning, and their son and wife, Captain John Olin. Mr. and Mrs. Olin left Tuesday.

### Parents Visiting—

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Davies, parents of Jim Davies, arrived early this week for a week and a half's visit, with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davies.

### Returns from Washington

Mrs. J. W. McNutt, the former Bonnie Arner, returned home early this week after spending two weeks in Seattle and Bremerton visiting her husband.

### Have Visitors—

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cox and family from Portland and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lindberg were holiday week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Robbins.

### With Aunt—

Miss Mary Jane Robbins went to Portland to spend the summer with her aunt.

### Visit Robbins—

Mrs. Art Nanson and sons were visitors at the Robbins' home on Sunday.

### ONE DRYER OR 6 GRENADES

How the beauty parlor goes to war; the iron that used to go in to a single hair dryer is enough for six hand grenades.

## III--Mustard and Lewisite Gas

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(This is the third of a series of six articles about war gases, their characteristics, and the measures the civilian can take to protect himself against gas injury)

The "persistent" gases (those which will remain in or "contaminate" an area for a long time) are intended to burn the skin, or injure the lungs or eyes. The principal members of the group are mustard and lewisite. They will remain in an area for several days or weeks, depending on the weather. The presence of gas can usually be detected by its odor. The sense of smell is the best gas detector known.

**MUSTARD GAS:** Mustard gas smells like garlic or horseradish, and can be detected in very low concentrations, even below that capable of producing injury. However, if one stays in even a very low concentration for a long enough period injury might result.

Mustard gas will penetrate any porous material in time. It will be held away from the body by heavy clothing for a short period. The clothing, once it has been penetrated by the gas, is a source of danger because it will hold the gas in intimate contact with the skin.

Even if no neutralizing steps are taken following exposure to mustard vapor, it is usually 4 to 6 hours or longer before any discomfort is experienced. The individual may then have a sensation of smarting or burning skin, much the same as if he had been sunburned. His eyes will smart, burn, and water as if they had tobacco smoke in them. He may have a mildly sore throat, a nasal discharge and cough, as in the symptoms of a common cold. If exposure has been more severe blisters will appear in the "suburn" area of the skin, the eyes will burn and water more, and the "common cold" symptoms will accumulate. If severe injury is sustained all the symptoms will be exaggerated, but this should rarely occur if prompt steps are taken upon exposure to mustard gas vapor.

If a person's skin comes in actual contact with liquid mustard gas, the injury will be more severe at the point of "contamination" but not as extensive as a vapor burn. This will come from remaining in an area contaminated by the mustard vapor. Even with liquid mustard there will seldom be any symptoms for one or two hours. A blister usually appears rather promptly after symptoms develop from a liquid injury.

Unless the amount of liquid is very great the burn will be like that caused by an equal amount of very hot grease. It will take longer in healing than the grease burn, but should cause no greater alarm.

Liquid mustard in the eyes will cause serious damage unless washed out immediately. Even after first aid has been administered, the eye requires a doctor's attention. But taking cover during a gas attack will eliminate possible injuries from falling droplets of liquid mustard gas.

**LEWISITE GAS:** This is similar to mustard gas in its action. It smells like geraniums, but causes a biting sensation in the nose even in low concentrations. Symptoms resulting from lewisite injury develop more rapidly than those following exposure to mustard and are about the same degree in severity. Lewisite contains arsenic, however, and this will cause poisoning if it is absorbed in any amount. Blisters appearing on the skin following exposure to lewisite require a doctor's care. Both liquid lewisite and mustard gas in the eyes require immediate washing of the eyes with a baking soda solution, one teaspoonful to a glass of water, followed by medical attention.

(NEXT WEEK—THE LUNG IRRITANTS)

### Returns Tuesday—

T. B. Mills returned Tuesday daughters have moved to Klamath Falls.

### Californians Here —

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cotner, of Los Angeles, California, are here on business. They arrived Monday afternoon.

## Visits Plentiful Last Week-End

**RIVERVIEW—**Mr. and Mrs. Reynard Sechafer and family were the visitors at the C. E. Gibson home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown is back from two weeks in Vancouver, to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Crawford.

The Ralph Mahars spent the Fourth of July in Portland at Oakes Park. Mrs. Eleene Rutledge accompanied them until Monday morning.

Miss Corrie Cordon, Mrs. Ralph Mahar's niece, is working in Portland at the Jolly Joan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sechafer motored to Hillsboro Thursday.

Miss Dorothee Millis spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Millis.

Mrs. Charles Biggs' sister and brother, Louis, and Ruby Johnson, and friend from Skamokawa were visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Fonda visited her son, T. C. Biggs, from Thursday until Monday.

Mrs. Harvey Crume and son, Verlin, are ill.

The Clyde Harmons motored to Clatskanie Sunday.

Kenneth Plummer spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Plummer.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bassett, the Ward Plummers, and Kenneth Plummer motored to Rockaway, Seaside and Cannon Beaches the Fourth.

Mr. Charles Ratkie made a trip to Salt Lake City during his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bell and daughters were visiting Mrs. Polly Lynch Monday.

Mrs. Bob McMullin underwent an operation at a Portland hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnett are in Salt Lake City, Utah, where Mr. Barnett is employed with the government.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Gibson motored to St. Helens Thursday where they met Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Thompson and completed the transaction for their property in Riverview.

before the 4th visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Perry Mellinger. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis vacated at the beach from Friday evening until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Baker were Portland visitors the past Monday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Perry Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis spent Tuesday the 30th in Portland.

The E. A. Elliott family spent the first part of their vacation week at Burns. They went by Bend and returned by Prineville.

Paul Coburn and Calvin Davis motored to National, Washington, where the boys visited with Paul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coburn.

The E. A. Elliott family and the N. B. Harris family spent the 4th picnicing at Arcadia.

Rosalie and Irene Driscoll were home from Estacada for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Shaffer, Irene Driscoll, also Leonard and David Driscoll and Wayne Shaffer attended the circus in Portland the 4th and stopped at Hillsboro for the celebration on their return trip.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. O'Brien and sons spent Friday visiting in Seaside and Astoria.

Miss Louise Fletcher of Portland spent the week-end at the Oliver Mellinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mellinger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lamping and daughter and Louise Fletcher spent Sunday at Hillsboro.

Otto Browning is working for B. Kirkbride who lives on the old Burn road.

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