

**Interesting Letter From South Pacific**

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Wilkins are in receipt of a letter from their son, Gerald R. Wilkins, Mo. MM 2/c, who is now with a ship repair unit in the South Pacific. He has been in that section since June, 1943 and describes life there as follows:

"Well the mail has been a little slow the last few days, but I suppose we will be getting plenty soon.

"Today is just like one of those days at home in the spring or fall when it has rained all night and is sort of drizzling all day, only of course it's a little warmer, but since we are used to the warm weather it really seems quite cool.

"Is Dad spending any of his spare moments down 'shooting the breeze' with Jim Swank? You told me he had moved. He really did a lot of work in his old place.

"I received a letter from Johnnie the other day, he is still aboard ship. I would sure like to go back aboard that old tub. Boy, have they been getting some liberty since I left. It seems like that's all a guy lives for when he is overseas. In San Diego we had five nights out of six and a thirty-six every six days and didn't appreciate it at all, but boy, could I use some of that liberty now. I suppose if I were able to get all the good chow I wanted I would get indigestion.

"Well, I suppose the way I'm singing the blues you will think I'm homesick, a guy is always homesick out here but it doesn't bother him. I guess the most homesick I ever was, was just before I left Columbia as we all knew we might get a little time at home. Here we know damn well we won't be home for a 'helluva' long time so we just forget it.

"We are here going on five months now, six months is usually the limit for Island duty, of course they are apt to do anything they feel like out here. This was an initial landing so that should help get us off. I guess I can tell you a little about the bombings, the first two or three months we were bombed quite a lot, that is, the way the Japs do. They used mostly 100 pound personnel bombs and a good foxhole would probably take a direct hit. Of course there might be a couple of broken ear drums and a bad case of nerves but believe me it was nothing to what I have seen us give them. They use a few planes at night with small bombs. We use a whole sky full of big babies with 500-1000-2000 pound bombs in the day time so you see why they are bombing Rabaul without resistance. No, I'm not on New Britain or New Guinea."

"I guess I'm like a lot of other guys here, I wouldn't take any amount of money for the experience I've had here nor would I take any amount of money to have to do it again. I guess it's just part of war.

"Well, if I don't ring off pretty soon the censor will be handing this back to me so for now,

Good bye and Love,  
Gerald."

**Omen in Sky**



**BOMBS MAKE A "V" for Victory sign as they are dropped by a British bomber on the Rome-Pescara road in Italy along which the Nazis were rushing reinforcements to stem Allied attacks.**

**Mrs. R. G. Rogers Dies Friday**

Mrs. R. G. Rogers passed away at a hospital in LaGrande, Oregon, last Friday, following a stroke while transacting business in LaGrande. Funeral services were conducted by Landens at the Methodist church in Payette at 2:30 p. m. on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Rev. C. G. Hannan of Payette and Rev. R. G. Chandler of Caldwell, officiated. Burial was at Riverside.

Mable Lias Rogers was born at Bellevue, Iowa, August 3, 1878. On June 10, 1904, she was united in marriage to R. D. Rogers. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers came to Idaho and made their home in this vicinity. Several years ago they moved from their home in North Payette to the Oregon Slope where Mrs. Rogers was living at the time of her death. Mr. Rogers died on April 26, 1941. Mrs. Rogers is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. W. (Jeanette) Vanderbilt, of Great Falls, Montana, and Mrs. Calvin (Margaret) Johnson of the Oregon Slope; two grandchildren, Helen Vanderbilt and Robert Danlison; two sisters, Miss Jessie Lias, of the Oregon

Slope and Mrs. Agnes Smock of Yashon, Washington, and one brother, Charles Lias of the Oregon Slope.

**Son Reported Missing In Action**

Paul Judson Miller, Jr., 19, son of Mrs. Mered McKinzie of Payette, is missing in action somewhere in the Pacific area, according to word received from the War Department by his mother last Sunday. Paul has been in the U. S. Navy since December of 1941 and was on a submarine. The War Department asked that the name of the ship be withheld until it is officially announced lost.

**West Side School Needs Helpers**

The manpower shortage is being felt acutely in the West Side school where six lady teachers are doing their bit. However, the faculty of this school is sorely in need of some man who will volunteer to supervise athletics, especially baseball. Some businessman who is a baseball enthusiast might well perform a public service in this instance and at the same time enjoy the acquaintance of the youngsters.

**Brundage At Naval School**

ATHENS, Ga.—Lloyd J. Brundage, pharmacist's mate, second class, USN, of Payette, Idaho, has reported to the U. S. Navy pre-flight school here for three months of intensive physical, technical and instruction in advanced ground school subjects. Upon successful completion of the course he will be transferred to a Naval air station to begin progressive flight training preparatory to joining a combat unit.

Brundage, formerly of route one, graduated from Payette high school in 1941. He completed Naval Flight Preparatory School at Natchitoches, La., and was transferred here from the CAA War Training service school, Lafayette, La.

**GIRL SCOUTS TO COLLECT PAPER**

The Wild Rose troop of Girl Scouts will soon begin collecting paper sacks for the local merchants in an effort to relieve the sack shortage situation. Housewives, please help in this collection by giving every available sack to the Girl Scouts.

**ROBINETTE TO ENTER U. S. NAVY**

Ivon R. Robinette, local research supervisor for the U. S. Bureau of the Census, spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in Boise taking pre-induction examinations and was accepted for service in the U. S. Navy. Robinette's successor has not as yet been named.

Last Sunday the Right Rev. Frank A. Rhea, Bishop of Idaho, was present to conduct services at the local Episcopal church. The purple hangings which were presented to the church by Dorothy Blunck and Mrs. Marjor Matthews, a gift in memory of their mother, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, were blessed during the service.

**Can Vitamins Change GRAY HAIR?**



Impartial investigators have found vitamin Calcium Pantothenate of some value in changing gray hair, where a deficiency of this vitamin may have caused gray or graying hair.

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**MORE SUGAR FOR HOME CANNING**

To get canning sugar in addition to the five pounds per person available with Sugar Stamp 49, application should be made to the local ration board, on Form OPA R-423, which will be furnished upon request by the office of the local ration board, OPA announces. The entire transaction may be handled by mail, one application serving for all who live at the same address. In order to make it unnecessary to send ration books through

the mail, the spare stamp 47 from War Ration Book 4 is attached to the application form for each person applying. Families that produce and can food at home, in addition to others may apply to their local boards for a maximum of 250 pounds for this purpose. Sugar beet and sugar cane growers may get 25 pounds of ration-free sugar for each member of their families as part of the sugar produced from their 1944 crops by applying to distributors who processed their crops.

**RUBBER SITUATION STILL STRINGENT**

Although the nation is now producing synthetic rubber faster than raw rubber was consumed in this country any time prior to 1944, military and civilian demands still exceed the supply, the Office of Rubber, Director disclosed. Low speed fruits must be entered and all tires scrapped if essential during the critical months ahead, the Rubber director warns.

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—AND YOUR CAR'S SPRING TUNE-UP SHOULD BE DIFFERENT, TOO!

- you'll be driving less
- you'll be driving slower
- you'll be taking shorter trips



This year your car's spring tune-up has two important jobs to do.

First, of course, this tune up should prepare your car for hot weather ahead. It should include all the usual "spring cleaning" service. Cleaning out the engine, crankcase and cooling system. Cleaning the car as a whole. These things are important any year—doubly important now!

In addition, however, your engine should be "tuned down" for today's lowest speeds. Your oil changes should be scheduled to give maximum protection to vital parts. Your tires should be switched, brakes checked, wheels aligned and balanced—to save precious rubber.

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**Young Navigator Receives Wings**

HONDO ARMY AIR FIELD, Hondo, Tex., March 18 — Second Lt. Clifton B. Stauff, twenty-one year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Stauff of this city, was among hundreds of youthful American navigation cadets after 18 weeks of strenuous training pinned on their silver navigator wings at commencement exercises at this installation of the AAF Training Command.

The impressive wing-pinning ceremony signified to the new navigators that now they are ready to do their part in obliterating the enemy. Most of the officers have departed to join the other members of the all-out bombing team—gunner, bombardier and pilot. Some of the navigators will remain here to instruct new cadets just entering navigation training.

A few of the new graduates were officers before entering navigation training. Those who trained as cadets received not only their wings but also commissions as either flight officers or second lieutenants.

**Two Sons Now In The Service**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Daudt of this city, now have two sons in the service and another boy, who may be called within a short period of time. Pvt. R. G. Daudt is now in North Ireland and Private First Class Raymond Daudt, who is now in England. The two boys are only a short distance apart, yet they have never as yet been able to contact each other. All three of the boys are well known in this city, having attended the local schools.

**MRS. STEIGERWALT WRITES FROM IOWA**

Word received from Mrs. Anna Steigerwalt, former well-known resident of Payette is to the effect she is now comfortably located at Carroll, Iowa. Mrs. Steigerwalt says "I like to get the paper as it contains news of many of my old friends back there. I like my home here fine. I have met many old friends and have three sons living close and I see them quite often. I want to thank all of my friends who sent me birthday cards, was glad to know that they had not forgotten me."

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