

Seabee Writes From So. Pacific

The following interesting letter was recently received by Mrs. Hulienbeck of Fruitland, from Paul Hooley, MM 176, former well known resident of Fruitland, who is now with the Seabees in the South Pacific.

"Needless to say, but I was happy and quite thrilled, when I received your most welcome letter yesterday even though it was 14 months old. It must have given the postmaster quite a headache, as my address has been changed, so many times since I have been overseas. I cannot remember of ever receiving a letter from anyone before, that I enjoyed so much. I have often thought of you people and the old home town in the past ten years.

"I will try and tell you a few things about myself. I enlisted in the navy two years ago, and have been overseas almost 18 months. I was in the naval constructing end of it, and since we have been overseas here we have been attached to the 1st Marine Division. We have done a lot of work in the construction line here and there, in the South Pacific. I operate a bulldozer and carry all and almost anything else they need an operator for. Having done a lot of construction work back in the States I thought the Seabees would be an outfit I could serve my country the best.

"I was quite fortunate in getting to see some of my old school friends while I was in San Diego. I had quite a talk with Jim and Beulah. I saw Amelia (Hansen) Lockney and her husband. He is associated with the Chevrolet people there. I also saw Dorothy Dotson of New Plymouth. She is married to a Lt. in the Marine Corps, and has a millinery shop in San Diego. Kelly Ransom is at Sunset Beach and Jim Reno lives at Long Beach. Seemed awfully good to talk to them and hash up old memories.

"Pauline lives in Spokane and works at the air depot. Has a very nice job. Marcus married a couple years ago and is now residing at Santa Monica. Alice and her family are still at Pomeroy, Wash. She has three children, two boys and one girl. I haven't seen any of them for years except Marcus, as I lived in San Francisco for some time.

The only person I have ever met from Fruitland in the service was Jack Hart. He was stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco. At the time, he certainly is a big fellow now. I would certainly enjoy meeting up with Doc Judy, and some of the rest of the Fruitland boys down here on some of these islands. I hear from Pug now and then. He is in Italy now a 1st Lt. I don't know where Woody Fitch is located and neither does Pug even though they graduated from the same school in Georgia. Harlan Fitch writes quite often and in his last letter informed me that his son Bill was wounded in action at Tarawa.

"I wrote to Art Newman about a year ago but I have never heard from him. Have often wondered whether he was still running the barber shop there.

"These South Pacific islands are very pretty but if ever you see one you have seen them all. I do not believe they were ever intended for white men though. A person can find bananas, coconuts, lemons, and a number of other fruits on most of them. The jungles and swamps though take the beauty out of them, especially when a person has to go through them. The different native tribes are quite friendly and have proved a big help in this war. You should hear the comments of the boys when we have a movie such as "Song of the Islands" down here. Having had the pleasure to meet Dorothy Lamour a few times back in the states, I am really going to give that beautiful lady an earful about these islands when and if I get back."

Letter Comes From New Guinea

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harkins are in receipt of a letter from their son, Zerna, who is with the 127th Infantry in New Guinea, which gives a good description of the country and natives. The letter was written on Easter Sunday and is as follows:

"Today is Easter and this morning I couldn't find a single egg of any kind. There is no trouble about getting a new spring outfit while I am in the army any way. I plan on going to church this evening. "It rained nearly all night and has just stopped this morning. It's so muddy that there isn't a thing to do but lay around. I suppose I will be writing letters most of the day.

"I don't think I have ever told you much about the natives, so maybe you would like to know something about them. The pictures you see is how they look. A lot like a negro only their hair stands 6 or 8 inches above their head. They wear any kind or color of cloth they are able to get. The women and men alike are naked from the waist up. It seems until a girl is married she wears a top to her dress. They live in huts made of sago palm leaves. It is usually off the ground 3 or 4 feet because of it being so wet here. They all live in a village and have gardens on the hillsides around. It is surprising how many vegetables they grow. I have eaten a lot of them, such as corn, string beans, tomatoes, watermelons, and taro root. Taro root is used in the place of potatoes. They look like a yam. They are quite large

and taste sweeter than any potato we grow. For meat they eat fish, brush turkey and quite a lot of other wild game found around here. There is even a few chickens around here, and in some places even cows. The women do most of the work. She carries a load in a net that fastens over her forehead and hangs down her back. The little kids even carry quite a load that way. When walking they are always in groups with a man leading the way and one bringing up the rear. There are missions all over the country that the young can go to school and learn to read, and write English. Quite a few of the men can speak good enough to understand them with a little practice. Not many women talk at all.

TIRES FOR SMALL TRUCKS

Small trucks delivering essential goods, laundry drugs and medicinal supplies and dry-cleaning apparel, and trucks operated by medical or dental laboratories will be able to obtain new truck tires of eight or less ply and all sizes of new passenger tires. OPA announced. Delivery trucks for beverages, ice cream, retail stores, confections and tobacco products, heretofore ineligible for any tires, will now be able to get used passenger tires used truck tires smaller than 7.50-20 and obsolete sizes of new passenger tires.

Republican Meeting Thursday Evening

Bernard Mainwaring of Nampa, in an able address on "Republican Program for 1944," spoke to an interested crowd of about sixty people, Thursday evening in the Portia club house.

Jay Stoner and his junior band furnished music, preceding the meeting. Mrs. Walter Steinkler led in the singing of Idaho and the National Anthem accompanied by Mrs. Nell Fitch.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. John McKinney, president of the Payette County Republican Women's league, and is a biennial affair, held each campaign year by the women's organization.

County Chairman, Bryan West, gave a short talk and introduced

the speaker, after which Senator James Young of Fruitland gave an account of the Moscow convention. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. H. Hogue, Mrs. Della Pence, Mrs. J. C. Woodward, Mrs. Edgar Johnson and Mrs. D. W. Ainsy.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends who were so kind and thoughtful during the long illness of our husband and father, and also for the many beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy.

Mrs. M. W. Alsbaugh and family.
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Alsbaugh and family.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cleveland and family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harkins and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strohm and family.
Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Frost and family.
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Alsbaugh and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Short and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bockemeier and family.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anthony and family.

LOCALS

Bob Rose, who visited his family in Washoe for a week, left on Monday of last week to resume his duties with the U. S. Navy in Dearborn, Michigan. Mr. Rose is a fireman first class and is receiving diesel training.

Last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sallee and Mrs. S. D. Sallee visited Mrs. Surrelda Warfield of Midvale, who is a patient at the Weiser hospital. Mrs. Warfield is a niece of Mrs. S. D. Sallee.

Mrs. E. L. Kincaid received word this week that her husband, has arrived at the port of embarkation and will soon be sent overseas. Mrs. Kincaid is making her home in Payette with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller for the duration.

Miss Jean Ward of Portland, who arrived in Payette on Thursday morning of last week to at-

tend the Harden, Brainard wedding, left last Sunday for Coeur d'Alene where she is a student at the Idaho State college. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brainard home while in Payette.

Miss Harry Haynes and son, Tom of Nampa, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Brainard. They came to Payette on Thursday of last week to attend the marriage of Miss Betty Brainard to Lt. Ralph Hardin.

Mrs. Bert Stone and son, Frank of Nampa, spent last Sunday visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. A. Gauer. They returned to Nampa Sunday evening and Mrs. Gauer accompanied them.

Dwight Sallee of Baker, Oregon, visited from Friday until last Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Sallee in Payette.

Veda Conover returned Wednesday from Portland where she attended a hair stylists convention. Mrs. George Shurtliff left Wednesday of this week for her home in Portland after visiting at the Winnie Shurtliff home since Friday of last week.

Stub' Farson, Ed Lynn and Cecil Rose went fishing Wednesday up to C. Ben Ross reservoir.

Mrs. W. R. McClure returned to Payette last Thursday after spending the past two weeks visiting her son, Raymond, at Treasure Island and transacting business in Los Angeles.

S. D. Thacker, who has been ill for several weeks, was taken to the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario Wednesday afternoon.

Maxine Gaertner of Midvale is visiting this week with Mrs. Orville Worley in Payette.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cockerham had word from their son, Forrest, who is a staff sergeant at Tonopah, Nevada, that he had obtained a three day pass last week and was able to spend it in Los Angeles with his brother, Guy, Jr.

Mrs. Theodore Bockemeier and granddaughter returned to their

home in Portland last Tuesday afternoon, after spending the past two weeks at the Harden, Brainard wedding.

Mrs. Nellie Kline, Mrs. Clifford Barker and David Barker were Robee visitors Thursday of last week.

Vincent Horn underwent an operation last Monday at the Payette general hospital for the removal of his appendix.

G. R. Ewing of Nez Perce, Idaho, arrived in Payette last Sunday to attend the funeral of his uncle, M. W. Alsbaugh. He remained in Payette this week to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kumble, parents of Mrs. Walter Steffner, are in Payette this week visiting their daughter. The Kumbles live in Seattle.

Mrs. Tolle Masingill returned last Friday after a two weeks trip to San Francisco, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hartley spent last Sunday afternoon in Caldwell visiting Mrs. Hartley's brother, B. J. Vanderford and family.

Mrs. Julia Anderson has received

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and said that her son, Lt. Lynn S. Dotson, has reached the port of embarkation and has received his first address.

Mrs. Robert Worley, Mrs. Sam Linder, Betty and Ellis Linder and Scott Pearson spent last Sunday in Midvale. They were guests at a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Linder, which was given in honor of Mrs. and Mrs. Jerome Linder and children of Vancouver, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linder and daughter, Dora, were also present.

Fire Deceptive

Pouring kerosene on a fire is a very good example of a very bad practice. A fire that seems dead can strip you clean as a whistle—clothes, hair and eyebrows.

Modern Cinderella

Today's Cinderellas are not confined to glass slippers. Shoes are being made with soles of plastic, felt, wool, cotton and wool, cord and friction belting and many other fabric and synthetic substances.

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