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★ FARMINGTON ★ Latest News Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat

Friday-Saturday, February 25-26

"DR. GILLESPIE'S CRIMINAL CASE" with Lionel Barrymore
and
"TORNADO" with Chester Morris and Nancy Kelly
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Service Notes

Russell Pagel is now a Petty Officer, Second Class, in the Machinists Division of the Navy, stationed in San Diego.

Private Frederick Cameron Martindale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Martindale, Farmington Road was enrolled this week in the Keester Field, Mississippi, B-24 Liberator bomber mechanics school.

Camp Fannin, Texas
February 15, 1944

Dear Editor:
I have received three copies of the Enterprise already, and I want to thank you now for helping to bring home a little closer to a lone soldier.

When I was a lad in school, I always wondered why a state as large as Texas had such a small population. Now I know, and it is that I am just homesick!
Thanking you again, and a greeting to all my friends in Farmington, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Sylvester Farmer

The Aleutian Area

February 10, 1944

Dear Friends:

Just a few lines to give you some ideas of our experiences with primitive life on America's lost frontier, the Aleutian Area. The day that we landed here in this area, each Company was assigned to their respective area, and from chow on it was up to each one of us to make the best of everything, and that means that everyone must get down to work and no loafing on the job. The sun was shining just like one of those summer days we used to enjoy back in Michigan. From the deck of our ships this area looked like a grand place for a camping trip at any time.

But it wasn't only a few hours and we found out that everything that looks beautiful in the sunshine was not all glory in the life of any soldier.

The first thing that faced us after getting ashore was to pack all of our personal belongings that we had with us as they must somehow be taken to the area that we were assigned to, and this was no easy job.

The few items that we had to take care of and keep with us at all times were two barracks bags full of clothing, our gas mask, helmet, bayonet, rifle and all of our extra ammunition had to be carried on our person at all times. Then we also had a Ruck sack on our back which was full of field rations, and many other items that one might need in a hurry. When you get all this together it really is a load for any army mule. Of course, we had no mules, so the next best thing was to get under the load ourselves.

The ground here is covered with tundra grass and is one of the hardest things to walk on that you ever did try.

I think most of the men folks back home have had the experience of trying to walk in and around a hay loft that has just been filled with fresh hay. Well, that's just like walking in the tundra grass that covers this area. This tundra grass never does seem to dry out. It is always wet and soggy most of the time and after traveling on it a few times it soon grinds into mud.

And speaking of mud I don't think there is any more mud in the world than here during the rainy season.

The first week here we slept in our small pup tents and of course these had to be moved every day because after sleeping on this tundra, with only a blanket under you, the water would soon seep up through the grass and first thing you knew, everything would be soaking wet, so the best thing was to move your tent every day.

The second week most of our supplies began to reach us and we soon had our regular army tents up which would sleep six or seven very easy and give us room for a small stove in the middle of the floor, that is the ground, as we had no regular floor.

We had to move these tents once every week as the tundra soon would pack down and then you would have nothing but mud and water, so the next best thing was to move to another dry spot again.

While sleeping in these tents under such wet and muddy condition, if you should go to bed at night and leave your shoes on the ground, and it turned cold before morning you would then have the experience of finding your shoes frozen in the mud just where you left them the night before, and that ain't so good. So the best

thing was to put your shoes in bed with you.

The desire which every soldier has to keep clean was just another one of our problems at first, as it was easy to get lots of water, by just digging a small hole in the tundra and it would fill up with surface water in a few minutes and then there is lots of cold water springs that flow all the time. But just what to take a bath in was the next thing as you could not take a bath without heating this water somehow, as it was so cold that your teeth chattered when drinking it if never mind taking a cold bath.

This was soon solved by getting an empty oil drum from our supply ship and then cutting it lengthwise, and then setting each half of the barrel on two stones and building a fire under each half with some coal that was shipped in here in bags.

After having the two tanks of water heated to the right degree you could let the fire go out and then about as many as wished could hit the soapy water in one and the rinse water in the other and then you could always hear the remark, "Home was never like this." We always had a bath tub or at least a wash tub to take a bath, and a stove to heat it on, and a warm room to take a bath in, but here for a while you just had to forget all these luxuries.

But you know in spite of all the hardships that faced us here, everyone has seemed to come out on the top, and we had very little sickness here. It just seemed like the more you got away from all the luxury at home and the tougher the going, the better your health.

So everyone has come through all the hardships of pioneering this American front, and with the folks in the states keeping up the production end of all kinds of war materials, we now are getting plenty of everything and have really built this area up and have improved our living condition just about one thousand per cent.

And I am sure that our thanks goes back to the folks at home who are working every day and making it possible for us to receive the equipment that we have in the last year.

Yours truly,

Private Robert Cairns.

A new recruit at the U.S. Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois is Donald L. Voorheis, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Voorheis, 15419 Irvine, Farmington.

Among local young men now attending Great Lakes Naval Training Station are James Elwood Bone, 27, husband of Mrs. Jean Laidlaw Bone, 23615 Tulane Avenue, and Earl Arthur Goodfellow, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Joseph Goodfellow, 20777 Randall.

February 8, 1944

Dear Enterprise:
I wish to thank you for sending me your paper. I would have

CATHOLIC YOUTH PLAN FOR LENTEN SEASON

The Catholic Students' Mission of Our Lady of Sorrows School, held a meeting Sunday, February 20. Father Thomas Beahan, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, was present at the meeting, and conducted a study club discussion.

At the meeting the group adopted the plan of "mite boxes," which will contain the money saved up by the members during the season of Lent. The members of the C.S.M.C. are saving this money from the amusements they are foregoing during Lent, which began Wednesday, February 23, and ends on Saturday of Holy Week, the day before Easter. They are also attending devotions at the church, in a body, on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The C.S.M.C. hopes to have perfect attendance at the next meeting.

Betty Brovage Tells Of Engagement

Mrs. Vernia Brovage of Eight and a Half Mile Road announces the engagement of her daughter Betty to Staff Sergeant Donald G. Steinman of Hazel Park. Betty is an employee of General Motors Diesel. Sergeant Steinman is stationed at Camp Ellis, Illinois.

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written sooner except for time. The Enterprise helps me keep in contact with the fellows I don't have time to write.

Thanks again,
Leonard King, Jr.,
U.S. Coast Guard
Manhattan Beach, N.Y.

Through error last week, it was stated that Kenneth Wilkinson was home on furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkinson. It is Staff Sergeant Joseph W. Wilkinson, and Mrs. Wilkinson who are here. Sergeant Wilkinson leaves Saturday to report to Camp Maxey, Texas.

Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Rock Road, has received an injury in his left hip. He is in a hospital near Naples.

Continuing his combat training as a pilot of the Army Air Forces, Aviation Cadet John J. Costello, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Costello, 18845 Merriman Road, Farmington, has arrived at the Training Command basic school at Perrin Field, Texas, for nine weeks' instruction. Cadet Costello will fly a 450-horsepower plane that has the handling characteristics of military combat craft.

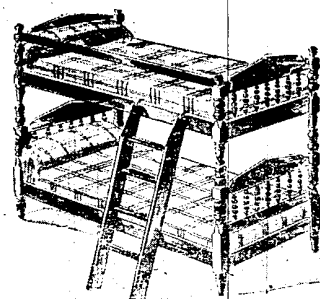
Word has been received by Mrs. Reynolds Bacon that her daughter, Frances, has arrived safely at her overseas destination.

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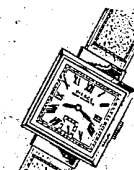
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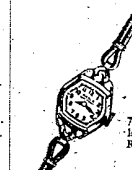
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