

THE DOPE

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Another Thanksgiving come and gone - and a cold and blowy one for Douglas. The wind off the lake brought just enough snow to make a real Thanksgiving; and we thought of you all and wished that you could be at home with us. In one thing, however, we wasted no sympathy: We know what an Army Thanksgiving dinner is - and on that score we saved our compassion. We hope you've all recovered by now.

More notes on hunting: Ducks and geese have been in fair flight lately and a number of local folks have tried their luck. Lloyd Engle and Newt Belugum have brought in nice bags of duck, and Cully Ash and Bud and Herman Bekken have gotten geese. Also, at three o'clock on Thanksgiving morning Bill Wicks and Rufus Monique rolled in from the north with two deer.

Flash from New Guinea: The Japs are folding and Bennie Fisch has been promoted to Technical Sergeant. Attaboy, Bennie!

Three more for the Douglas flag: Bruce Gates and Robert Mueller have joined the Navy, reporting at Great Lakes, and Buren Osterberg is entering the Army, reporting at Camp Grant. Good luck, boys. And remember, Douglas is very proud of you.

Clair Schultz was home on furlough last month from Nashville, Tennessee, where his outfit (the famous 1st Infantry) has been on manouvres. Clair looked and acted like a real soldier. He made a fine speech at a Legion banquet in Saugatuck; and we remember especially his parting remark in a brief visit we had with him: "I'm tired of manouvres; I want to get at 'em". Nobody's going to lick spirit like that.

Did you hear about the Nortons and the Legion Feather Party? John was closing up the drug store one night before Thanksgiving when Father Nugent dropped in and suggested that he and Mrs. Norton run over to the Feather Party. John didn't think much of the idea but just to be accomodating he and Mrs. Norton went along. Believe it or not, before the evening was over they had cracked that feather party for three hams and two turkeys. We heard that the Legion offered John a mortgage on the building, but J. held out for the victuals. Got 'em too, 73 lbs. of them.

Supplementing the list in our last issue, here are the remaining available addresses of Douglas men in the Services:

Pvt. William Goshorn,
408 TSS,
Barracks 282,
Sheppard Field, Texas

William Millar, S 2/C,
Ward 70,
Norfolk Naval Hospital,
Portsmouth, Virginia

Robert J. Mueller,
Co. 16.96,
U.S.N.T.S.,
Great Lakes, Illinois

Pvt. Matthew Sabo,
346th Air Base Sqdn.,
Berry Field, Tennessee

Pfc. Clair E. Schultz,
Co. M, 3rd Bn., 1st Inf.,
Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri

Cpl. Harold E. Scott,
325 Hq. & Air Base Sqdn.,
Advanced Flying School,
Marianna, Florida

Lawrence J. Shumaker, SF 3/C,
Bn. 44, Co. D, Pln. 2,
N.C.T.C.- N.O.B.,
Camp Bradford, Virginia

Beryl Swanson, CSK USN,
U.S. Submarine Base,
Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

Pfc. Everard Thomas, 36155620,
Service Co., 126th Inf.,
APO 32, c/ Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

Pvt. Floyd Thomas,
Hqrs. Co., 3rd Bn.,
315th Inf., APO 79,
Camp Blanding, Florida

Capt. Wm. G. Tisdale, F.A.,
Fourth General Hospital,
APO 924, c/ Postmaster,
San Francisco, California

Sgt. Lawrence H. Welch,
664th Engr. Co. (Top),
Camp Gruber, Oklahoma

The following are not Douglas folks but we wish they were:

James M. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Olsen of Saugatuck, has been graduated from the Tank Destroyer School at Camp Hood, Texas, and has been commissioned a 2nd Lieut., USA. Cpl. Larry La Violette has completed his basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, and is now a candidate in the QMC Officers School at Camp Warren, Wyoming.

Carmela Marfia, of Fennville, has been accepted in the WAACS and is now in training at their school in Des Moines, Iowa.

And Hamilton Clark, of Glenn, who was inducted into the Army in November, is the fifth member of the Lincoln Clark family to go into the Services. That Clark flag is really something.

George Inman was home on furlough last week - all six feet and 180 pounds of him - and he certainly looked impressive in Uncle Sam's uniform. George is in an anti-tank company down in Camp Brucker, Alabama, and seems to take his Army career with quite a chuckle. He says his outfit is "a lot of old guys", (like himself they're mostly over 35), and that the motto of the outfit is "Fight or Die". Then George adds: "Hell, we've got to fight; we can't move fast enough to retreat".

It is not going to be the policy of our paper to carry unpleasant news, but it is with genuine regret that we report the departure from this community of the Rev. and Mrs. Burgess. The Rev. Burgess accepted a call to a larger field, the Congregational Church of Watervliet. As we listened to his beautiful and moving farewell to the members of his parish on Nov. 1st, we realized that Douglas was losing a fine preacher and a real friend. The place which he and Mrs. Burgess have left in the community will not be easily filled.

Communique from Camp Carson: Gordon Durham has been promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant. Nice work, Gordon.

When Jake Jennings, in Fort Slocum, New York, read about four boys from Douglas scaring the Japs out of New Guinea, he wrote The Dope as follows: "Those boys have nothing on us. Some time ago a rumor got around that our outfit was going to Africa. One week later Rommel collapsed. Of course we didn't actually go to Africa; but Rommel had no way of knowing that".

An inquiry has been received about prospects for basketball. Briefly, they're not too good. Saugatuck H.S. has played one game, with Hopkins, which Saugatuck won 24 to 19. But between gas rationing and the draft, it looks as though both the High School and Douglas A.C. teams are going to be war casualties.

This issue of The Dope has been mailed to all Douglas men in the Services through the generosity of Miss Irene Campbell.

We heard about another tough Sergeant lately, who sends his boys to police duty as follows: "Hop to it, you guys. And I don't want to see nothin' but elbows and tails".

So long,

H. S. K.