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### GELTZ HAS PRAISE FOR USO, ALL SERVICE MEN ENJOY IT

Ronald (Stub) Geltz, stationed at Lemoore Army Air Base, Calif., Was at Hanford USO when he wrote the following:

“Dear Pete:

“How are you and the rest of Genesee? Don’t answer that. I get the Genesee News, and many thanks to the Legion and you. I don’t feel much like writing-you know-New Years, but in appreciation of your fine work getting us the News and for a few words in regard to the USO or service Clubs in your community.

“Genesee has hundred-odd men in the service and everyone has spent a lot of time at a USO or club, and everyone has wondered where the cake, cookies and sandwiches come from, and how much they appreciate them. They all realize, with the sugar ration, the scarcity of points, the opener being rusty and the car in the garage, all make it difficult. How these things keep coming in.

“Well, I was just wondering, as I sit here in the USO if all the relatives, friends and others back home, when they journey to Moscow or Lewiston, say: ‘Let’s take a coke or cookies, or maybe a dozen sandwiches to the boys.’ Maybe our son is at some USO and would be proud to know that we are helping and on the way, pick up that sailor or soldier and give him a ride. Maybe our boy is trying to catch a lift on a short off-duty pass.

“I know there may be a hundred and one excuses, but when there’s a service star in the window it’s silly to crab at little things, and we are proud of the way you folks in our neighborhood take it all in stride, and really care how the fellows in service are doing. Of course there are always a few chislers, but I thought you’d like to know how most of us feel about it and your kind effort.

“Stub.”



From 1945 to 1975, Ronald "Stub" Geltz and his wife, Jerry, operated the Pastime Pool Hall, leasing the building from Stub's uncle, Ray Edwards. According to a centennial history of Genesee, Stub was "known far and wide for his good hamburgers and droll sense of humor."

