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JOHN MORRIS LIBERATED IN FRENCH VILLAGE

Willamina Football Outlook Bright

FIRST PRACTICE DRAWS
26 YOUNG HUSKIES; 11
FROM LAST YEAR REPORT

Football prospects at the Willamina high school are believed to be very bright, considering the fact that older and upper class men have gone away to the wars. But since that is a condition prevailing generally, it is believed that the young huskies who appeared for practice Monday afternoon will prove to be the match and superior of other teams of the league. For his first practice, Coach Warren had 26 young fellows out on the field. Of these 11 boys from last year have had some experience. In the back field will be Roy Baker, Buddy Buswell, Raymond Smith and Franklin King, all men with some experience. Line-men have not yet been picked.

Boys who have come out for practice are: Franklin King, Dan Ham, Johnny Robertson, Seldon Porter, Harley Sack, Danny Matocha, Eugene Coles, Bob Shetterly, LaVern Meisner, Buddy Buswell, Dorland Ray, Ralph Reed, Roy Baker, Morris Strang, Kenny Wright, Harold Weaver, Earl Duncan, Dwight Shank, Richard Hansen, Richard Smith, Donald King, Carl Wakkure, Don Denver, Raymond Smith, Eldon Booth, and Manford Hansen.

First game of the season was to be on Willamina's gridiron against Nestucca on Sept. 29th, but the game was cancelled.

NEW SCHEDULE REPORTED FOR CHRISTIAN CENTER

Children 4 and 5 years of age are asked to come to the Center for story and handwork from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 or 2:00 to 2:45 p.m. Children from 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades from 3 to 4:30 p.m., with the remaining grades coming from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Painting, plaster of paris, and other kinds of handwork will be scheduled on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, the use of the materials being free of charge.

Feltograph stories from Genesis will be given Tuesday and Friday evenings. Each child attending is asked to bring a 10c size composition book to make a Genesis scrap book.

High school students and other young folks are invited to the Center from 7 to 9 p.m. any evening.

The churches are in charge at the Center on the following schedule of evenings: Monday, Christian; Tuesday, Christian; Wednesday, Assembly of God; Thursday, Free Methodist; Friday, Methodist; Saturday, Free Methodist.

Lt. Sims and Miss Sims Return to Williams Field

Lt. Wallace Sims and Miss Shirley Sims returned to Williams Field, Arizona, this week, after spending a furlough with their mother, Mrs. A. E. Burdick and Mr. Burdick. Lt. Sims received his wings as a Pursuit Pilot September 8th. When he arrives at Williams Field he will receive his assignment to further duty.

Too Late To Classify

WANTED—2 people to commute between Willamina and McMinnville. Leave Willamina Mon., Wed., and Fri., at 7:00 AM. For further particulars call 443, Willamina. 5p

176 ENROLLED FIRST DAY AT HIGH SCHOOL SIXTY NEW FRESHMEN

A surprise awaited teachers at the high school Monday morning when registration figures, expected to be in the neighborhood of 140 pupils, soared to 176, and it is expected that a considerable number will be added after the prune and other harvests are completed. Last year's opening enrollment totaled only 143. Of the 176 enrolled this year, 60 are freshmen.

All departments got underway in a highly satisfactory manner, according to Superintendent D. H. Hiatt, and activities are already in the offing. The music department began functioning immediately and several events are planned for the coming term.

Transportation of pupils, complicated somewhat by the enlarged enrollment in the grade school, seemed to be working out very satisfactorily and is expected to be at top efficiency.

"The auspicious opening augurs for a good school year," says Superintendent Hiatt.

PRUNE PICKERS NEEDED FOR LOCAL HARVEST

Prune harvest has begun in most orchards of the Willamina section and the crop, generally, is reported to be extremely good. Most of the fruit will be sold green and a very small percentage dried. In sections nearer Dallas, considerable drying will be done, according to reports.

Most orchards are short of pickers and wages offered will make just average pickers a handsome return for their day's effort.

Near Buell, Mr. Bierce reports that he has an exceptionally good crop and is paying 20 cents per box to pickers and that the ground is literally covered with the fruit. In this orchard, Mr. Bierce states that pickers need only pick as trees are shaken for them. At Sheridan, the First National Bank is advertising for pickers.

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL MEN IN SERVICE

Oscar Benefiel ACRM, and wife, arrived Saturday from Sunnyville, Calif., for a week's leave which they will spend with their parents here and at Grand Ronde.

It was reported by the War department this week that William L. Elliott had been killed in the Pacific area July 20, word being received here by his aunt, Mrs. Ray Bainter. Billie formerly attended Willamina High and was an outstanding member of the basketball team.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brady have received word from their son, Bob, that he has been promoted to Technical Sergeant, and that he has received the Air Medal and Presidential Citation, which he is sending home to them. T-Sgt. Brady is with the army air corps somewhere in England.

Pvt. Paul Wagler of Gold Creek district, is now in Ireland in the air corps. His mother, Mrs. M. Wagler received a letter from him last Saturday.

H. A. PARRETT MEETS "LITTLE HAP" IN SOUTH PACIFIC WAR THEATER

The following is a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Al Newby from H. A. "Hap" Parrett, Sr., now in the navy in the South Pacific. Mr. Parrett formerly operated the Union Oil distribution plant here, before joining the navy. His son, "Hap" Jr., enlisted in the navy during the latter part of his senior year in high school. Both are well known in this community. Following the excerpts from the letter is a little rhyme that was attached to "Hap's" letter.

Sept. 14, 1944

Dear Al and Jenny:

Without a doubt I experienced one of the greatest thrills of my lifetime a few days ago when Happy and I met on this far off island in the Southwest Pacific. We spent a day and a half together ashore and then visited together for several hours aboard his ship. I can't begin to express the joy we both felt upon seeing each other after almost two and a half years, and no one but a father and son could understand the pleasure that was ours. Hap Jr. is a man now and I'm proud to be his Dad and glad to be in the same Navy helping him out. It is possible that we will meet again before either of us return to the States. I hope.

Haven't had a letter from anyone in Willamina for quite a while so am getting curious for some "scuttlebutt" from that neck of the woods. Current events out there may seem common-place to you but it would be news to me.

You probably remember James Floyd who lived out near the Klees mill. He is with an Army Radio Squadron, stationed on a

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Valley Junction School Sold To Catholics at Grand Ronde

Father Scheffolds' bid of \$2000 was accepted by the Willamina Grade School Board for the Valley Junction schoolhouse which became the property of the Willamina district on the consolidation which was effected some months ago.

The building will be moved to Old Grand Ronde, it is reported, and will be used by the Catholic people as a parochial school building.

Price secured for the building was reported to be \$2000, considered to be a good price for the building.

CHICKEN SHACK OPEN TO PUBLIC ON TUESDAY

Winona Wooley and Agnes Barrigar are announcing that they will formally open their "Chicken Shack Cafe" to the public next Tuesday, September 26th.

This new eating place is on the highway just over the steel bridge at the Fort Hill service station. The ladies will have a spick and span new place where you can get a chicken dinner or steaks or short orders and will fill the need for a handy eating place for many travelers and workers in industries near there.

WANTED—Prune Pickers. Call First National Bank, Sheridan. 5p

MORRIS FAMILY RECEIVES LETTER FROM ELDEST SON; HELD PRISONER IN FRANCE; NOW IN BASE HOSPITAL

STAFF SERGEANT FIRST REPORTED MISSING
JUNE 23 AS PRISONER OF WAR IN AUSTRIA;
FREEDOM GAINED WHEN YANKS ARRIVE IN PARIS

An experience in which emotions of a lifetime are literally crammed into seconds came to Mr. and Mrs. Orion Morris Wednesday, when they received a letter from their boy, Staff Sergeant John Allen Morris, written in his own hand from a hospital in England, after he had first been reported missing and later reported to be in an Austrian hospital as a prisoner of war.

Dr. Victor Johnson Speaks To Educational Group

Dr. Victor E. Johnson attended the meeting of the X-Ray council of the Oregon Chiropractic Physicians at Portland Sunday, going down with several other doctors. The meeting was well attended, being held at the Western States College.

Dr. Johnson was one of the speakers at the Educational meeting. His talk being "X-Ray in General Practice."

GAME COMMISSION SETS DEER AND ANTELOPE HUNTING SEASONS

With the opening of the deer season looming ahead, hunters are making a wild scramble to get rifle and shotgun shells and when a small shipment of these vital materials gets in, it melts away in a hurry. Deer season opens October 1st this year and runs through and includes October 31st.

Oregon's first big game season of this year opens for antelope on September 24 and will extend through October 7th. Plenty of antelope tags are still available for sale at the Portland office of the game commission, the fees being \$2.50 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents. In making application for a tag, a person should forward the correct fee and information as to the number and kind of hunting licenses held.

Bird shooting will be at a considerably later date; the pheasant season being from October 14th to the 18th in Yamhill county and from the 14th until the 21st in Polk county. The bag limit will be three male birds in any one day and not more than six in possession at any one time.

Birds are reported to be plentiful in most sections of both counties.

LeRoy Vance Graduates From Camp Pendleton School

Marine Private LeRoy Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vance, Route 1, Willamina, has been graduated from the infantry school at Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside, California. He is now waiting assignment to a combat unit.

Oscar W. Lee Now Studying Electrical Engineering

Oscar W. Lee EM 3-c of this city has received his correspondence course in electric engineering, from the University of Oregon. He had planned on going to the U of O when he finished high school but joined the Seabees during his senior year. Lee has been stationed in the South Pacific area the past 18 months.

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Sergeant Morris, who is 22, was first reported missing June 23rd and the Morris people did not hear again until some six weeks later when the war department reported that he was a prisoner of war in an Austrian hospital.

But John had never been in an Austrian hospital. His plane was shot down by fak over France and he himself was, and as far as he has been able to learn was the only member of his crew to survive. Taken prisoner by the Germans, he was taken to a hospital in France in a small town, just east of Paris where he was liberated by the Americans in their great drive of a few weeks ago.

"The most thrilling sight of my life," was John's expression in his letter to his folks, "was the coming of the Americans." After this things became better and "now in a base hospital in England it is like heaven, after being in the hands of the Germans."

The Morris family came to Willamina last May and purchased the Thomason home in the east part of the city and Mr. Morris is building two new homes adjoining their property. They have two other sons, Don Morris, 18, who is in Air Training Service at Amarillo, Tex., and Dean Owen, 17, in Hill Military Academy in Portland.

The family formerly lived at Kelso, Wash., where John graduated from high school and was prominent in athletics. They came to Willamina directly from North Bonneville where they lived for a short time.

PRIMARY ENROLLMENT LAGS AT GRADE SCHOOL

Enrollment in the Willamina schools was not as heavy as expected and fell particularly short in the primary grades. Enrollments are as follows: First, 40; second, 48; third, 40; fourth, 36; fifth, 32; sixth, 34; seventh, 30, and eighth, 25, for a total enrollment of 284.

Teacher assignments have been worked out and as had been planned beforehand, except that Mrs. Moudy will have two grades the second and third.

Bus schedules will get some slight readjustments, especially so as to give third grade pupils longer periods in school than are possible under present runs.

Union Service of Churches Scheduled for September 24

The union service this month will be held at the Methodist church, with Rev. Arthur Jensen of the Assembly of God church preaching the sermon. This service will be held September 24th. The offering goes to support of the Center.