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FLU BAN WILL LIFT SATURDAY MORNING

NO NEW CASES RECORDED IN PAST THREE DAYS—MOST CASES HERE HAVE BEEN RECENT ARRIVALS HOSKINS CAMP

SCHOOL TO OPEN ON MONDAY

Theatre to Open Saturday, Churches on Sunday—Nysse Still in Grip of Epidemic—Payette Lifts Its Ban.

Ontario's Flu Ban will be lifted Saturday morning. At the special meeting of the City Council Monday evening the necessary motions were unanimously passed to end the quarantine on public meetings of all kind on Saturday morning. The motion was made by Councilman E. C. Van Petten and prevailed.

On Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the School Board it was determined that, if the Council lifted the ban for the city that school will resume Monday. Thus by the time an order as they stand now the school can open Saturday evening, churches may hold services Sunday, and schools will open Monday and thus return Ontario to the usual tenor of its way.

How to make up the lost time is a problem facing the school authorities. If it is possible for the pupils to take longer lessons in the various subjects and cover the ground planned for the year there will be no change in the school hours. If by the Christmas holidays this is found impossible it is proposed to begin classes at 8:30 a. m. instead of 9 o'clock and thus accomplish the required result. The possibility of holding school on Saturday is not considered favorable.

—BUY W.S.S.—

BUSINESS HOURS TO BE CURTAILED HERE

Stores to Close at Five p. m. on and After December 1—Will Also be Closed All Day Thanksgiving Day.

Ontario business men are going to adopt the eight hour day on December 1. That is the day named in a recent agreement whereby the stores of Ontario will close for business at 5 p. m. every day in the week, except Saturday when they are open until 8:30.

The schedule which is to go into effect in two weeks will be effective until April 1, 1919, unless extended by mutual agreement.

The reasons given for the proposed curtailment of business hours is that it will not only accomplish a saving of fuel, as requested by the government, but will give the employees shorter hours. Those who have signed the agreement for the early closing so far are: Taggart Hardware Co.; Rader Bros.; Allen Shoe Co.; Troxell Implement Co.; McNulty & Co.; Toggery Bill; E. A. Fraser; Alexander Co.; Kroessin Harness Co. and the Ontario Furniture Co.

Closed on Thanksgiving. All of the stores in the city will be closed for business, all day, next Thursday, so housewives will do well to remember the fact and order accordingly.

UNION THANKSGIVING PROPOSED FOR CITY

Council of Defense suggests That all Citizens Unite to Give Praise and Thanks for Victorious Peace.

An effort is being made today to hold a big general Thanksgiving service in Ontario next Thursday for special Thanksgiving and praise for the victorious peace that now blesses the nation's soil.

The local Council of Defense has

STORE FORCE HOLDS AN OLD FASHIONED QUILTING BEE

Monday evening, the dry goods section of Rader Bros. was the scene of a jolly, old fashioned quilting bee. For some time the firm has been waiting for a shipment of quilts ordered months ago but which have never arrived, so it was determined to supply the needs by making some. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader, Miss Leona Rader, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fortier, Mrs. Helen Strothers, Mrs. Iva L. Fox, Miss Katherine Troxell, Miss Estelle Curry and Miss Vera Neeb, were the working guests and enjoyed a dainty lunch followed the bee.

This will be news to the force on the grocery side of the store who were "not in on the secret," and who have been puzzling over the veiled remarks of their dry goods associates all week.

—BUY W.S.S.—

DEATH TOLL FOR WEEK LARGEST IN YEARS

Flu Results in Many Deaths But none of Victims Were Long Residents of Ontario.

As the result of the epidemic of flu, during which time many patients were brot to Ontario for treatment from the adjacent country there were several deaths in Ontario during the past week.

Two of the deaths, those of Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Looper, however were not resultant from influenza.

Still another death, the result of influenza, was that of C. B. Beemer of Hoskins Camp Tuesday. He had been ill at the Holy Rosary Hospital for two weeks previous with the influenza and was that to be recovering when complications developed and he died Tuesday night at 11 o'clock of pneumonia.

C. B. Beemer was born in Iowa and at the time of his death was 27 years and 11 months old. He was married November 9, 1915, to Miss Rose Orr of Nampa. Before coming to Ontario a few weeks ago he had been working with Wills & Maney of Nysse for a year. He had made preparations for moving his wife and baby daughter here before he was taken sick and they arrived only two days before his death. Besides his wife and daughter he leaves his father and several brothers and sisters in Iowa, one brother in Nevada, and a large number of friends who felt his loss very keenly. The body was taken to Nampa for burial yesterday evening where Mrs. Beemer's parents live. Funeral services will be held this afternoon there.

Another death, the result of pneumonia following influenza, was that of Sylvester Pullen of the Owyhee last Friday. Sylvester Pullen was the sixteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Pullen of Owyhee and was ill only a few days. Burial was made at Owyhee, Rev. Chas. Blom of Ontario conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. L. A. Teitort-Looper died at the Holy Rosary Hospital Friday morning after a long illness, age fifty-four. Mrs. Looper was well known here and leaves many friends and relatives in this vicinity who mourn her death. Burial took place in the Nysse Cemetery Sunday, simple funeral services conducted by Rev. W. J. Luscombe of Ontario being held at the graveside.

The news was received here Tuesday evening of the death of Eiven Loveland, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loveland of Ontario, at Nysse Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. Death was caused by complications following influenza. Eiven Loveland was twenty-five years old. Burial was made yesterday afternoon at Caldwell.

Mrs. Edward Nelson died at her home in Ontario Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock after a lingering illness of a couple of months. Besides her husband and four children, the oldest of whom is about six years, she leaves her father and mother and two younger sisters all of whom live in Ontario Canada and will be unable to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Nelson was born in London, Canada, twenty-five years ago. She

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Make Christmas Cheery for the Soldier Boys Now Convalescing

Ontarians who want to divide the Christmas joys, and extend Christmas cheer to hundreds of boys who are convalescing from wounds received in battle have a chance to do so thru the Girls Honor Guard. To do this all that is necessary to do is to scan a list of things given below which you can donate, and then, donate what you wish. It will all help.

The Honor Guard Girls are making preparations to send a Christmas box to the wounded soldiers from France in the hospital in Brooklyn which they are aiding to maintain. Any contributions of jams, jellies, nuts,

candies, books, magazines, handkerchiefs (white or khaki) and other articles that will help make a merry Christmas for the wounded soldiers and sailors will be greatly appreciated. Gifts will be received at the booth in the offices of Emison & Adam across the street from the post office where the Red Cross gifts are also being taken. The name of the giver must be plainly written on the article. Donations will be gladly received up to November 30. Also the Honor Guard Girls who have comfort kits out are asked to finish them and give them to either Dottie or Fern Crummett or Gladys Emison as soon as possible.

COMMISSION WON BY LIEUT. LEE F. MADDUX

Member of First Squad to Leave Ontario Following Declaration of War is Commissioned Officer.

Altho he may never get an opportunity to fly over "no man's land" to bag a Hun machine, Lee Maddux, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Maddux of Ontario, is now a member of Uncle Sam's commissioned officers attached to the aviation service.

To be exact, it is Lieutenant Lee F. Maddux, now. Word that he was at last commissioned was received by his parents in a letter last Saturday. He has completed the extended course, which includes cirous flying, bomb dropping, cross country flying and all the latest wrinkles in the flying game.

Lieut. Maddux who is a graduate of the Ontario High School, as a member of the class of '17, left Ontario on April 10, 1917, with the first squad of men who volunteered after the breaking off relations with Germany. For months after reaching Kelley Field he was a member of the military police and later secured a transfer to the cadet battalion, attending the ground officers training school at the University of Texas. He had almost won his commission three months ago, when the course was extended and he was one of those affected, making it necessary to complete additional work before being commissioned. Along with hundreds of other young Americans he writes that he has one regret; namely that he has not had a chance to "go across."

So far as known here now Lieut. Maddux is the first Ontario boy to be commissioned by working up thru the ranks from a private.

—BUY W.S.S.—

TRAPPED MICE AND GAVE TO WAR FUND

Phillip Barrett, Six Years Old Shows Real Patriotic Fervor and is Champion Giver in District.

The story of the Widow's mite was equalled in the campaign for United War Work Funds in Malheur county last week. Phillip Barrett, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barrett, who lives in School District No. 26 won the honor of being the champion giver in the county, for like the widow in the Bible story Phillip gave his all and his example is one that should make some of the more prosperous citizens of the community blush.

He Trapped Mice. When the committee in District 26 called at the Barrett home and told the story of the drive, little Phillip listened, and understood. After his parents had subscribed Phillip ran and secured from safe keeping fifteen cents he had earned by trapping mice and gave it to the committee, saying he wanted to help. The committee gave him the receipt to which he was entitled, for his gift was at once the smallest and the largest gift received in the county, for Phillip gave all the money he possessed.

In telling the story of Phillip's giving, W. W. Wood county chairman said: "There are many that might take a lesson from what Phillip has done, and I predict a great future for this boy, for he has the right spirit."

BUDGET FOR 1919 IS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Cost of Operating City and its Municipal Water System for 12 Months Placed at \$32,000—Water Revenues Listed at \$16,000.

At a special meeting of the City Council Wednesday evening, following the approval of the assessment roll for Lateral Sewer District No. 2; the Eastside sewer; the Council considered and approved the budget for 1919 prepared by City Recorder, C. M. Stearns.

According to Judge Stearns it will require \$32,000 to finance the city government, pay bond interest, etc., and maintain the water system during the 12 months of 1919. The figures in detail are to be found in another column of this issue.

While this is greater than any estimate in past years it includes the water system expense and this is offset by the earnings of the plant which are estimated at \$16,000 for the year thus the cost of city government will actually be no higher.

There was only one item which the members present deified particularly to raise. That was the item for street maintenance. Since no method of accomplishing this result could be found, that did not mean the crippling of some other department, no change was made.

Mayor-elect, R. W. Jones was present at the meeting to consider the budget with the old council and suggested the enforcement of the dog tax ordinance, the city licensing of automobiles and other means of increasing revenues that could be devoted to street work. No action however was taken in this respect.

—BUY W.S.S.—

REGION WEST OF CITY RAISED BEST WHEAT

Manager of Payette Mills Declares That Malheur Valley Wheat Crop of This Season Was of Superior Variety.

A boost for the wheat of the Malheur valley was given by Manager Yates of the Payette Mills who was in Ontario on business Monday. In speaking of the situation, particularly as concerned with the wheat milled in this section Mr. Yates said:

"The best wheat received by the Payette mills this season was that received from the territory West of Ontario. It surpassed the dry land wheat for milling purposes."

While Mr. Yates did not give figures to show the amount of wheat produced in this section, on irrigated lands, the total yield was bigger than ever before, and many of the ranchers made good returns from the acreage planted in this crop. This was due, in part of course to the government established price. It was this assured price that induced many of the ranchers to turn alfalfa crops down and plant wheat. Many of the ranchers took advantage of the opportunity to give their land a rest from alfalfa raising.

Since many of the fields which had grown alfalfa for years were exceptionally rich the yield per acre was high, going over 60 bushels per acre.

RANCH MANAGER LEAVES TO JOIN UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kinnison leave in their car this week for Tucson, Arizona. They will drive West thru Oregon and take the Pacific Highway thru California before turning Eastward toward Tucson. Mr. Kinnison who for more than a year past has been manager of the Morton G. Barrows, and L. P. Ordway ranches on the Shoe string, came to Ontario from Fruitland where he was principal of the High School. He had worked on the big ranch during the time F. O. Hahan was superintendent.

Mr. Kinnison who is a Fruitland boy, is a graduate of the University of Idaho and while there was prominent in athletic and fraternity circles.

At Tucson he will be attached to the department of horticulture and extension work, the exact nature of which he did not give prior to his departure.

—BUY W.S.S.—

RECONNAISSANCE OF ROUTES IS FINISHED

Division Engineer M. O. Bennett Returns From Trip Over Proposed Routes of Road to Jordan Valley.

M. O. Bennett, division engineer for the State Highway Commission for Eastern Oregon passed thru Ontario Tuesday evening enroute to Pendleton having completed the reconnaissance of all the proposed routes to Jordan Valley.

On Sunday Mr. Bennett returned from Jordan Valley, after having gone over the Succor creek and the proposed route to Venator. He then went to Vale and left from there to go over the Vale to Watson route.

While Mr. Bennett did not discuss the results of his trip further than to say that he found what he is certain is a good route for a road, he was apparently satisfied that it will be possible to start work on a road some time after the first of the year. It will take some time before he can complete cross sections of the three routes and prepare his report and recommendation to the Highway Commission which will then determine the route on which the road is to be built.

NOVEMBER 30 FINAL DATE FOR MAILING PACKAGES
Advices have been received by the Red Cross that November 30 has been the final date for the acceptance of Christmas packages for mailing to soldiers and sailors over seas. Notice has been received that the local committee can issue seals to the next of kin to soldiers and sailors to replace seals that have been lost in the mails.

ONTARIO DISTRICT JUST REACHES QUOTA

War Work Drive is Successful in Degree But Does Not Reach Fifty per cent Oversubscription.

Malheur County reached the minimum quota for the United War Work Drive, but has not, as yet, reached the fifty per cent over subscription asked. It has not fallen far below that figure, however, and W. W. Wood, county chairman, feels that the drive has been a success.

Ontario's district quota total subscription of nearly \$7,000 is not far from the desired maximum, and reaches that figure, tho it is doubtful however since the instructions to try for an oversubscription came so late that it was impossible to reach all of the school district committee with the new order. The local committee feels that no blame can be placed on the people of the county for not securing the higher figure.

A complete report of the subscription from the various school districts will be presented in next week's issue.

EXPERTS TO COME TO DISCUSS IRRIGATION

SCHOOL FOR PRESENTATION OF DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION PROBLEMS WILL BE HELD HERE.

PROMINENT ENGINEERS COMING

Water Laws Developed and Management of Drainage and Irrigation District to be Considered—to view Results of Work done.

Malheur county ranchers may have an opportunity, if they desire, to have a school for the discussion of irrigation and drainage problems. The sessions will be held on December 13 and 14.

Experts from the State Agricultural College, from the United States Reclamation service, engineers who specialize on drainage and irrigation problems, including Mr. Lewis, of Boise, State Engineer John H. Lewis, of Oregon, now project engineer for the Warm Springs, and many other well known men.

Included in the course of lectures to be presented will be discussions of water laws, by Geo. T. Cochran, superintendent of water for Eastern Oregon.

The lecturers on operation and maintenance will be, in some of the subjects, illustrated with lantern slides and other means and a trip is planned for the attendants over the Malheur Drainage District.

A similar meeting was held last year at Redmond, at each an average attendance of 150 was secured. The importance of the problems of the farmer on irrigated land is recognized by the state authorities, as well as the national government and this extension work is being done to bring the results of work in all parts of the country to the attention of the ranchers of this section.

The reason for holding the school here in Ontario as given in a letter from W. L. Powers, Professor of Soils at O. A. C. to E. H. Test of this city, was that of the development of new projects in this section.

—BUY W.S.S.—

IS OVER SEAS IN SPITE OF BEING OVER AGE LIMIT

A. E. Brown received a card this week from James E. Johnson formerly of this section who is now a soldier over seas. Tho he was over age, Mr. Johnson was accepted for service and arrived in France a month before Bill quit cold.

—BUY W.S.S.—

PENDLETON LAUNDRY BOUGHT BY BENDERS

S. H. Bender & Son of Ontario Have Taken Charge of Troy Laundry in Round-Up City—Family to Move Soon.

S. H. Bender, who has been a resident of the Ontario district for the past ten years, and his son Harvey Bender last week became the owners of the Troy Laundry at Pendleton. The Bender family will leave the last of this week or the first of next week for their new home in the Round-Up city.

Harvey Bender who for the past two years has been superintendent of the laundries at Idaho Falls, will be in charge of the business. He is an experienced man, having been engaged in the work for years. He started his apprenticeship in the local laundry, as then went to Pendleton and later to Idaho Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bender and family are packing their household goods now and will leave for their new home in a few days.

—BUY W.S.S.—

Montie B. Gwinn, formerly of Ontario but now of Boise, who was chairman of the Idaho State Liberty Loan was in Ontario Friday on business. Needless to say Mr. Gwinn was proud of the record his state made in the great campaign.

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