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JAKE OSTEN WRITES FROM SAN ANTONIO

Jake Osten, former employee of the Herald, and well known in Heppner and Morrow county, writes this paper a breezy letter from the aviation camp at San Antonio, Texas, where he is taking the first steps towards becoming a flying fighter in the service of Uncle Sam.

Mr. Osten left here a few months ago and enlisted at Portland and has since been sent to several training stations in the east and finally realized his heart's desire by being sent to San Antonio to become a bird-man.

The letter follows:

"As yet, I have made no flight, but I have hopes of going up soon for a ride. To get a pilot's commission you must pass a very stiff examination and I am studying up for it all the time.

"The climate here is a good deal like home, if you add ninety degrees to the temperature. The country is mostly level, and sand toads, lizards, tarantulas, centipedes and rattlesnakes are the principal crops. The state also raises much dust. Cotton, sugar cane and cactus are side lines. Mostly cactus.

"We have quite a time here. There are about 10,000 soldiers in Kelly Field. They are building barracks for them as fast as they can. At present we are in tents. We go to San Antonio every once in a while. It is not much of a town. The soldiers make the town. I haven't gone over it thoroughly yet, so I can't say how far behind Heppner it is.

"There are some 122 planes in this field and they are most of them in use all the time. The planes are assigned to squadrons, 12 in active service, 12 set up in reserve and 12 in crates. Then besides they are equipped with trucks, motorcycles and much other stuff."

Winners of State Fair Trip

Four very proud and happy young people entrained at Heppner Tuesday morning bound for the State Fair at Salem, the trip having been won by them because of their excellence in industrial club work. The winners were: Miss Vera Cowins and Master Carrol Shurte, of Heppner, and Miss Hulda Tucker and Master Birdeen Brown, of District No. 17, near Lexington.

The young people are sent to Salem and returned home at the expense of the county and during their stay at the Fair they are entertained at a camp in the Fair grounds as guests of the state.

The plan has been in operation for several years and is proving very successful as an incentive to good work among the school children of the state.

Miss Vera Mahoney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, has enrolled as a student at the University of Washington, at Seattle, for the school year.

TWENTY MORE CALLED FOR EXAMINATION

Twenty more drafted men were called last week to appear for examination for military service. Tuesday, September 25th, in order that eligibles may be available to fill the quota in case any of the contingent sent to American Lake last week should be rejected by the army surgeons. Of this number the following have been examined and accepted by the local board:

Thomas McCormick, Echo, James Edward Warfield, Ione, Lucius A. Visher, Lexington, Fred W. Griffith, Ione, Edgar Allen Bennett, Heppner, Glenn C. Jones, Heppner, Solomon L. Payne, Heppner, William A. Ashinust, Lexington, Franklin D. Cox jr., Heppner, Elmer Ball, Ione, Ernest R. Frederickson, Lexington, Charles Leo O'Neill and Roy W. Buckless, both of Ione were rejected for physical disability. The following have not been examined at this writing: Carl J. Caldwell, Irrigon, Arthur M. Edwards, Lena, Albert William Heater, Heppner, Lewis M. Billings, Foster, Or. Ah Jing, Heppner, Harold Raymond Ahalt, Cecil, William H. Parker, Lexington.

Jones Crop Surprises

Jeff Jones, well known farmer of the Rhea creek section, was in town yesterday and reports that he has finished heading and threshing his 500-acre crop which made an average of 15 bushels of good quality wheat per acre.

Since finishing his own crop Mr. Jones put in some two weeks threshing for his neighbors, finishing the season's run last Saturday evening before the rain.

About July 1, Mr. Jones went to Portland for a few weeks' visit and when he left he did not think his crop would make anything—that it would never even head out. When he returned, however, he was agreeably surprised to find his fields headed out and the result of his harvest shows that no man can tell in advance just what Morrow county soil will produce even in a dry season.

Mr. Jones expects to begin his Fall seeding in a few days the recent rains having placed the ground in fine condition for farming.

Auto Business Booms

Harold Cohn, local agent for the Cole-8 and Oldsmobile cars, reports business booming around his sales-room with pleasing prospects for a profitable autumn trade.

Within the last few days Mrs. John Kilkenny, of Heppner, and Louis Padberg, of Lexington, have become pleased purchasers of Cole-8s and Walter Rood and Ben Cox have each invested in an Oldsmobile.

Kenneth Mahoney returned Sunday from a several days' visit at Portland.

INDUSTRIAL CLUB WORK REVIEWED

To the Public—Dear Friends:

A few words in regard to the boys' and girls' Industrial Club Work, may be of interest to the people of Morrow county, and in a measure explain a few points that seemingly are not understood.

First I wish to congratulate those boys and girls who signed up for the work and who completed their project. You cannot now realize the amount of good accomplished by your efforts. Some of you were not awarded prizes but you have the gratifying evidence of work well done, and have the satisfaction of knowing that you have gained valuable experience.

Mr. J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of Public Instruction has said: "Every Club Member who has carried his work to completion has strengthened his character by forming habits of industry and perseverance and by learning to do well some one or more of the common duties of life."

I am sorry that more of the members did not have their exhibit ready for the fair. We have fifteen different clubs in this county with a membership of 192 pupils. Only 21 of these members had exhibits.

I do hope boys and girls that you have not become discouraged. The work is new and it takes time to get systematized. It is an expensive feature and in order to make good what we have already expended we must not give up. Mr. Griffith says, "Although expensive, it pays for the education it gives the young."

Dickens has said, "Every failure teaches a man something if he will but learn."

One of our club members, Vera Cowins, was chosen to represent the state in the sewing contest at Spokane Sept. 4-7. Morrow county should be proud indeed of the honor conferred upon her, but what Vera has done others can do, but they must be willing to acknowledge that there is no obstacle but can be overcome and should have for their motto "If at first I don't succeed I shall try, try again." This will give power. You know Strong says, "The great end of education is not to acquire more facts but to gain more power."

Please do not lose track of the fact, that the report counts much in the final exhibit and should be sent to O. A. C. for grading before Sept. 1st each year.

We hope this year to begin the work in October, thereby giving the pupils the advantage of working under an advisor during the school year at least. Heretofore the work has begun too late and the children left by themselves to complete their project.

During the annual institute in October Mr. Seymour, State Club Leader, expects to be with us. He will give an illustrated lecture on the Industrial Club Work. Mr. Claxton, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C., has promised to send four or five reels, and Mr. Sparks has consented to let us have the use of the Star Theater for one evening. This will be free to the public and I hope all will avail themselves of the opportunity to learn more about this great work.

Following is the score made by members at the County Fair—
Potato Growing Project—Bir-

deen Brown—Exhibit 58, report 38, total 96. Basis of award: Exhibit 60, report 40, total 100.

Vegetable Gardening—Kenneth Binns—Exhibit 46, report 40, total 86. Basis same as above.

Horace Wells—Exhibit 46, report (none), total 46.

Poultry Raising—Elizabeth M. Brown—Exhibit 48, report 39, total 87. Basis same as above.

Paul Aiken—Exhibit 45, report (none), total 45.

Pig Feeding—Irene Peck—Exhibit 55, report 35, total 90. Basis same.

Eleanor Peck—Exhibit 57, report 35, total 92.

Baking Project—Hulda Tucker—Exhibit 53, report 36, total 89.

Buelah Tucker—Exhibit 47, report 35, total 82.

C. R. Mae Davis—Exhibit 51, report 29, total 80.

Elizabeth Huston—Exhibit 46, report 35, total 81.

Canning Project—Lavelle Lucas—Exhibit 52, report 35, total 87.

Reita Neel—Exhibit 43, report (none), total 43.

Sewing Project—Vera Cowins—Exhibit 49, report 50, total 99.

Elizabeth Huston—Exhibit 41, report 49, total 90.

Hulda Tucker—Exhibit 46, report 49, total 95.

Buelah Tucker—Exhibit 44, report 48, total 92.

Doris Lane—Exhibit 42, report 44, total 86.

Handicraft Project—Carol Shurte—Exhibit 72, report 19, total 91.

Lyle Seaman—Exhibit 70, report 15, total 85.

Baird Patterson—Exhibit 68, report (none), total 68.

Sherman Noyse—Exhibit 65, report (none), total 65.

Lawrence Wilkins—Exhibit 62 (2 pieces), report (none) total 62.

Very truly yours,
LENA SNELL SHURTE,
County School Superintendent

Some Spuds

Frank M. Bayless, superintendent of the County Poor Farm, brought in a potato top yesterday morning and placed it on exhibition in front of the Herald office that is entitled to the blue ribbon. The stalks are six and one-half feet long and Mr. Bayless says produced six pounds of fine big potatoes. The recent rains seem to be helping out many of the "war garden" potato patches to such an extent that where failure was expected a few weeks ago will make fair yields.

Fair Store Closes

Marcus Kopple, who has been conducting the Fair store in this city for several months, has closed his place here and shipped his stock to Condon where he will take charge of a large store owned by himself and his brothers. This step was made necessary on account of his brother, Louis Kopple, manager of the Condon store, being one of Gilliam county's draftees who were called to the colors last week. Mr. Kopple wishes to thank his friends and patrons for liberal patronage etc. and to announce that when the war is over, and if his brother returns safely, he expects to return to Heppner and open another store.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heart-felt thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted in our late bereavement in the death of our husband and father.—Mrs. M. B. Scribner and Family.

L. P. Davidson was in from Ione Monday.

ROAD QUESTION NOT DEAD; ONLY SLEEPING

The question of good roads in Morrow county and paved streets in Heppner is not dead—it has only been taking its summer siesta.

Wednesday the County Court passed an order conforming with the new road law by which the road districts of the county are re-formed and each district is given authority to vote a 5-mill road tax for some specific road purpose. Six of these districts—including the towns of Heppner, Lexington and Ione, each of which is a separate district—are directly interested in the proposed state highway through the county and the three country districts directly interested in the highway are so formed as to approximately embrace the territory lying on each side and within ten miles of the road to be improved.

Thursday a meeting of property owners of Heppner was held under a petition to the County Court, asking that an election be called in Heppner Road District, No. 13, for the purpose of voting a 5-mill tax to be expended in preparing the roadbed for the State Highway as same may be located through said district.

The following property owners signed the petition: Charles Thompson, C. E. Woodson, S. E. Notson, Frank Gilliam, W. P. Mahoney, Phill Cohn, J. L. Wilkins, Oscar Borg, Hanson Hughes, Ben Patterson, John Vaughn, A. M. Phelps, L. E. Bisbee, M. D. Clark.

Petitions have also been prepared and are being circulated in the other interested districts viz: Ione and Cecil district, No. 3; district around Lexington, No. 6; district around Heppner, No. 5; town of Ione No. 10; town of Lexington, No. 11.

It is freely predicted that the election will be called and the tax voted by a good majority and that Morrow county will yet come into her own in the matter of good roads.

The Wanderers Return

Bob Carsner and his aggregation of near cowboys, who went east with a train load of cattle three weeks ago have returned to Heppner and all unite in swearing by the Great Hornspon that it was the biggest and best trip they ever took in their lives. The party consisted of E. G. Noble, L. E. Bisbee, Henry Cohn and Hanson Hughes and all are inclined to be voluble to the interviewer when they talk about the big cornfields of Kansas, the bleak ranges of Wyoming and the tall mountains of Colorado, but when questioned about what happened in Kansas City after the cattle were sold they are a) strangely non-committal. There are some indications of a conspiracy to suppress the news but the Herald hopes that, as time passes, this strange silence may be broken and we will be able to give all the news of this wonderful trip. When asked whether or not the water in the Missouri river is muddy at this season of the year one member of the party replied that he was not looking for Missouri river water at any time during his stay in K. C. Of course times change. When the Herald man used to be in Kansas City 25 or 30 years ago visitors from the outside used to use river water to bathe in but perhaps that is too old fashioned a custom for these modern times.

WHEAT PRICES FOR PACIFIC STATES FIXED

The committee of wheat men who went to Washington, D. C., to protest against the discrimination against the Pacific Northwest in the matter of wheat prices were successful in their mission the government finally consenting to a basic price of \$2.05 at Portland, thus absorbing one-half of the freight differential of 30 cents per bushel with which the first ruling penalized the Oregon and Washington growers.

The price of \$2.05, for Portland, is based on No. 1 Northern hard, a grade which is not produced here.

According to a card received from Portland Wednesday evening by Heppner dealers the following prices have been established on the different grades such as grown in Morrow county: Bluestem—58 test, \$2.02; 56 test, \$1.99; 54 test, \$1.95.

Fortyfold—58 test, \$2.00; 56 test, \$1.97; 54 test, \$1.93.

Club—60 test, \$2.00; 58 test, \$1.98; 56 test, \$1.95.

Above prices are for Portland delivery. Price in Heppner is about 12c lower than Portland price.

W. P. Scribner Passes

William Preston Scribner, an old and highly respected resident of this city, passed away at his home on Court street, at 8:30 a. m. Sunday, September 23, 1917, at the age of 61 years and 4 days. He had been a sufferer from bronchial trouble several years and for a couple of weeks had suffered from an acute attack but was apparently improving. He went to the breakfast table Sunday morning and after finishing the meal stepped into the kitchen where he fell to the floor and expired instantly. The cause of death is believed to have been morhage on the brain.

Deceased was a native son of Oregon and a pioneer of Eastern Oregon in the full sense of the word. He was born at Harrisburg, Linn county, September 19, 1856. He was the son of James E. Scribner, an early settler in the Willamette valley, and Parthena Barger Scribner, the mother being a native daughter of the Oregon country. Truly the blood of pioneers flowed in his veins.

When Mr. Scribner was 17 years old his father moved his family to Umatilla county where they engaged in the sheep business for a number of years later removing to what is now Morrow county, where they continued in the stock business for a few years. Mr. Scribner settled in Heppner 29 years ago and worked at the blacksmithing and wagon-making trade, later embarking in business for himself in that line which he continued until the time of his death.

He built up a successful and lucrative business and was regarded as one of the town's best citizens.

On December 17, 1890, Mr. Scribner was married at Condon, Oregon, to Miss Martha Buannah Meek, who also came of one of Oregon's old pioneer families.

He was a consistent member the Methodist Church South and a respected member of the Masonic and Woodmen of the World lodges.

His widow, one son, Clarence Scribner, of this city, and two brothers, Price Scribner, of Unity, Oregon, and Marion Scribner, of Echo, Oregon, survive him.

The funeral was held at the Methodist Church South, Wednesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Biram S. Shangle, president of Columbia College, Milton, Oregon. Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery.

DR. GUNSTER
VETERINARIAN
LICENSED GRADUATE

Patterson's Drug Store, Heppner, Oregon