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HEPPNER BOY NOW IN FLYING DIVISION

F. L. Woodard Now In Training at
Ellington Field, Houston, Texas,
and Says He Is in Great
Branch of the Service.

A few months ago a mechanic in a Heppner garage, but now tuning up airplane motors for Uncle Sam and learning all the dips and turns of flying, is the advancement of E. L. Woodard.

Mr. Woodard was formerly employed at the Independent Garage in Heppner, where he started in to learn the automobile business. After war was declared, the young man saw an excellent opportunity to extend his knowledge of motors, so he enlisted in the aviation section on the 20th of last October.

Writing of the camp life to the editor of The Gazette-Times, Mr. Woodard says, "I sure enjoy the army life, and says, 'I sure enjoy the army life, work real hard, but of course expect that, as the country is speeding up the war preparation and when we get ready for business, there will be something doing."

"When I left Vancouver, I went to Kelley Field. It was rather discouraging at first, but when I got assigned to a squadron it was different. Here we have nice new, clean barracks with hot and cold water, shower baths and the best of climate."

"The Red Cross has all nice sweaters for Christmas and the Y. M. C. A. was very nice and gave us cigarettes, candy and nuts. We soldier boys think they are the only thing."

The young man closes his letter with best wishes to all his friends here and hopes that when he returns the Kaiser will be one of his victims and "Old Glory will fly higher than ever before."

His address is E. L. Woodard, 250 Aero Squadron, Ellington Field, Houston, Texas.

ASKS FOR LARGE SUM FOR SEED DISTRIBUTION

Secretary Houston, Writes Director
Center That Funds Are Needed
to Insure Seed Stock.

Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 23.—Another step in insuring ample stocks of seed for the increased food production called for by the U. S. Government is the request by Secretary Houston for a congressional appropriation of six million dollars to buy seed, test it, and distribute it to farmers at a reasonable price. In a letter to Director Center, chairman of the Oregon seed stocks committee, the secretary says:

The seed situation still presents many difficulties. Under a former appropriation large stocks of corn, cotton and sorghum seed were provided to farmers in the drought-stricken districts of the South, and now, if the money is provided, like action is to be taken for other portions of the country. Farmers must have help in meeting the seed situation if production is to be maintained.

Director Center says that when funds are provided the Federal Department, thru the Oregon seed stock committee will locate, test, buy and store seeds of the most important crops as needed and sell to farmers at cost where the need is greatest. A great deal of seed was distributed last year by this method with the exception that no funds were available to buy surplus stocks and it was not always possible to handle them for this reason. Another advantage of the new method will be the testing of all seeds at the O. A. C. and U. S. seed-testing laboratory at the College, so that farmers will know the viable quality of all seed bought under the appropriation.

Infant Son Dies.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sibley, of South Springs, died at the home of his parents Tuesday afternoon, aged sixteen months. The child had been sick for about five months, and death was caused from an abscess at the base of the brain. The funeral was held at Lexington this forenoon, Rev. H. A. Noyes, of Heppner, conducting the services.

Appreciation.

We wish to thank our many friends one and all, for the many kindnesses shown us during our stay in the good little city of Heppner and assure you that we regret that we have to leave. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nordling.

Some Snow in the South.

Alex Green, local merchant, says he has received word from his old home in Virginia saying that there is from three to six inches of snow there at this time.

Are Undecided as to Building.

Just at present the I. O. O. F. lodge at Ione seems to be undecided as to putting up a new building on the lots where their hall formerly stood. While in Ione the last of the week, a representative of this paper got the impression that there would be no delay in the construction of a new and substantial modern building on the premises but there seems to be a hitch in the proceedings at present and just what will be done remains for future announcement. Some talk was heard to the effect that possibly the Masonic order of Ione would acquire the C. T. Walker corner and the Wilcox lots adjoining and put up a good building there. As to this, however, there seems to be nothing definite. Someone should start the ball to rolling and get some new building up on the burned district of our neighboring city. The property is too valuable to stand idle.

Comes Prepared to Farm.

Dwight Misner arrived at Ione the past week from Salem. Mr. Misner has purchased a body of land north of Ione and will farm 320 of the Blighood and 800 acres of the Twohy land, as well as a portion of the Cronan land. These places lie some nine miles north of Ione and Mr. Misner will crop this season about 565 acres of summerfallow. He is prepared to do farming as it should be done. He has brought his machinery and equipment, and also a car load of fine brood mares, some 18 head altogether. While following wheat raising as the main line, Mr. Misner intends also to raise mules on a large scale. He seems to be imbued with the proper idea and comes to Morrow county with the determination to succeed. There is no reason in the world why he should not make good as the lands he is undertaking to farm are well situated, and his neighbors adjoining on both sides, Edward Rietmann and Henry Stender, have each proved that wheat raising can be successfully carried on there. Mr. Misner comes to Morrow county through the efforts of J. E. Cronan, president of the Bank of Ione, who is interested in getting settlers on the farms in his locality. We hope to see more people of this character take up their residence in the county; we have room for many of them.

Early Bart Wheat.

Through the courtesy of Chas. B. Sperry of Ione, The Gazette-Times has on display some early Bart wheat. There will be lots of this wheat sown in the Ione county this year, as five car loads of seed have been shipped into Ione this year. Where the wheat has been grown it has made a wonderful production and wheat men of Morrow county predict that early Bart will do as well here.

Smead Buys More Wool.

During the past week W. W. Smead of this city, buying for the firm of Hallowell, Jones & Donald of Boston, has purchased the McCullough Brothers clip of fine wool consisting of 15,000 pounds and 1500 pounds from S. P. Devin. The price paid was around 55 cents. This makes 35,000 pounds Mr. Smead has bought during the past few weeks.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Lincoln Fowes in lots to suit. H. Stanley Coffin, North Yakima, Wash.

ALPINE YODLERS FURNISHED RARE TREAT

The third number of the Midland Lyceum course, the Swiss Alpine Yodlers, at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, fulfilled all the prophecies that had been made for it.

The Ploner family is an unique company in that their talents musically are so versatile. The feature of the evening was the Swiss songs in yodling. The father of the family, Herr Alois Ploner, who possesses a deep baritone voice, played an instrument with which the general public is not familiar, the Swiss instrument, the zither. All the singing was accompanied by Herr Ploner on the zither.

The playing of the violinist prodigy, Master Franz Ploner, opened the eyes as well as the ears of his audience. He plays with an ease that would make the average professional envious and his tones were perfect.

Frau Agnes Ploner is heralded as the best yodler from Switzerland and her singing bears out the assertion. The older daughter, Miss Anna, has a rich alto voice and her songs were well received. An attraction was the singing of the little Ploner daughter, aged about eight, who proved that she also knew something of the art of yodling. A large crowd greeted the Ploner family and every number was received with enthusiasm.

Owing to the serious illness and death of his father, Dr. Turner, eye specialist, was unable to keep his last engagement in Heppner. He will be at the Palace hotel again Wednesday, February 5th. In Ione Tuesday, February 4th.

HUN WARFARE WILL BE DESCRIBED

Canadian Officers Will Be In Heppner
Next Tuesday Evening to Give
First Hand Fighting
Facts.

Hun warfare in all its ghastly detail will be described by three Canadian officers who are coming to Heppner next Tuesday evening, and will speak at the Fair pavilion.

As previously announced, Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. McMillan, Major F. B. Edwards and Captain E. J. Gook of the Canadian overseas contingent, are making a tour of the state of Oregon under the auspices of the State Council of Defense and while here will be the guests of the local defense council.

These men have seen service in the big battles of the European conflict and one of their members bears evidence of its terrific consequences, having lost both arms.

They are giving to the people of Oregon first hand facts of the Hun methods of warfare, their treatment of prisoners and will describe life in the trenches of no man's land.

Wherever they have gone, these Canadian veterans have been greeted by crowds of enthusiastic Americans. From inquiries received, it looks like the larger part of Morrow county's population will be in Heppner to greet them next Tuesday evening.

There will be a dance in the pavilion after the speaking by the officers, the purpose of which will be to defray the expenses of the meeting, and what is left over will be turned into the war relief fund.

WILLIAM MORELAND.

William Moreland was a pioneer resident of Morrow county. Mr. Moreland passed away at the home of his son, Frank Moreland in this city, Tuesday, January 22, at the age of 72 years.

Mr. Moreland was a native of the state of Missouri, being born in Platte county June 6, 1845. He was married to Martha Miles and four children were born to this union. His first wife died and in 1882 he was married to Mildred Mattie Patten and they had two children.

He leaves to mourn his loss the following children: Chester Moreland, Rosa Kelley of St. Joseph, Mo., and Fred and Frank Moreland.

The funeral was held from the Federated church Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the discourse being preached by Rev. H. A. Noyes. Burial was made in Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Moreland had been a resident of the Hardman section for a long number of years and was honored and respected by all who knew him.

Red Cross workers will be interested to know that hereafter they will meet on Wednesday afternoon to make surgical bandages and on Friday afternoon to make hospital supplies. Mrs. L. G. Herren has charge of the work of making surgical supplies and Mrs. E. M. Shutt is director of the work of making the hospital supplies.

Thanks, Hank.

The editor of The Gazette-Times was the recipient this week of a large piece of kipperd salmon from Henry Vance, who returned this week from the fishing capitol of Oregon and the Northwest, Astoria. Thanks, Hank, its first real fish we have tasted for a long time. Mr. and Mrs. Vance left this morning in their car for Astoria and will make their home in that city in the future.

FEDERATED CHURCH

President Wilson says:

"By all means keep your Churches and Philanthropic institutions going full blast."

H. A. NOYES, Pastor

FARM EXPERTS TO HOLD MEETINGS

Illustrated Lectures on the Vital
Problems of Grain Handling Will
Be Given By J. C. Hawkins
and W. B. Oldham.

J. C. Hawkins and W. B. Oldham, representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Agricultural College extension service, will give a series of illustrated lectures throughout Morrow county on the vital problems of grain production, including bulk handling, experimental results on varieties, and smut and smut control.

The schedule is as follows: Friday at 2 p. m., Ione school house; Saturday 8 p. m., Cecil; Monday at 7:30 p. m., at Heppner high school; Tuesday 7:30, Eight mile school house; Wednesday afternoon at Hardman.

Other appointments will be arranged later. The work is arranged in connection with the school work and in cooperation with the county superintendent of schools. Come out and boost for a banner crop.

Have Sent In 1917 Club Report.

The following is a list of Club members who have sent in their final report for 1917, Morrow county. Report from Corvallis.

Homer Tucker, Lexington, Corn. Carlton Brown, Heppner, Corn. Birdeen Brown, Heppner, Potatoes. Wilbur Tucker, Lexington, Potatoes.

Bernice Franklin, Cecil, Gardening. Clay Dykstra, Heppner, Gardening. Elizabeth Brown, Heppner, Poultry Division 11.

Leona Schmidt, Echo, Sand Hollow Star Route, Poultry, Division 11. Boyd Copenhagen, Heppner, Poultry, Division 11.

Beulah Tucker, Lexington, Baking. C. R. Mae Davis, Irrigon, Baking. Bessie Witzel, Morgan, Baking. Hulda Tucker, Lexington, Baking. Beulah Tucker, Lexington, Sewing.

Hulda Tucker, Lexington, Sewing. Division 1. Doris R. Lane, Irrigon, Sewing, Division 1.

Vera Cowins, Heppner, Sewing, Division 11. Carol W. Shurte, Heppner, Handicraft.

Lyle Seaman, Irrigon, Handicraft. Bianca Groshens, Heppner, Handicraft.

LENA SNELL SHURTE,
County School Superintendent.

Camp Lewis Leads Nation in War Insurance.

Washington—Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, is the first camp in the country to report more than \$200,000,000 of insurance in the National War Insurance drive.

The National Army men of the 91st Division had applied for \$204,000,000 of Government insurance up to January 19. This represents 22,508 policies.

The average amount applied for, \$9,267, is one of the best records established.

LOCAL RED CROSS HAS BIG TASK TO PERFORM

"The Morrow County Red Cross Chapter has never fallen down in any undertaking yet," said Mrs. L. G. Herren, director of surgical supplies, "but we are apt to in the next twenty-five days unless every one of our workers get into the harness with a vim not yet displayed."

The foregoing statement was made by Mrs. Herren while speaking of an order which the Morrow County Chapter has received from the Seattle headquarters for a thousand or more surgical bandages.

The order comes from Jesse S. Egerton, director of surgical supplies for the Northwest Division, and she asks the Morrow County Chapter to have the bandages packed in a box 3x2x2 and ready for shipment by the 20th of February.

The bandages are of standard size, triangular in shape and the edges are hemmed by hand. For this reason, Mrs. Herren says, the task will be a big one. Every auxiliary chapter in the county will be allotted a certain amount of the work and in that manner Mrs. Herren hopes to have the shipment ready on time and thereby maintain the splendid record thus far established by the chapter.

Mrs. Herren and her co-workers started today upon the task of cutting the bandages and from now on the quarters of the local chapter will present a livelier appearance than ever. Mrs. Herren is asking that every worker do her duty.

Morrow County Chapter Moves.

The Morrow County Red Cross Chapter is moving into their new quarters in the Natter building on upper Main street. The mercy workers had outgrown their old quarters in the South Methodist church and this has necessitated the move. The local chapter has a big equipment now and they have been turning out large quantities of supplies. The report of the secretary, Mrs. Phelps, appears in this issue and gives an adequate idea of what is being done with the Red Cross money.

Willow Creek School Has Red Cross Organization.

Sunday, January 20th, will stand out in the memory of the people of Willow creek district as one of the most eventful days in that part of the county, not because the people themselves did anything sacrificial, but because Mrs. Binns, with the assistance of Miss Baker, Miss Lakenan and Ernest Hynd of Heppner brought them the message of the Red Cross. A Red Cross organization was effected with seventeen members who signified their intention of making special sacrifices for the cause. Mrs. George Krebs was elected chairman, Mrs. Ralph Thompson secretary and treasurer. Plans were also made for future work.

FORDS HARD TO GET— THEY STEAL THEM NOW

Much has been said of late months about the heavy demand for Ford cars, making it hard for dealers to fill orders. This may be the reason that someone deliberately stole Dr. N. E. Winnard's car Wednesday evening. Dr. and Mrs. Winnard had driven earlier in the evening to the high school, where they attended an entertainment. The car was parked near the front entrance of the building. Later when the doctor went to get his car it was gone.

Thinking that possibly their son Norton might have taken the Ford, Dr. and Mrs. Winnard walked home. There they found Norton, but he knew nothing of the car. Sheriff McDuffee was called and after several hours searching, the missing machine was found near the corner of the C. W. Shurte home with one front wheel broken off. No other damage was done.

Dr. Winnard is of the opinion that someone took the car to enjoy a little speed, expecting to return it before the entertainment was over. However, a quick turn around the corner, and the accident prevented the return of the car. Whoever took French leave with the Ford, "deserted the ship" and left no clue as to who they were or where they came from. It is an unusual occurrence for Heppner, in fact the first car theft reported here for a long time. The doctor would like to know who the miscreants were, just for his own satisfaction, if nothing else.

Farmers Getting Ready.

Farmers are getting ready to handle their grain in bulk this year and a large number have already placed their orders for grain and wagon bins. H. C. Githens says he has sold nine bins during the past week.

ROAD BUILDERS ARE NEEDED IN FRANCE

Washington, January 21st.—So urgent is the need for lumbermen and road builders for immediate service in France that the War Department has made an exception to its previous ruling, and will now allow experienced men of draft age to enlist, under certain conditions.

Any man between eighteen and forty-one years of age, who is qualified physically and by experience, may enlist for this service; but they must obtain permission to do so from Major C. E. Clarke, Chief Engineers Office, War Department, Washington, D. C., by mail or telegraph. The men required will be sent to France as soon as they are assembled, without being held here for military training.

Tremendous quantities of lumber are required by the American troops in France. A special regiment, known as the 20th Engineers, is being recruited to cut timber in the forests of France and manufacture it into lumber. This regiment will include experienced men of every class required in lumber camp operations.

The 20th Engineers needs immediately 2,000 woodsmen, sawmill men, machinists and others who have worked at lumbering. It also needs 3,000 men who have worked at road building. These men are to construct roads from the woods to the mills and from the mills to the distributing depots. In connection with both the lumbering and road-building operations complete crews of men experienced in the great variety of machinery used and in the camp and repair work involved are required.

HONORS TO OREGON FILL DRAFT REPORT

Provost Marshal-General's Book
Places Beaver State Foremost
in Patriotism.

(Oregonian.)

Oregon is crowned with undying honors, foremost of all the states of the Union in patriotism, in the official report on the first draft made by Provost Marshal-General Crowder to President Wilson.

Repeatedly, insistently, in table chart and summary of the report, the name of Oregon "leads all the rest." Copies of the Provost Marshal-General's report reached the office of Adjutant-General John M. Williams yesterday from Washington. Perusal of its pages stirred deeply the sense of pride of everyone privileged to glance them through.

Often had the people of the state been told that Oregon had shown herself a leader in patriotism—here was found official proof of the fact. And the proof is so graphically, so pointedly, depicted in a great Government publication of 160 pages that the Nation, it seemed to those scanning the records, must needs pause a moment to tip off a salute of deference to the loyal young Beaver state.

The very first chart of the report, printed on page 16, shows Oregon highest on the thermometer giving ratio of enlistment credits to gross quotas, except only for Hawaii. On this thermometer Oregon's patriotic fervor rose to 90.11 degrees, with the District of Columbia and the state of Maine ranking next, at 75.34 and 74.09, respectively. Twenty-six states and the District of Columbia ranked above the National average of 40.42 per cent of men provided in the first draft by volunteer enlistments, the remaining states falling below the average.

On the succeeding page is recorded the fact that more county and city units of Oregon had no draft quota because of excess of enlistments than had any other state. The city of Portland and 14 counties, a total of 15 divisions of Oregon, were not touched by the draft, have their quotas already filled. South Dakota, ranking second, had 12 county divisions so listed. Kansas and Texas had 10 counties each which filled their quotas outside the draft.

Oregon counties which filled their quotas by volunteer enlistments are: Benton, Coos, Crook, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook and Yamhill.

Turn one more page and you behold another chart on which the name of Oregon far over-tops all others. This is again a thermometer, showing ratio of "actual enlistments to gross quotas." Oregon notches in at 153; Utah, well down the scale, ranks next at 113. The District of Columbia, Washington and Maine are the only other districts above 100.

From page 39 of General Crowder's report is herewith reproduced the next diagram heralding Oregon's surpassing patriotism in sending the largest proportion of volunteers to fight for liberty and world democracy.

On another chart is portrayed the fact that only in Montana and Vermont were smaller proportions of exemptions claimed than were advanced by Oregon registrants. These states had slightly less than 35 per cent of their registrants in the first draft seek exemption. In Oregon and Louisiana 36 per cent filed claims for exemption.

British Flying Corps Wants Flyers.

British subjects resident in the United States who up to the present have not had an opportunity of getting a commission in some branch of the British Army can now have a chance to get a commission in the Royal Flying Corps, according to information received at the British and Canadian Recruiting Office, Third and Oak Streets, Portland.

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30, and be possessed of a good education. Students, Bankers, Auto Sales Managers, Technical Engineers and Clerks are the class of men most desired. The pay ranges from \$1.10 to \$1.60, while in training, and when commissioned as a Second Lieutenant the pay is \$5.00 per day.

As this popular branch of the service is not likely to remain open very long, applicants are urged to communicate with the British and Canadian Recruiting Office, Portland, as soon as possible.

Card of Thanks.

We want to thank our kind friends and neighbors who assisted us during our late bereavement, in the sickness and death of our father, Wm. Moreland.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moreland.