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1500 PEOPLE HEAR CANADIAN OFFICERS

Trench Warfare Is Described and Veterans Tell of Some of the Things Our Boys Must Face

SOME THINGS THEY TOLD US.

—When writing to the boys, write cheerful letters and avoid all, write often.

—“Knit socks, and more socks.” Knit them long in the leg and a little tight just above the calf, so they will not slip down and become uncomfortable.

—When sending packages, cake chocolate is an article desired by the men. It can be carried by them and eaten on long marches.

—Short candles will lighten many a dark dugout in the trenches and bring joy to the hearts of the soldiers.

—Don't listen to peace talk. There will be no peace until it comes time for our peace and it will be signed on German soil.

—“General Pershing's men, whom I saw in London were the finest looking army of men I ever saw and their conduct was exemplary while on duty.”—Major Edwards.

Morrow county people had the war brought to them in a clear manner Tuesday evening, when Major F. B. Edwards and Captain E. J. Gook, of the Canadian army spoke before 1500 people in the Fair Pavilion.

Major Edwards and Captain Gook have been making a tour of the state of Oregon, speaking in the principal towns and cities and on their journey have been accompanied by Bruce Dennis, director of work of the state council of defense. It was through the efforts of Mr. Dennis that the state council was able to secure these men, “to bring certain sections of Oregon out of their lethargy” regarding the war. The speaking tour will end next week.

The men were greeted at the train by a reception committee, headed by Sam E. Van Vactor, chairman of the local defense council, and taken to the Palace hotel, where a banquet had been prepared in their honor. Two hundred men sat down and ate with the distinguished visitors and after dinner, both Major Edwards and Captain Gook made short talks after they had been welcomed to our county by District Attorney S. E. Notson.

In opening his speech at the Fair pavilion, Major Edwards paid a high tribute to the manhood of Oregon when he said, “while traveling over your state I have been seeing over your young men. Being connected with young men as I have, I have made a special study of faces. In your young men I can see that frankness and firm resolve which is going to make a damn rough time for the Hun when the men from Oregon get over there in France.”

Trench warfare in all its details was graphically described by Major Edwards off until the trench is finished and occupied by its defenders. As Captain Gook said, “once the Canadians capture a trench now, they never give it up.”

Both Major Edwards and Captain Gook told of Hun methods of warfare, their use of the deadly gas, dum dum bullets and acts of treachery, which made it exceptionally hard for the Canadians in their first contingents that went over.

Major Edwards was a lieutenant in the Canadian militia regiment, 30th British Columbia Horse at the outbreak of the war. When the regiment arrived in Flanders it went into the trenches in the Ploegstreet sector, then the Dickebusch sector, followed by service at Hill 63. The Major (then a captain) told his audience how his battalion received orders to capture and hold this position at all costs. His men fulfilled the orders, but the cost was enormous almost the entire brigade being wiped out in the terrific fighting at that time.

Major Edwards was wounded for the first time during the Sanctuary Wood action, being shot in the hip. Upon his return to his regiment it was moved to the Somme. At Regina trench, the gallant officer was wounded for the last time and permanently retired from active service. Both his arms were torn off by high explosives. So terrific was the explosion that Major Edwards was blown completely out of the trench, and a number of men who were standing near him just before the explosion were blown literally to pieces.

A noticeable feature of the talks made by these men was that they made no reference whatever to the wounds they received while in action. Utmost modesty marked their every utterance. Yet their message was filled with intense interest and their audience was with them every minute.

Major Edwards has now been re-

turned to Canada for duty at Resthaven Military Convalescent Hospital. He was recommended for the military cross in October, 1916, and received special mention in dispatches by Sir Douglas Haig.

The Hun is Obnoxious. Captain E. J. Gook, who entered the service with the Western Canadian Cavalry in August, 1914, said he went over to France because his country was at war and he wanted to get a chance at the enemy.

“I went over to France with my mind unprejudiced against the Hun, and I wanted to give him the benefit of the doubt in all that I had heard said against him,” said Captain Gook. “But after I had talked with those Belgian refugees, those poor women of that devastated country and the women of northern France, I learned a few things about the Hun.”

Captain Gook says ways and means for killing the Germans cannot be devised quick enough. “The more Huns we kill the sooner we will kill them, the quicker the war will end.”

Captain Gook saw duty at Ypres, the Somme and Festubert as well as in many other engagements. At Festubert, in an assault on German third line trenches Captain Gook stopped two soft-nosed machine gun bullets, which entered his right side and traversed the stomach. Contrary to all predictions, he recovered. It was also his fortune to be “gassed” at the second battle of Ypres. The full complement of his wounds includes one in the left elbow.

Following recovery from his wounds, Captain Gook served as an interpreter in military training schools in France and England. He was also Provost-Marshal in London for some months, and air raids are by no means novelties to him.

FARMERS FAVOR GOOD ROADS, CHEAP POWER

Morrow County Farmers' Union Meets and Passes Resolutions Favoring Use of Split Log Drag.

The Morrow County Farmers' Union held their semi-annual meeting at the court house in Heppner Saturday afternoon and elected officers for the ensuing year. The farmers went on record in two resolutions, one favoring the harnessing of the John Day river for cheaper electrical power, and the other urges the use of the split log drag to the end that better roads be maintained.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were E. R. Huston, president; C. E. Jones, vice-president; R. W. Turner, secretary, treasurer; C. N. Jones, conductor, Oscar Keithley, chaplain; A. S. Akers, doorkeeper; M. J. Devin, Burton H. Peck and A. Gemmel were elected members of the executive committee.

The following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, the great number of cars on our roads tend to cut deep ruts and chuck holes that make them dangerous for cars and jeopardize human life, and

Whereas, owners of cars are paying a special tax for road construction and maintenance and are entitled to as good roads as possible, and whereas the scarcity of labor makes it necessary for large outfits to be used in moving crops to market and to successfully handle a large outfit, we must have good roads;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Morrow County Farmers' Union favors the extended use of the split-log drag after each rain, when necessary and that each piece of road from 5 to 8 miles long have a man to drag it.

This resolution was adopted unanimously and a copy ordered sent to each paper in the county for publication.

The second resolution follows: Whereas economizing and Hooverizing are conspicuously recommended along all lines of activity, especially in the use of fuel and food,

And whereas, it has been reported that it costs about sixty dollars a day to operate the Heppner Light & Water Company's plant, owing largely to the high price of fuel,

And whereas we firmly believe that the unused power of the water of the John Day and Columbia rivers could be made to generate enough electricity, light, heat and energy to supply a large amount of power for our state much cheaper than it is supplied at present;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Morrow County Farmers' Union write the Hon. Frederick H. Newall, commissioner of water power to use all honorable means in his power to install the generators necessary to develop the electricity and construct lines to transmit it all over our country.

The resolution was adopted and a copy ordered sent to the water power commissioner.

OREGON PLANS THIRD LOAN DRIVE --E. M. SHUTT IS MORROW'S CHAIRMAN

Patriotic Oregon assembled at the hotel Multnomah in Portland Tuesday, through county representation, and plans were laid for the third Liberty Loan Drive which will be under way all over the United States by the 15th of March. It is estimated that Oregon must raise \$50,000,000 as its quota.

The seriousness of the big task ahead was fully emphasized by A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank of Portland and he said that the state must get a far greater number of subscribers than in either of the two former drives. Mr. Mills said, “We must comb the state with a fine-toothed comb in the sale of bonds.”

Mr. Shutt was represented at the meeting by E. M. Shutt, who will serve as county chairman in the coming drive. Mr. Shutt returned home Wednesday evening and says work of organizing Morrow county's forces will start early in the month of February. Mr. Shutt said in regard to

each county's apportionment, it was first suggested that the quota be based upon the assessed valuation of property in each county, but that was considered unfair to the extent that in many counties situated as is Morrow, much of the property is held by non-residents. So the quota will probably be based on bank deposits, taking the December 31st, 1917, bank statements as a working basis.

Robert E. Smith of Roseburg, who is executive manager for the third Liberty Loan, predicts success for the drive. He said, “In the selection of a man from every county in the state you come pretty nearly getting the sentiment of the whole state, and it is very evident that the attitude of the whole people of Oregon is to keep the state at the head of the list. It looks like 100 per cent from every county in the state, and I feel confident from the attitude of the county committeemen that such will be the case.”

LEXINGTON ITEMS.

Mrs. E. L. McAllister has just completed the installing of a good wind mill and pump plant at her place just outside the city limits of Lexington. K. L. Beach did the work and best that Mrs. McAllister has one of the best wells in that section. The well is something over 300 feet deep and contains an abundant flow of good water and is a very valuable addition to the McAllister farm.

Among recent building improvements at Lexington is a new garage on the city property of Dan Summers. The little building is strictly modern and up-to-date, being partly of concrete construction and handily arranged to take care of the auto. Gus Johnson did the work and is proud of the finished product.

J. M. White is completing the installing of plumbing in his city home. Hot and cold water piped to convenient parts of the house, new toilet fixtures and bath room fittings make the equipment complete. K. L. Beach, the Lexington plumber, is doing the work.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational church are having an addition built on to the church. This addition will contain a couple of Sunday School rooms and a kitchen. The new rooms will be used also as work rooms by the church ladies and the kitchen will eventually be fully equipped and become a most useful adjunct in the activities of the church. The addition of the Sunday School rooms is an improvement long needed in carrying on the work of the school and Supt. Karl Beach greatly appreciates this improvement.

STREETS OF HEPPNER TO BE IMPROVED

Seven Thousand Dollars To Be Expended Is Putting Crushed Rock On Main Thoroughfares.

The city council of Heppner has decided that the streets will be improved. The idea is to put crushed rock on the main thoroughfares and the council will expend \$7000 on this work, that being the amount now on hand. They believe that if the crushed rock gives the results they hope for, the people of the city will be ready and willing to spend more money in the same manner.

The rock crusher belonging to Morrow county will be used by the city officials and men will be put to work at once crushing the rock. Auto trucks will be used to haul the material on to the streets and the work will be rushed rapidly, once it is started.

Snow Bread. As a war time bread, Mrs. L. G. Herren has suggested “snow bread” which she says is quite common in the south. Mrs. Herren says the recipe is quite simple, taking equal part of snow and white corn meal, adding a pinch of salt and pouring level full in a pan. The bread should be baked in a real hot oven to give the best results, according to Mrs. Herren and the drier the snow the better. She says the bread is fine and many people prefer it to light bread.

Ike Howard and family of Ione were Tuesday evening callers in Heppner.

IRRIGON NEWS NOTES

An auxiliary to the Morrow county Red Cross Chapter was organized last Friday night at Irrigon. The meeting was held in the waiting room of the new depot. Mrs. Stayman was chosen chairman, Mrs. Stayman, secretary and Mrs. Suddarth, treasurer. Another meeting will be called as soon as word is received from the chapter at Heppner.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Paul Jones returned to her home here Saturday from Ontario, Ore., where she has been under the doctor's care for some time. She was accompanied by her mother who will stay with her until she is well again.

A number of Irrigonites took in the debate at Herrington last Friday night and were very much surprised by the ability displayed by the Herrington team.

The government camp is fast disappearing from this place, as they have sold and are shipping away a large amount of stuff to other points.

Oscar Corey was down from Umatilla the first of the week and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Castle.

George Caldwell will soon be one of Uncle Sam's boys, as he passed the examination in the first class.

Ray Castle was here from Colorado visiting his parents. He expects to be called for service soon.

Mr. Kiltz was called home Friday night by the death of his father-in-law.

L. M. Davis shipped a veal to Pendleton last Monday.

FARMERS BANK HELD FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Emmett Cochran Is Added to Directorate and Clifford M. Sims Is Made Assistant Cashier.— Bank Makes Rapid Growth.

The first annual meeting of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank of Heppner was held at the bank last Saturday afternoon. There was a good representation of stockholders present. At the conclusion of the stockholders' meeting the directors elected Emmett Cochran a member of the board and Clifford M. Sims was made assistant cashier.

The cashier's report was gone over and the bank shows a healthy steady growth since it opened its doors last July.

With the addition of Mr. Cochran to the board of directors the bank officials feel that the prestige of the institution has been greatly increased. Mr. Cochran has been a resident of Grant county for many years, being engaged in the sheep and cattle business there until he sold out a few months ago. He is planning on moving to Heppner to make his home.

Mr. Sims, who has been elected to the position of assistant cashier, has been with the bank for the past three months. He was graduated from the University of Oregon and was formerly with the First National Bank of Eugene.

The officers and directors of the Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank are now composed of the following men: J. W. Beymer, president; Frank Anderson, vice-president; J. W. Frank, vice-president; S. W. Spencer, cashier; C. M. Sims, assistant cashier; W. T. Matlock, J. G. Thomson, J. D. French and Emmett Cochran.

Red Cross Made 500 Bandages.

In their attempt to turn out the huge order of several thousand surgical bandages on time the women of the local Red Cross chapter completed 500 of them during the past week. Mrs. L. G. Herren director of surgical supplies says the order will be completed on time if every woman does her full duty and she is asking the hearty co-operation of every worker.

Taylor Is New Depot Agent.

J. L. Taylor for several years agent for the O. W. R. & N. Co. at Heppner Junction has been appointed agent at Heppner to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of J. B. Huddleston.

Mr. Huddleston was forced, thru ill health, to give up his duties here and he is now in Portland, where he is undergoing medical treatment. His condition at this time is said to be improved.

Mr. Taylor will take up his duties the first of the month and both he and Mrs. Taylor have already arrived in Heppner to make their home.

Finish Good Well.

Taylor Bros., well drillers of Lexington, have just finished a good well on the Dan Summer place, one and a half miles north of Lexington. At a depth of 170 feet a fine flow of water has been secured and pumping at the rate of 200 gallons per minute failed to reduce the supply to any appreciable extent. Mr. Summer will install a complete pumping plant at this well and from thenceforth and forever will be relieved of the task of hauling water. The Taylor drilling outfit has been moved to the Roy Tyler place, the old Yount place, east of Lexington and the work of placing a well there will be undertaken at once.

HEPPNER MEN ARE NOW AT MARE ISLAND

Eira Hayes Writes Interesting Letter to Home Folks.—Sam Turner Recently Left Hospital.—Meets Phelps and Coshaw.

The big bunch of Heppner young men who left Heppner in the early part of December to enlist in the United States Navy, are now in training at Mare Island, according to a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hayes of this city from their son Elra. The letter is herewith published:

Mare Island, Jan. 24, 1918.

Dear Folks:

Received your most welcome letter and was sure glad to hear from you. We landed in Portland on Saturday, the 9th. Among us were Sam Turner, Glenn Jones, Harold Cohn, Ralph Justus, Guyle Shurte, Bob Myers and myself. Coming down we picked up a lot more, and at The Dalles we given a special car. Time passed away pretty good as we sang.

The next morning all of us Heppner boys except Ralph Justus and Guyle Shurte, went to the recruiting office, which was jammed full. We managed to get some preliminary papers and then we were examined, and we all passed. At the Imperial Hotel we ran into Miles Potter and Sid Hallock, then Burl Gurdane came down and enlisted. At the recruiting station we were told to show up on the 13th and be shipped out, but we didn't get to go until the 15th. While in Portland Phill Cohn and W. B. Potter gave us a dinner party at the Imperial hotel, which we enjoyed very much.

At 11 o'clock the night of the 14th we went to the recruiting office and received transportation and we made the trip two in a berth. We all enjoyed the trip.

At Monday noon we landed at Goat Island, where we were given clothes and sent up to the D camp.

We had on whites, with a watch cap. Our full share of clothes consists of three suits of white, two of blue, four pair of socks, tooth paste and brush, hair brush (which we don't have to use yet), three white hats, P coat, 4 suits of underwear, 2 heavy and 2 light; two pairs of shoes, 2 pairs of blankets, one mattress cover, one mattress, 1 sea bag, one pair of tennis shoes, two pairs of shoes, swimming trunks and a neckerchief and overshoes. We are allowed \$100 for clothes.

The boys already in D camp called us rookies, asked us where we were from, and told us we would lose that long hair, which we did very soon.

We were there two days before we were vaccinated and got our T. P. This serum is injected into the right arm and we got three of them, one every week, and it made us feel pretty bum. A company was formed and we started training.

There is a Y. M. C. A. which furnished free writing material and entertainment. At the end of 21 days

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COUNTY AGENT HAS BEEN APPOINTED

F. R. Brown Is New Agriculturist For Morrow County.—Has New Entered Upon His New Duties.

F. R. Brown, graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College with the class of 1910 and for the past five years with the extension department of the college, has been appointed county agricultural agent for Morrow county.

Mr. Brown, accompanied by leader of county agents, Paul V. Maris, arrived in Heppner Tuesday and immediately put the machinery in running order. Mr. Brown will make his home in Heppner and his wife, who is now on the Brown farm near Spokane, will arrive in a short time.

The new agent is much pleased with the co-operation he is receiving from the county court and he enters enthusiastically upon the task before him.

It is likely that Mr. Brown will maintain an office in the Roberts building, although this has not been definitely decided yet.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Heppner, Oregon, that persons without permission of the Mayor, be prohibited from approaching within 20 feet of any of the Public Warehouses or Elevators in the City from one hour after sun-down to one hour before sun-rise.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby proclaim and establish a restricted district of 20 feet about all Public Warehouses and Elevators within the City, and all persons except those having written permission from the Mayor of the said City are hereby prohibited from approaching within 20 feet of any of said Warehouses or Elevators from one hour after sun-down to one hour before sun-rise.

W. W. SMEAD, Mayor.

Cecil Shurte Dies in California.

Relatives and friends in Heppner were shocked the first of the week when they learned that Miss Cecil Shurte had died at Oakland, Calif.

Although Miss Shurte had gone to California for her health, which had not been the best for some time, yet her condition was not considered serious. In a letter received only a few days ago by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shurte, no reference was made as to her condition.

The body was shipped to Arlington for burial.

Cecil Shurte had a host of friends in Morrow and William Charles was a young woman of sterling character and lovable disposition. For two years she was in charge of the switch boards at the local phone office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Smileage Campaign Next Month.

The Smile Book campaign will not open in Oregon until next month according to announcements sent out by the state council of defense. W. W. Smead will manage the local campaign and will appoint the committees in the various localities next week.

In another column of The Gazette-Times will be found a public sale ad of F. A. Stoops and son of Ione. Here is a chance for you Mr. Farmer to pick up some good stuff at an easy price. E. E. Miller of Ione will be the auctioneer and the sale will be held Saturday, the 9th of February.

FEDERATED CHURCH

Next Sunday we shall begin a short series of morning sermons on the Lord's Prayer.

Nothing in all literature has exerted a greater influence on human thought and conduct than the few sentences known as the Lord's Prayer, and thoughtful people will enjoy the study of them.

H. A. NOYES, Pastor