



## Trial Blackout Held Successful; Wartime Deputies Organize

### Paper Chase Stressed at State Meeting Attended by Turner

Heppner residents responded a bit slowly, but did an effective job finally of blacking out the city Monday evening when the first official blackout was called. The trial was announced by posters shortly after noon that day, to begin at 7:15 to last for 15 minutes, after Mayor J. O. Turner and councilmen at a call meeting Saturday had made blackout rules.

The rules, now in force for an emergency, are:

1. Blackout will be called only on request of military authorities, except short practice blackouts, when notification will be given public in advance through posters, newspaper and radio.

2. Blackout signal for Heppner: One minute continuous blast of city fire siren, a 30 second interval of silence and a second one minute continuous blast.

3. At end of blackout, city will turn on street lights. No other lights must be turned on until then.

4. All clear signal: Four short intermittent blasts of siren.

5. All lights in windows of business houses and all neon signs must be out during blackout.

6. When blackout siren sounds, all persons in cars must drive to curb immediately and turn out lights. Cars coming into city will be halted at city entrances.

7. Blackout must be complete at all times, whether in practice or real blackout.

In commending the people for their good work in the first trial, Co-ordinator J. O. Turner advises greater care in future in lighting matches, smoking cigarettes and in using flashlights.

Co-ordinator Turner attended a state meeting of county co-ordinators in Salem the first of the week, which stressed saving all waste paper. He passes this message along to Morrow county people, advising that facilities for gathering the paper will be provided shortly. All waste paper should be saved, aside from that necessary to ordinary use.

The Salem meeting was in the nature of an organization meeting from which further regulations affecting all parts of the state defense program are expected to emerge.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman started organization of "War Time Deputy Sheriffs for Morrow County" Monday evening, with further organization steps to be taken this evening. A thorough protective program for the county against saboteurs will be effected.

## County ACA Heads Named for New Year

Henry Baker was reelected chairman of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation committee at the yearly election held last Thursday in Heppner by delegates from the several community committees in the county. Frank Saling, elected as successor to R. B. Rice, was named vice-chairman, Oscar Peterson, regular member; C. D. Conrad, secretary, and Florence Bergstrom, treasurer.

Mr. Baker is expected home tomorrow, as is Merle Cummings, assistant secretary, from attending the state AAA meeting in Corvallis. C. D. Conrad, also in attendance, is expected home Monday.

Names of the recently elected community committeemen are expected to be released next week.

Mrs. V. R. Runnion was called to Sheridan, Wyoming, last week end by serious illness of her mother. Mr. Runnion took her to Spokane last Thursday night to catch the train.

## Jim Carty Sticks to Old Homestead Despite Falling Bombs

Falling bombs on the government bombing field, of which his old homestead is a part, held no terror for Jim Carty, octogenarian rancher, who continued his residence there despite evacuation orders until called upon by soldiers this week to leave.

The "sand country," where he built his home many years ago, reared his family, and tended his flocks, was the love of Mr. Carty's life. Bombs could fall if they would, but he wanted to remain.

The government said no. So now Mr. Carty has gone to reside with his son "Packy" on the lower Willow creek farm.

## Alfalfa Lawn Dairy Completes New Barn

Doing its part toward increasing and improving production to meet "food-for-defense" needs, Wightman brothers' Alfalfa Lawn Dairy, principal source of Heppner's milk supply, this week completed a big new milking barn. They are also managing a hundred fine Plymouth Rock pullets with electrically lighted equipment, and are running more than a hundred head of purebred Guernsey cattle.

Feeding compartment of the new milking barn measures 72 by 76 feet. At one end is the milking parlor, cut off from the feeding compartment, where 18 cows may be milked at a time. Here, in immaculate surroundings the cows (they are milking 58 at present) are relieved of their precious food fluid by milking machines. This parlor is 18 by 72 feet. Again off from the parlor is a much smaller room where the milk is strained and put in sterilized cans before being delivered to the cooling and bottling department.

The new barn is located on the "lower" or old Blahm ranch, while the milk house is located at the "upper" or original Alfalfa Lawn Dairy ranch.

Completion of the new milking barn marks complete rehabilitation of the dairy's facilities, in greatly improved form, from the fire of a few years ago that razed the old plant.

## Heppner Hospital Opened for Emergency

Due to lack of hospital facilities in the city to meet emergencies, and the slowness with which the movement for a county hospital is progressing, Dr. A. D. McMurdo has announced reopening of Heppner hospital in charge of Miss Annie Clowry.

The hospital was closed recently on retirement of Miss Mildred Clowry, manager. She has gone east to visit a sister.

In case of pneumonia, brain concussion and other emergency cases it would be almost murder to move the patients, and facilities of the Heppner hospital appear a vital necessity, Dr. McMurdo said in announcing the reopening.

## MALBRO COX SAFE

Elbert Cox received a cablegram Sunday from his son Malbro, one of Uncle Sam's fighting marines on Midway island, that he was okeh after the first Japanese attacks. This now famous island post is about three city blocks in size, and devoid of any trees, said Mr. Cox, making its defense a difficult matter.

## JOINT INSTALLATION FRIDAY

Ruth chapter 32, O. E. S., and Heppner chapters A. F. & A. and R. A. Masons will install jointly at Masonic hall tomorrow evening following the annual 6 o'clock turkey dinner, announces Mrs. Loyal R. Parker, Star worthy matron.

Matt Kenny arrived from Portland this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Kenny. Matt recently disposed of his business in the city, expecting call to the navy, of which he is a reserve.



SANTA CLAUS CAN HELP AMERICAN DEFENSE! This poster, drawn by J. W. and W. J. Wilkinson, a father and son artist team of Baltimore, reminds Americans that they can help the Defense Program this Christmas by giving Defense Bonds and Stamps in addition to the usual present. Nation-wide distribution of this poster has been made, especially in the windows of 500,000 retail stores where Defense Stamps—for as low as 10 cents—are now on sale.

## '41 Precipitation Ahead of Year Ago

Showers the first of the week that brought December precipitation at Heppner to .81 inch also raised the total for the year to 16.81 inches, to pass 1940's total of 15.62, and drop into third place for the 30 years that records have been kept locally, announced Len L. Gilliam, government observer. Wettest year of record was 1912 with 18.64 inches; second wettest, 1916 with 17.40 inches.

Moisture conditions combined with favorable growing conditions have produced excellent range and crop prospects. Grass is green on the hills, and the wheat prospect over the county is generally reported as good as a year ago at this time, which came through to produce the largest wheat crop in the county's history.

## Wheat League Loyalty Backed by Bond Cash

The Eastern Oregon Wheat league, in action taken just prior to the outbreak of war, pledged its wholehearted support to the government's defense effort and then backed this up by ordering the purchase of a \$1000 defense bond from league funds.

Officers chosen are Will Steen, Milton, president; Millard Eakin, Grass Valley, vice-president; C. W. Smith, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer, and the following county directors: George Webb, Gilliam; Hiram Wolfe, Jefferson; Terrel Bengel, Morrow; Herbert Root, Sherman; Jens Terjeson, Umatilla; Ernest DeLong, Union; R. J. Staggs, Wallowa, and Walter Hanna, Wasco.

## County Granges to Install at Lexington

Public installation of officers of Lexington, Willows, Rhea Creek and Lena granges has been set for next Sunday afternoon at the Lexington grange hall with the resident grange as host. Lexington Master H. O. Bauman has issued invitation to the sister granges to participate and also an invitation to the public to take part in an enjoyable day.

Installation will be preceded by a pot-luck dinner at 12:30. Mrs. Oscar Lundell of Willows will be the installing officer.

## Nutrition Committees Named for Defense

Committees to carry out nutrition work in Morrow county were appointed at a meeting of the Morrow County Nutrition council, Saturday, December 13.

It was decided that the nutrition needs in this county were for education on what foods to eat, how to better prepare them, how to get children to eat proper foods, what foods to raise and proper methods of storage.

In order to carry out this education program the following committees were appointed: Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers and Miss Dorothy Jean DeVolt, school lunch; Mrs. Bruce Stewart, fact finding and publicity; Mrs. B. C. Pinckney, Heppner home education; Mrs. Mathew Gordon, rural education; Mrs. Clara Gertson, surplus commodities; Bruce Stewart, gardens; Mrs. Harriet Evans and Mrs. Anne Thomas, boys and girls health clubs. Committee members from the various communities within the county will be appointed to help carry out the work.

The fact finding committee will make nutrition information available through a central book shelf. The various committees will disseminate nutritional information through outside and local speakers, demonstrations, posters, discussion groups, newspaper articles, and exhibits.

## HYND BROS. GET SETTLEMENT

What they termed as a satisfactory settlement was obtained by Hynd Bros. company in a decision handed out of federal court in Pendleton this week for compensation for land condemned to use of the United States as a bombing range. Settlement was also made with J. A. Troedson and others having land in the district, with other cases still pending. Hynd Bros. had the largest block of individually owned land. Among those doing federal jury duty in Pendleton were Owen French, Fred Lucas and Warren Blakely. The jury sitting on the land settlement cases were brought into Heppner by bus twice this week. P. W. Mahoney was a counsel for land-owners, and Logie Richardson and Harold Cohn appeared as witnesses.

Mrs. A. Q. Thomson announces opening of an office in Heppner hotel building in quarters formerly occupied by F. W. Turner & Co.

## Churches, School Welcome Christmas With Programs

### All City Takes on Festive Air for Santa's Arrival in Week

What with staging the recent Eastern Oregon Wheat League conference and the outbreak of war immediately following, Christmas spirit was slow in developing in Heppner. This week saw Main street fringed with evergreen, under sponsorship of firemen, and Christmas motif replacing the wheat motif in store windows, however, to belatedly welcome Santa's arrival next Thursday.

Heppner volunteer firemen are again taking the lead in sponsoring a community treat for children. This will be given Monday evening in connection with a program staged by the school in the gym-auditorium. Starting at 8 o'clock, the program by music departments of grade and high school will include invocation and scriptures, reading and benediction by local ministers. The program will be in four parts. Part one will be a sacred pageant by vocal music department. Part two will be carol singing by audience. Third part, annual band concert of Christmas music under direction of Harold Buhman. Fourth part will be the Santa Claus and treats, led by firemen.

All churches have scheduled programs throughout the week.

The Episcopal church will celebrate Christmas eve with carol service and holy communion at 10:30 p. m., to be followed by holy communion at 8:30 a. m. Christmas day.

Methodist and Christian churches will combine for a special Christmas service Sunday evening at the Christian church. The Christian church will have its tree at the Sunday school hour in the morning with program by pupils.

The Methodist church will also have its tree and program at the Sunday school, and another tree and program will be held Tuesday evening. A candlelight service at 7 o'clock Christmas morning has been announced by Rev. Bennie Howe, minister.

Pentecostal church will have an informal Christmas service at 10 and 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Midnight mass Christmas eve will be celebrated by Father Francis McCormick at St. Patrick's church, and he will say mass at 9 o'clock Christmas morning. A Christmas party will be held Sunday afternoon by the confraternity in St. Patrick's social hall.

## Chamber Election Set January 6th

Chamber of commerce directors meeting at Lucas Place Tuesday noon voted a nominating committee to present names for directors at the January 6 meeting, when, after nominations from the floor are received, directors for a two-year period will be elected.

Reporting on the recent Eastern Oregon Wheat league conference here, B. C. Pinckney, president, on behalf of the chamber, expressed the organization's appreciation of the fine spirit displayed on every hand and commended everyone participating for their fine cooperation. He especially commended the school for the cooperation of administration, teachers and students whose assistance was most valuable, and the churches who served meals that were vitally needed.

## ZAN SIMS SAFE IN HAWAII

Zan Sims, an ensign in Uncle Sam's navy, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on December 7, safely survived, according to a postcard received from him this week by his uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo.