

Norman Nelson With Navy on Pacific Isle

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson of Lexington have received a letter from their son, Norman Nelson, with a naval construction battalion which shows him to be located on an island "somewhere in the Pacific." It follows:

Dear Folks:
I received my first mail today after having gone two months without any. There were nine letters and three bunches of papers, the Gazette Times and the Grange Bulletin. Thanks a lot for sending them.

I am on an island in the Pacific ocean and that is about all I can say. Certainly have seen a lot of interesting sights which I would never have seen if I had stayed in the States. It seems almost like a dream. I have been doing a number of different kinds of work since I have been here but have a good job now that I like.

We certainly get all the bananas, coconuts, tangerines, etc., that we can eat. The natives often give us offerings of fruit. At one time we had seven bunches of bananas hanging near our tent. Some times the natives' pigs come around and eat the lower ends of them.

I broke a rib on my left side, so am taking it easy for a few days.

This morning one of my tent mates and myself decided to go for a walk, and on the way we stopped in to see a native friend of his.

This friend showed us his banana and pineapple farm and gave us a stalk of bananas, and took us boating in his outrigger on a beautiful inland lagoon which of course is salt, but it looks like a lake. My mate and his friend went in swimming but I couldn't on account of my ribs, but I had a lot of fun paddling the outrigger. Oh yes, I must tell you that the native friend carried the bananas back to our camp for us, which was about a mile and a half. We gave him little presents such as we had. They don't like to take presents from their friends, but otherwise they sure know how to charge, one dollar being about the lowest price for anything.

A number of the fellows would like to go back to Oregon with me after seeing my pictures, but I think if we ever get back they will head straight home.

Was just looking over the bulletin board and saw my name. There was a paper for me. It was an East Oregonian which you had mailed to Norfolk. Was April 9 copy, but was quite interesting, especially Josephine Mahoney's column.

Well I guess I had better sign off for this time. Would like to hear from all of you and receive some pictures. How about trying out the new camera, Mom? I would like to take some pictures here but of course I can't.

Hope you had enough moisture to finish up the crop, and I hope Dad and Fred don't find the combine in too bad condition after the big crop last year and my separator tending. Tell the folks around hello for me.

Your son,
NORMAN.

Food for War Industry Workers Held Vital

Oregon State College—While Oregon has made outstanding progress in its work in promoting nutrition for defense, the rapid growth in wartime industries, particularly in Portland, presents a further challenge to those interested in this field, Dr. Helen Mitchell of Washington, D. C., told members of the state committee on nutrition for defense at a meeting held the last week in July. The meeting was called hurriedly by Dean Ava B. Milam, state chairman, upon receiving word that Dr. Mitchell, who heads the national program as chief nutritionist in the Federal Security agency, would be in the state with Miss Rae Russell, regional nutritionist from San Francisco.

Dr. Mitchell outlined the important place that nutrition is taking in keeping up a high level of wartime industrial production. Encouragement of better home lunches for workers, better selection of cafeteria food by workers, and better cooperation of management in affording convenient and high quality food service add materially to the efficiency of a workman, explained Dr.

Circus on Its Way to Ease Tension of Times

Bringing an interlude of joy and cheer to relieve the tension of troublous times, Russell Bros.' Great 3-Ring Circus, one of America's largest, will exhibit at Heppner Monday, August 17, giving an afternoon performance only on the Cummings lot opposite the grain warehouses on Riverside avenue.

Russell Bros., highly popular for the last decade in the East and Middle West, launched its 1942 tour to the acclaim of tremendous crowds in Los Angeles and Hollywood, and plans to visit all the leading cities of the Western states during the current season.

Among the stellar features on the all-new star-spangled program are Winston's Equestrian Sea Lions which perform incredible feats of balance while riding horseback, Jorgen M. Christiansen's marvelous South American Criollo horses, the skyrocketing Escalantes, the Sensational DeWaynes, the Four Acevados, the Aerial Alexandros, the Bell-Thazer Troupe, the Grace Orton Trio, the Clarkonians, and many other top-rank aerial, acrobatic and arenic artists.

Additional trained animal features include performing elephants, outstanding high school dancing horses, cunning military ponies, White's leaping Greyhounds, and the world's only troupe of trained Great Dane dogs.

The performance opens with a great patriotic spectacle, "United for Victory." A special attraction in the menagerie is Congo, a gargantuan



A PAIR OF JESTERS

ape weighing upwards of 250 pounds. Doors open at 1 p.m. to allow time for the wild animal displays and horse fair in the menagerie before the start of the big show at 2 o'clock.

LOCAL ITEMS...

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bedeard and two children of Ione, Wash., and Charles Russell of Spokane, who is Mrs. Bedeard's father, were visitors of Rev. and Mrs. Sterl D. Spiesz. Mr. Bedeard and Mrs. Spiesz went to grade school together in Spokane for several years. They were on their way to visit at Prineville and California before returning to Ione.

Mrs. Fred Rhode from Alabama, sister of Mrs. George Sanders, arrived Tuesday for a visit. Mrs. Sanders met her at Arlington. She has been visiting in Oregon for some time at Myrtle Point and coast points.

Mrs. Edward Green departed Tuesday for her home at Portland after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Curran. B. R. Patterson accompanied her to the city for a few days' visit.

Lloyd Segley, Chevrolet dealer of Ashland was a business visitor here Monday. He is the son-in-law of Mrs. O. G. Boyd of Caldwell, Idaho, former Heppner resident.

Larry Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Moore of Pendleton, formerly of this city recently enlisted in the army air corps, according to announcement in the daily press.

Gus Williamson was looking up Heppner friends Saturday while on leave from his work as a guard at Umatilla ordnance depot.

Creed Owens left the end of the week for Hay, Wash., to visit his daughter, Mr. Fred Stark, and family.

Mitchell. More emphasis on the importance of maximum food preservation by individual families this summer was urged at the state meeting. Local sugar rationing officials can help greatly by encouraging maximum fruit preservation, it was brought out.

HARDMAN NEWS

House on Greener Land, Hardman, Burns

By ELSA M. LEATHERS

The Hayden house, on the property that William Greener purchased last year from Mrs. Maud Hayden, burned down one day this week. The contractor for hauling logs, Van Hubbard and family, lived in the house and lost all their household and personal belongings. Mrs. Hubbard was in Walla Walla with a small son in the hospital with mastoid trouble at the time of the fire. Mr. Greener was near by in a field but the house burned so fast nothing could be saved.

Raymond Pettyjohn has been in this community cutting weeds for the county. Weeds on the J. B. Adams, O. H. Leathers and Guy Chapin places will be cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robinson and daughter Doris, and Mrs. Clarence Rogers, all of Portland, visited here over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McDaniel and Joe Mahon went to Pendleton this week to visit an eye specialist.

Mrs. Edna Sizemore of Seattle has been visiting the last two weeks with Mrs. Fred Reed. They are school girl friends. She will return home to Seattle this week.

Miss Maxene McDaniel spent the week end at her home from the Lawrence Jones ranch where she works.

Mrs. Marvin Brannon and brother Donald Morton left Sunday evening for Portland where she will visit her parents a month before going to Mt. Vernon to teach school.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel spent Saturday in Heppner visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McDonald.

Carey Hastings is suffering from a very severe attack of the flu. He was taken to Heppner to a doctor Saturday evening.

Claude Hastings is visiting this week end at home from Yakima,

where he is stationed in the army. Everett Hadley is home from Kinzua for a few days. He was working in the factory that burned this week.

Mrs. Jessie Lovgren and family and Miss Betty Lovgren visited in Hardman over Sunday and visited Ed McDaniel at the John Day forest station at Parkers Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Adams and family of Kinzua visited over the week end with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Leon Chapin is visiting for two weeks in La Grande with her father, Theodore Byers, and grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Byers.

Mrs. Ray Wright entertained Sunday, July 26, in honor of Mrs. Mary Coats, Mary Wright and Lois Keys. Fourteen persons were present. Grandma Coats was 87 years old July 28.

Miss Jean Leathers returned home from Portland and the coast where she had visited the last six weeks. Miss Josephine Case returned home with her, and is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Leathers.

Mrs. B. H. Bleakman and son Leslie and Mrs. Owen Leathers spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in Pendleton. Mrs. Bleakman was having dental work done, while Mrs. Leathers and Leslie Bleakman were consulting an optician. They visited at the Marion Saling home in Pendleton.

Miss Ollie Hastings is visiting this week from Kinzua, with Miss Alene Inskeep.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hams moved home Sunday from Kinzua where he will help through haying and harvest for his father, Jim Hams.

Glen Farrens, who was kicked by a horse, on the leg last week, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Foster Collins returned home from Klamath Falls where she has been doctoring for the last six weeks. Her brother, Ray Steers, underwent a serious operation while there. He is reported to be on the way to recovery again.

G. W. Booher, post office inspector of Yakima, Wn., called at Hardman Friday evening, July 31, and installed Elsa M. Leathers acting as Mrs. Iris M. Brannon, successor to the postmistress-ship.

Mrs. Mabel Wade of Cheyenne, Wyoming, visited her niece, Mrs. Neal Knighten, here the past week, and also accompanied Mrs. Knighten on the trip to Baker, Vale and other eastern Oregon towns, with the cereal.

Delbert Osborne injured his back and neck while loading lumber and was not on the lumber truck for a day or two.

Mrs. George Dean and daughter

Leona returned from Boise, Idaho, where they have been visiting a brother of Mrs. Dean, who was home on furlough.

Dewey Britt, Buster Bleakman and Walt Sibrel all turned out to help Bill Greener haul hay Sunday. Mrs. Greener took the dinner to the men and had a picnic dinner under the pines. Those present were Maida Britt, Ella Bleakman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stewart, a niece of Mrs. Britt.

The mill ladies, Mrs. Minnie McFerrin, Ethel Robinson, Debbie McDaniel, Ella Bleakman, Jean Leathers, Josephine Case, Maxene McDaniel, all made a quilt for the Van Hubbards, whose house burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lovgren, Minnie McFerrin, Debbie McDaniel and Frances and Carl Leathers all went huckleberrying to Happy Jack, Tuesday, when the mill wasn't operating.

Ordnance Depot Wants More Workers

Men are urgently needed for vital war work at the Umatilla ordnance depot, Hermiston. All who qualify will be given appointments for the duration of the war and six months thereafter. The lowest these jobs pay is \$5.92 a day, with time and a half for overtime. The work will be steady, and the pay totals over \$160 a month for a six day week and \$200 a month for a seven day week. The seven day week is general at the present time.

Barrack and mess halls for single workers have been provided at the depot. The rate of pay was increased approximately twenty per cent on July 16. Workers have migrated from as far away as Minnesota, and large numbers have come from Washington, Idaho and Montana, but there is still an acute need for men.

To be eligible, applicants must be American citizens, over 18 years of age, weigh at least 130 pounds, and have no serious physical disabilities.

All those who are interested in working in this vital war establishment should inquire at the nearest office of the United States Employment service where full information is available.

STAR Reporter

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Young America

Hit the 4-H trail with Jane Withers! Jane's happiest hit, dedicated to the 4-H army of young citizens recruited from the farmlands of the nation, pledged to help their club, their community, their Uncle Sam!

—Plus—

South of Santa Fe

Roy Rogers, Gabby Hayes, Sons of the Pioneers
Western musical with comedy.

SUNDAY-MONDAY

The Male Animal

Henry Fonda, Olivia deHavilland, Joan Leslie, Jack Carson, Eugene Palette
He's a college professor—but in a class by himself with the gals. From the play that had a laugh for every light on Broadway. See it—it will do your heart good!

TUESDAY

Adults 25c Children 10c

Bargain Night

The Girl from Alaska

Jean Parker, Ray Middleton, Jerome Cowan
A Northern outdoor adventure story with lots of thrills and action.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Wild Bill Hickock Rides

Constance Bennett, Bruce Cabot, Warren William
There's a double-barrelled load of thrills in this mighty drama of the wide open spaces.

NOTICE
TO THE PEOPLE OF HEPPNER
Having been reclassified into class 1-A, it becomes necessary for me to sell Dickson's Variety Store in Heppner. Anyone interested in purchasing same, please inquire at the store.
Gilbert C. Dickson

A LUNCHEON PLATE
That Hits the Spot

Our special hot weather plate is tempting to look at — rousing to appetite! Full-flavored cold meats, extra-good potato salad—it's a feast! Try it today. Also a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, including good old-fashioned strawberry shortcake!

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