

**Hardman News . . .**

By Elsa M. Leathers

A wedding of interest this week was that of Vern McDaniel, daughter of Mrs. L. H. Robinson, to Kenneth Batty of Kimberly. The Battys are well known in Morrow county, Kenneth having gone to high school here. Vern is also a high school graduate. They were married Thursday at Weiser, Ida., with Vera McDaniel, sister of the bride and Cpl. Buddy Batty, a brother of the groom attending them. They will make their home in Grant county where Mr. Batty is engaged in farming and stock raising.

Elk season opened here the 28th with snow on the high peaks. The second day also saw snow as far south as Hardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Devin and son and Mrs. Maida Britt stopped briefly in Hardman from Heppner Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hams received word this week, that their son, Vester, who is stationed in Colorado, was promoted to first class private. This means a \$5.00 increase in wages and a step up toward sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Haines of Hillsboro are spending the week here hunting and visiting the Victor Lovegrens, Al Lovegrens and Owen Leathers.

Forest Adams was rejected from army duty when he went to Spokane for final examination last week. He returned to his work in Heppner Wednesday.

Ernest French spent part of this week visiting his father, W. H. French and hunting. Their party got a nice buck. Mrs. Elmer Nelson also visited her father and brought Mrs. Gene Toothman home.

Ser. Creston Robinson from Pendleton field visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson on a three day leave. He is chief clerk of his squadron at Pendleton. While home he got in some hunting. He also visited his sister Rita in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vick from Stanfield visited and hunted last week several days with Mrs. Ella Bleakman at Reid's mill. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Redding and Mr. and

Mrs. Raymond McDonald also visited there.

Due to engine trouble the Hal-loween party was postponed until Monday night. A masquerade and hot lunch was enjoyed by all.

Fan Miller is spending a vacation in town from the Archie Ball ranch. He plans to elk hunt before returning to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel, Jr. spent several days in town from Reeds mill.

Mike Salings who has been visiting with the Carey Hastings and elk hunting has been the only person successful in bagging an elk.

**PINE CITY NEWS**

By BERNICE WATTENBURGER

A. E. Wattenburger and son Burl went to Portland Saturday to bring home Mrs. Wattenburger who has been in the hospital there for the past two weeks. She is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wigglesworth and family of Echo, and Matt Batterick of Echo spent Sunday at the E. B. Wattenburger home. The day was spent in hunting birds.

Pine City club met Tuesday instead of Thursday. Next meeting will be Nov. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. John Healy and son Billy and Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson spent Saturday in Heppner on business.

Henry Vogler is home from Pasco where he was ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and daughter Patty spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew spent Thursday transacting business in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch and daughter Patty and Mr. and Mrs. George Currin and sons attended a Halloween party at the Jerry Brosnan home at Lena.

The wheat farmers are getting ready to do their fall seeding after the good rains of the past few days.

Garnet Abercrombie is at Cornwall, Wash. seeding for Strothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Strothers are spending a week in Spokane.

**Have You Heard?**

A column devoted to the analysis, the source, the motive, the effect and the answers to the many rumors now being passed, innocent and otherwise, by word of mouth to the detriment of our war effort.

Hitler recognizes the tremendous importance of creating distrust and confusion in the minds of the peoples of his enemies. Toward that end he is carrying out a program of propaganda and blackmail which he expects to create dissatisfaction with our prosecution of the war and distrust with our allies and their efforts.

Hitler's war strategy should be well known by now but many Americans still give aid and comfort to the enemy by spreading such stories as the following:

**RUMOR:** "An old sea captain returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean on a ship made by Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. He said that the welding job was terrible, that the ship was leaking all the way over and that the boat was merely put together in that way because they figured they were going to lose so many anyway that it didn't make any difference."

**FACT:** This is one of many of the same ilk that have been reported. Everyone knows the hazards of submarines and bombers that our seamen face who are operating merchant ships. If our enemies can add to that by convincing the people that there's a hazard in the very ship itself, they may deter men from signing on. Some actual records of Liberty ship performances is reflected in the S. S. Philip Schuyler, the S. S. Fisher Ames, the S. S. George Clymer. Each of these completed a voyage of from 17,000 to 25,000 miles with nothing more than minor repairs. Quoting from Alex Ingram, chief engineer of the Joseph N. Teal, Oregon's famous 10-day vessel, after her run from the Columbia river to San Francisco: "The engine worked perfectly. We have a good ship and a fine crew. Give my regards to the boys in the yard for the good job they have done. The ship is the talk of the town down here."

Here are many more that have come to the attention of and been investigated by the rumor and propaganda division of the Oregon State Defense council.

**RUMOR:** "That Japs were getting \$50 per month plus room and board."

**FACT:** The truth of the above is as follows: "\$16 per month plus room and board for doctors and dentists—\$12 for skilled labor plus room and board—\$8 plus room and board for common laborers."

**RUMOR:** "Old toothpaste and shaving cream tubes can't really be used for anything, so why should we turn them in? The government's just destroying them. (Effect): To spread doubt about the shortage of tin and to hinder the government's efforts to alleviate this shortage."

**FACT:** This rumor is not true, the salvage division of the office of civilian defense asserts. The Japs conquered two of the world's greatest tin-producing areas, the Malay States and the Dutch East Indies. The third is Bolivia. The collapsible toothpaste and shaving cream tubes contain a high amount of tin. Before WPB required consumers to turn in their old tubes between 20 and 25 tons were being thrown away every day.

No rumor is too small, unbelievable or too unimportant. The Axis will try to take advantage of all of them.

You can help stop vicious stories. The rumor and propaganda division of the Oregon State Defense council urges all loyal Americans to not repeat tales of those who tell them to you. Find out where they got the information and report such direct to their headquarters, 101 Oregon building, Portland, Ore.

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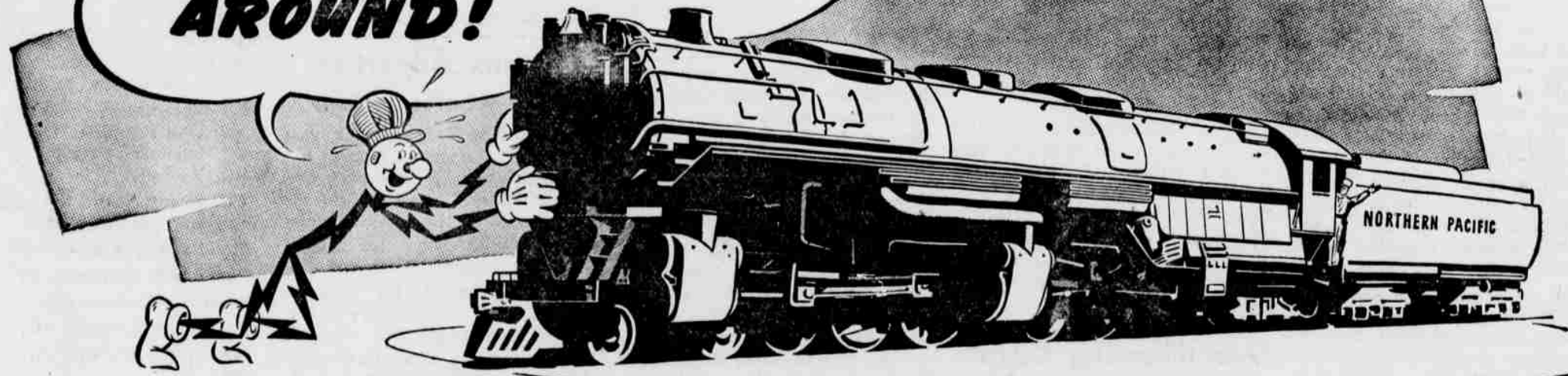
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