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## Direct Training For War Service Tendered Youth

### NYA Offers Short Cut to Well-Paying War Work Positions

How to obtain intensified training equipping themselves for war industries and other defense work was told to a group of Heppner high school students Tuesday evening by a group of NYA instructors from the Pendleton center. A number of adults also were present at the meeting in the Elks hall and learned something of the training offered by the center as well as the seriousness of the situation now confronting us.

Headed by Henry Vorlicky, assistant state manager and manager of the Pendleton center, the group included Glenn Norton, field youth personnel officer; Ruth Rossman, and project youth personnel supervisor; James Young, radio project supervisor, and Violet Hagen, project supervisor. Accompanying the instructors were Trainees Alice McGraw, Stanfield; Delia Meiners, Milton; Erma Points, Adrian, and Norman Ruark, Chewelah, Wash. and Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Vorlicky and Mr. Norton pointed to the fact that trained workmen, those receiving NYA center certificates, do not have to look for a job—the jobs are looking for them. Only recently a group of girl graduates were placed at the Hermiston munitions depot, receiving salaries that would be the envy of college girl graduates, and the opportunity for advancement lies solely with the individual. Pay increases also are better than those obtained in normal times and promotions come rapidly.

For example: Boys who recently have completed the three months course at the Pendleton NYA center and are now entered in the U. S. navy radar technical school as radio technician 2nd class, are getting \$96 a month plus clothing and subsistence. Third class draws \$76 plus clothing and subsistence. Girls assigned to the army air base in Walla Walla three weeks ago as signal corps radio technicians, are drawing \$166 a month, while the group assigned to the Hermiston depot as electrical technicians are receiving \$142 a month.

There is one thing the center instructors must know when a student applies for admission to the school: is it his intention to see this thing through to the end—meaning the war. An occasional student drops out after a few weeks and this type is avoided whenever possible.

Miss Ruth Rossman told of the living set-up at the school and described her activities in the course of a 24-hour shift. As youth personnel supervisor she has the welfare of all enrollees in her charge.

James Young, radio supervisor, dwelt upon the merits of that course, not only for the immediate need of technicians but from the standpoint of peace time demands, which he says will be greater than ever before the war.

President P. W. Mahoney of the chamber of commerce conducted a quiz of the four trainees and brought out the fact that none but serious minded young people should seek admission to the center. All four stated emphatically that they were in to stay until this war business is settled and that they hoped to go right on in their respective vocations during peace time.

The meeting was held under the auspices of Heppner chamber of commerce.

## DRIVE FOR USO WAR FUNDS SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY; 2 WEEKS CAMPAIGN SLATED

Morrow county's participation in the USO war fund campaign, somewhat overdue, is scheduled to get underway Friday, according to announcement made Wednesday by Henry C. Aiken, chairman of the committee in charge of the drive. Aiken has been busy this week selecting committee members and outlining phases of the campaign which is expected to be completed before Thanksgiving.

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Dear Mother and Dad:

I certainly don't want to be neglectful again so thought I'd drop a note while I had the opportunity. . . . There was a time when I more or less looked down on the USO, but no more. These service organizations are a life-saver to the average soldier, or any soldier away from home. Some of these women in Manhattan work all day seven days a week to make the USO here a success and they are doing a great job. If the money isn't misdirected, any contribution to the USO is certainly worthwhile. . . . Will write again soon.

Your son,  
Don.

## Date for Wheat League Meeting Set by Steen

The Eastern Oregon Wheat league will hold its fifteenth annual meeting in La Grande December 3, 4, and 5, Will Steen, Umatilla county wheat grower and president of the organization, has announced. Plans for the session worked out by the executive committee recently include a program on which a series of unusually important topics to the wheat growers will be discussed, said Steen.

Speakers, including high national agricultural officials, are now being arranged for. Among subjects to be discussed are converting grain into alcohol and rubber, disposal of northwest wheat surplus, growing war crops in the Columbia basin and Blue Mountain area, wheat feeding and livestock marketing, farm machinery and transportation outlook, farm finance, findings in tillage practice in the Columbia basin, and the farm labor situation.

Four main committees have been recommended for the convention, set up to prepare reports and recruit members in each county to meet in advance of the state session, says C. W. Smith, league secretary and assistant county agent leader. Meetings of the state committees will be held Thursday, Dec. 3 in advance of the main sessions on Friday.

## Vesper Service Slated For Sunday Evening

A series of winter vespers will get under way Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Episcopal church. The Music Study club is sponsoring the hymn-singing services and the majority of the ministers have welcome the plan.

The service will be interdenominational and it is hoped the public will respond to the venture. Familiar, well-loved old hymns will be used and the audience is expected to participate with the choir.

Mrs. Ture Peterson will be in charge of the program used Sunday night and Mrs. J. O. Turner will preside at the organ.

## IT IS NOW, "HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR"

One of the four mayors elected in the Wallowa valley last week was Merle Beckett, former Heppner man, who has been connected with the bank at Wallowa for several years.

Other mayors elected included Max Wilson, Joseph; I. E. Snyder, Enterprise, and M. Crow, Lostine. Beckett was the only one of the four having competition in the race.

## All-Out Effort Seen In Newest Move by State Coordinator

Total organization for the war effort is seen in the announcement by Jerrold Owen, state coordinator, that the block plan for civilian war services is in course of establishment. While the new plan may not directly affect Heppner and towns of similar size, it is likely that a more concerted effort toward getting everybody enrolled in one type of activity or another will be made.

Towns of 2500 or more will be segregated into block units and each block leader will be responsible for the cooperation of every one within his district, in such diverse efforts as the salvage drive, transportation, conservation, war savings, nutrition, child care, labor supply, housing and every other facet of civilian mobilization for total war under the direction of the office of Civilian Defense.

County Coordinator J. O. Turner, in response to urgent calls from the state office, called a meeting Monday evening to take up the matter of more active organization work here but there was a lack of interest on the part of citizens and another attempt will be made in the near future.

## HERE FOR WEEK-END

Driving up from Portland for a week-end visit were Mr. and Mrs. Norton King, who were guests at the home of Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Hilma Anderson of Eight Mile, Norton is awaiting call to the air corps, having made application last spring. He is operating a service station in Portland and enjoying a good business, he stated.

A general canvass of the county will be made in an effort to fully subscribe the fund asked at this time, \$600, and to accomplish this Aiken has named the following district chairmen who may name others to assist them in their respective areas:

Heppner: Rev. Bennie Howe, Father Francis McCormick.  
Lexington: Ralph Jackson.  
Ione: Rev. J. Fred Stillwell.  
Boardman: Mrs. Minnie McFarland, Jack Gorham.  
Hardman: Mrs. Owen Leathers.  
Eight Mile: Mrs. Clive Huston.  
Lena: Mrs. Paul Hisler.

Each committeeman has been asked to canvass his district thoroughly and in addition the general chairman will mail appeal letters to pave the way for solicitors. Funds may be handed over to committee members or sent to the First National Bank of Portland in Heppner.

Considerable publicity has been given the USO and it is hoped the people of the county understands its mission well enough that urgent solicitation will not be necessary. Reports coming from local boys in the service show how much these "home" centers are doing for them. A long ways from home and friends, the lads find these centers the most attractive spots of any recreational facilities offered. The centers are "manned" by the leading homemakers of their respective areas, women who understand young men, most of them having a loved one in the service and desiring to do for other mothers' sons what they would have done for their boys.

Local people who have visited the USO at Pendleton, Portland, Medford, Ashland and other points will readily testify to the popularity of the centers. Nothing but wholesome recreation is provided. Hostesses, both senior and junior, are from the best homes and a homelike atmosphere is maintained as far as conditions permit.

An argument in favor of subscribing liberally to this fund may be advanced in this manner: We of the districts remote from war activities have little conception of the arduous life being led by people near army camps. Aside from trying to carry on home duties, maintain a semblance of church and civic activities, and hours and hours spent at the USO center, these people are contributing of their funds just as heavily as we in the back country. In other words, they are carrying the principal load. Is it nothing more than fair that we should dig a little deeper and see that they have ample funds with which to spread cheer among the boys in uniform?

To quote a young soldier recently home on furlough: "The USO is more than half the social and recreational life of a soldier. It is our privilege to help maintain this splendid organization in a manner that it may carry on unhampered."

A travelling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Heppner Thursday, Nov. 19, and will be on duty at the City hall between the hours of 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. according to a recent announcement released from the secretary of state's office.

## Hermiston Falls Before Power of Mighty Mustangs

### Heppner Rated "B" Champion of Wheatland Area

Heppner Mustangs succeeded in upsetting the highly touted Hermiston Bulldogs in their annual Armistice day gridiron classic. The game was played before a record crowd at the Heppner Rodeo field. The final score was Heppner 12, Hermiston 0.

Entering the game as underdogs, Heppner wasted no time getting into the spirit of the game. Hermiston received the opening kick-off and was forced to give the ball up on downs. Heppner then realized their defensive power and held Hermiston scoreless during the entire game.

Heppner's first touchdown was made in the first quarter by Bothwell, Heppner's right halfback on an off-tackle play from Heppner's ten yard line. An attempted pass from Kenny to Hoyt fell short of its mark in the conversion try.

Hermiston succeeded in keeping Heppner from scoring again until the third quarter. After a 70-yard drive up the field, Barratt, left half, took the ball through the center of the line for a 30-yard run and a touchdown. Bucknum was tackled behind the line on the try for point.

Only once did Hermiston threaten to cross the Heppner goal line. The Bulldogs on Heppner's three-yard line at the end of the first half.

## HEPPNER 13—JOHN DAY

In probably the best game played on the local field this season, the lighter but scrappier Mustangs proved themselves capable claimants to the eastern and central Oregon "B" championship by defeating a powerful Grant Union high eleven by a 13 to 0 score.

Heppner received the opening kickoff and in just a few minutes of the first period found themselves in scoring territory. Barratt scored on about a 30-yard run

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## Judge Says Teen Age Youth Makes Best Soldier

Declaring that the boys between the ages of 18 and 21 make the best soldiers, Judge Johnson stated to the Lions club Monday noon that he favors the teen age draft measure.

Boys of that age have greater faith in what their superiors tell them, have greater recuperative powers, are more active and have less regard for what lies ahead of them than the man of 35 and up, stated. Men in the upper brackets, except when needed in the armed service, should be withdrawn for industrial work, while the younger men and boys should be given the task of confronting the enemy. The judge was speaking unofficially, expressing his personal opinions and divulging nothing in connection with the draft law or its operation.

## MRS. EMMA GARRIGUES

Funeral services for Mrs. Garrigues, whose death occurred at Heppner hospital Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, will be held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 2 p. m. Friday, Nov. 13. Rev. Martin B. Clark will officiate and interment will be made in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Garrigues, who was past 76 years of age, had been ill for some time and only recently was removed to the hospital for care and treatment.

An obituary will appear in these columns next week.