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Youths Slated for Draft Sign-Up in Next Three Weeks

Registration Points Set Up By Chairman Of County Board

Registration offices will be opened tomorrow, Friday, morning for the registering of all youths who have attained their 18th birthdays since the new law went into effect. It is expected that throughout the nation some 500,000 of the new draftee class will become subject to service.

Here in Morrow county, Judge Bert Johnson, chairman of the county board, states that everything is in readiness for registration of the youths and that the following officials will be in charge:

Irrigon—A. C. Houghton, at his office.

Boardman—S. C. Russell, at his place of business.

Ione—Walter Roberts, at his home.

Hardman—Elsa M. Leathers, at the post office.

Lexington, Thelma Smethurst, at her home.

Heppner will take registrations at the office of the local board.

Registration places will be open every day except Sundays and holidays (unless the registrar wishes to take registrations on these days) from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., except Mondays of each week when registrations will be accepted until 7 p. m. Registration will extend through Thursday, Dec. 31, 1942.

After Dec. 31, 1942, for the duration of the war, every male person who was born on or after Jan. 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day of attaining his 18th birthday, provided that if such anniversary falls upon a Sunday or legal holiday, registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.

Registrants are advised to familiarize themselves with the following paragraphs from the proclamation by the president of the United States.

The registration for the youth of the country shall take place as hereinafter designated according to a proclamation issued by the President and recently received by the local draft board.

(a) Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing, Friday, Dec. 11, 1942, and ending, Thursday, Dec. 17, 1942;

(b) Those who were born on or after Sept. 1, 1924, but not after Oct. 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, Dec. 18, 1942, and ending, Thursday, Dec. 24, 1942.

(c) Those who were born on or after Nov. 1, 1924 but not after Dec. 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday Dec. 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, Dec. 31, 1942.

(d) During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the 18th anniversary of their birth; provided that if, such anniversary falls on Sunday or a holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.

VESPER SERVICE TO BE HELD SUNDAY EVENING

The December vesper service sponsored by the city's churches and conducted by the Music Study club will be held at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening at the Methodist church.

An invitation has been extended to all persons who like to sing or enjoy the singing of favorite hymns to join the study club chorus. Christmas songs will be featured at the forthcoming service.

BOMBING SQUADRON GETS PIANO; HOW ABOUT CHRISTMAS PARTY?

Furnishing of the soldiers' recreation hall at Boardman is progressing satisfactorily. Loan of a piano this week was the crowning achievement in the collection of furniture and the boys are deeply grateful to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill for their generosity. Donations of several radios, more tables and chairs and various items, together with the piano, were picked up here the first of the week by the squadron truck.

Morrow county people are accepting the Boardman unit as their own and sentiment for the most part is that whatever the unit needs will be provided, so long as those requirements are kept within reason. And there is no reason to believe that the soldiers and their officers will ask for more than will suffice to make them comfortable. Anything above that will come from the people through voluntary subscriptions and donations.

Now that the recreation hall is established it is time to provide some Christmas cheer for the boys. This paper is in favor of whatever the majority decides upon, but would like to reopen the matter of extending invitations for home dinners — either that or a well-planned dinner at the recreation hall or in one of the halls over this way. To permit of all the boys partaking this could be divided in two or more affairs on different dates, handled by civic groups, lodges or granges.

This end of the county must keep in mind the fact that Boardman is a small community lacking facilities to entertain approximately 100 uniformed men. The good people over that way are doing and will do all they can to make life pleasant for the boys but they can't assume the full responsibility. Boxes of cookies, candies, cigarettes, augmented with books, magazines and newspapers will be welcome any time. Group entertainment by organizations in Heppner, Lexington and Ione will do much to break the monotony of training. Give this some thought and then spring into action. It will help make the Christmastide a season of joy for all who participate.

November Wettest On Official Record

November 1942 gained one distinction locally and that is the fact that precipitation for that month was the heaviest on record. This should be qualified with the statement that weather records have been kept since 1910.

Precipitation, which was practically all rain, amounted to 3.24 inches, which is almost twice the normal moisture for the month. Nearest approach to this mark was 1917 when precipitation amounted to 2.18 inches.

Such figures as these indicate that the county is on the way to produce good crops another season, all other factors proving favorable. A similar mark in December would put the year 1942 out in front over the 30-year period.

FREE SHOW AT ELKS HALL MONDAY EVENING

S. E. Skelly, traveling representative of the Pacific Power and Light company, has been scheduled to give a showing of films depicting home defense and other features of the war. He will be in Heppner Monday and show the pictures at the Elks Hall at 8 o'clock that evening.

The show will be free and its sponsor, the county defense council, is anxious that every citizen avail himself of this opportunity to learn something of America at war.

In addition to the home defense films, Skelly will show a feature that has proved highly interesting and is entitled "Know Japan, Our Enemy." It is an illuminating picture of the kind of enemy we are up against. Other films include the one Leo survived the ordeal and is stories of Pearl Harbor and Manilla, "out there" on another ship.

Past Season Best In School's History

The football season recently closed with the contest for state "B" title at McMinnville was the best in the history of Heppner high school. So stated Jim Barratt to the Lions club at the regular meeting Monday at the Lucas Place.

"The season just closed was outstanding not only from the standpoint of games won but in attendance and financial success as well,

Barratt told his listeners. "We played nine games, winning six, losing two and tying one. I believe that

is the best record the school has ever made. The score is further strengthened by the fact that we had no easy games on our schedule. We took one defeat from Hermiston, a strong "A" team and reversed the standing in the second meeting. John Day and Arlington both were tough competition. We

had no alibis for the Dayton game. They had a tough line, and even against that we were getting along OK until that lanky end received a forward pass just over the goal line, putting them ahead without time enough left for us to score again."

Coach Lyle Swenson seconded what his star halfback had to say and expressed the hope that basketball would prove as successful as football.

HERE FROM VIRGINIA

Mrs. Leo Perry left Tuesday for her home at Norfolk, Va., after spending more than a week here visiting at the E. E. Gilliam home. Her husband was a member of the crew of the aircraft carrier Wasp which was sunk in the Mediterranean. Leo survived the ordeal and is "out there" on another ship.

USO Drive Goes Over in Big Way

Morrow county's subscription to the USO fund has been generous, according to word released this week by Henry C. Aiken, county chairman of the subscription campaign. A quota of \$600 has been oversubscribed, Aiken states, and funds are still coming in.

Aiken issued a statement thanking his committee workers and all the people who assisted in the campaign, saying that the hearty cooperation and generous response was most gratifying and made the job a pleasant task rather than something that had to be done.

Christmas Program Scheduled Dec. 17

Arrangements have been completed to present the annual Christmas program at the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 17.

With grade and high school students taking parts, the Christmas story will be told in pageant and song, group singing and solo work with upper and lower grade choirs will furnish Christmas music and the audience will join in the familiar carols.

The school band, under direction of Norbert Peavy, will play a brief concert of Christmas music.

HOME NURSING CLASS TO START IN JANUARY

A tentative date for starting the home nursing class was set this week when it was announced that work would be taken up immediately following the new year. A sufficient number have been signed up to make a good class and the invitation is still open for others to join, states Mrs. Tress McClintock, in charge of organization plans.

Arrangements have been made to hold the classes at the home of Mrs. Frank Rumble, where Mrs. Dorothy Schroeder will do the instructing.

IRRIGON SUPERINTENDENT TO REMAIN AT HELM

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers visited the Irrigon school Wednesday and found work proceeding in a satisfactory manner, she reported to the Gazette Times this morning.

Mrs. Ladd Sherman, wife of the superintendent, has been employed to take over some of the subjects claiming Mr. Sherman's time, releasing him to carry on some of the activities that were being slighted due to a shortage of instructors. Mr. Sherman has indicated that he will continue on the job until the end of the school year.

JOSEPH T. PETERS PASSES

H. L. Duvall received word this morning of the passing of Joseph T. Peters at 6 a. m. today. Peters who was an extensive property owner in this county, was 86 years of age. Besides heavy investments in farm property, he owned the Peters building in Heppner, constructed in 1936.

Surviving are his wife, Lucy W. Peters, and four daughters, Grace Maxwell, Elizabeth Benny, Helen Wilson and Jeannette Sloan.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Duvall are driving to the city to be in attendance, Mr. Duvall having been selected as one of the pall bearers.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD DINNER MEETING

Heppner chamber of commerce will hold a dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Lucas Place. Dinner will be served at 6:45, followed by a program. All members are urged to attend.

C. D. Conrad will give a report on the Eastern Oregon Wheat League convention recently held in La Grande and P. W. Mahoney will discuss phases of the new income tax law.

Outlook Bright For Graveling of Eight Mile Highway

Effort Will Be Made To Surfac 4-Mile Stretch Near Zinter

Possibility that a four-mile stretch of state highway between the Eight Mile post office and the R. L. Zinter ranch will be given a gravel surface before January 1 was seen in the visit here this week of a representative of the state highway department. Location of a bed of gravel in the proximity of the proposed work was being sought and it is hoped that weather conditions will permit completion of the project before 1943 is ushered in.

The highway representative said that the department has a shovel at Pendleton which will be brought here as soon as it is determined it can be moved with safety. A sufficient sum has been set aside to complete the work which, while only temporary, will have to suffice for the duration or until such time as it will be permissible to use equipment and materials essential for a complete hard surface job.

With completion of this four-mile strip there will be a continuous surfaced grade between Heppner and Condon. This work will help hold the grade in shape and at the same time provide safer travel for residents of the district who make regular use of the artery.

Road matters claim considerable attention of the court and the county engineer according to Judge Bert Johnson. The court is doing its level best to maintain highways and roads under its jurisdiction, he stated, but there are so many priority handicaps to meet that it is difficult to meet maintenance demands, let alone contemplating any new work. At present the court is toying with the idea of improving the upper Willow creek road, but is making no promises.

"We are trying to keep present roads in condition and that is no small job in itself," the judge said. "If the people will cooperate it will be possible to keep present equipment and supplies in operation many months. Otherwise we will not know what the score is. As an example, if a car driver comes across an obstruction, a hole in the highway, for instance, that he could easily fill in five minutes and will do that very thing instead of calling for a county truck to drive out 25 miles or more to perform the task, he will be doing himself a favor and saving the county considerable actual cash, to say nothing of wear and tear on equipment," he concluded.

Cafe Reopens to Thriving Patronage

After completely renovating room and equipment, V. R. (Bob) Runion reopened the former Merrill's Cafe Tuesday morning under the name of Runion's Cafe. Cleaned from front door to rear door and painted throughout, the restaurant presents an inviting appearance and has enjoyed a generous patronage from the moment the doors opened to the public Tuesday morning.

Birch Roberts, popular chef of numerous eastern Oregon cafes, is in charge of the kitchen, while "Bob" is the official greeter and general in command of the serving force.

HERE ON BUSINESS

Charles Bartholomew, Butter Creek rancher, was transacting business in Heppner Wednesday, gas rationing and other matters claiming his attention.