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Victory Gardens to Be Given Impetus Through Classes

Group Instruction Offered by SCS and Vocational Tutors

Heppner residents will have an opportunity to learn something about Victory gardens. Through cooperation of the Soil Conservation Service and the school of vocational agriculture of the Heppner school, classes for gardening instruction will be opened at the local school Monday evening, March 1, at 7:30.

"The recent freezing of canned goods and the institution of the point system of rationing makes us realize we will have to can vegetables and fruit in order to supplement shortages created by limitations placed on commercially canned products," stated Don Strait, agriculture instructor at Heppner high school. "To meet this situation, the war production training board is sponsoring a series of gardening classes," he added.

Tom Wilson, director of the soil conservation service at Heppner, will conduct the classes, which will be free of charge and to which anyone interested in gardening may attend and present his problems. Mr. Wilson will give you helpful suggestions for increasing the production of your vegetable garden—planning, seeding, sterilization, insect control, cultivation and harvesting—and will answer questions having a bearing on the subject of increased production of vegetable crops.

Mr. Strait made it clear that this will not be a lecture course. Instead it will take the form of round table discussion in which all may express their views and submit ideas based on experience. Good attendance is desired, and prompt, too, as the young men in charge are giving their time and good results will be obtained only through the thoughtful cooperation of every one interested, it is pointed out.

NEW GUINEA JUST WHAT GEOGRAPHY SAID—HOT!

Mrs. Lillian Turner, teacher in the Lexington school for many years, is keeping in touch with a number of her former pupils now in the service of their Uncle Sam. It requires a lot of writing but Mrs. Turner manages to find time to correspond with the boys who deeply appreciate her letters.

In a letter recently received from Vester Thornburg he stated that he was in New Guinea and just as his geography book stated, it is hot down there. He also reported seeing Delbert Robinson and Richard Hayes, the only contacts he has had with boys from Morrow county since going to the south Pacific.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MORROW COUNTY

Having been accepted in the United States Navy in a specialists rating and being ordered to report for active duty on Feb. 26 at Seattle, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the support and cooperation that the people of Morrow county have given me during my term of office as sheriff of Morrow county. It is with sad regret that I take leave of absence from the office of sheriff and the fine people of Morrow county who have made it possible to hold that office. However, in this national emergency I feel that being physically fit and having no dependents I can serve best by taking active part in the armed forces for our nation and thereby help bring victory to our cause.

C. J. D. BAUMAN

Protection Against Loss on Special Crops Tendered Farmers

A system of financing which will protect farmers against loss if they will undertake the production of specified high risk crops, or certain needed essential crops they ordinarily would not undertake to grow, was announced this week by Henry Baker, chairman of the Morrow county USDA war board.

Loans in the form of "special war crop advances" will be made through the war board and the regional agricultural credit corporation of the farm credit administration, Baker said.

Such special advances will be made, he explained, only in cases where the county war board finds that a farmer has capacity to produce these essential crops, and when the money advanced will be used in the production of the crops.

The protection against loss feature is contained in the provision that when the crop does not return enough to pay the loan in full, the obligation shall be cancelled when all proceeds of the crop have been applied against the advance.

This provision becomes effective, however, only when the county war board certifies that the advance was used for the production of the crop, that principles of good husbandry were applied to its production, and that all the proceeds from the crop were applied against the loan.

Special war crop advances will be made for the production of flax for seed or fiber, Irish potatoes where the farm goal is three acres or more, dry beans, smooth varieties of dry edible peas, tomatoes, snap beans, lima beans, peas and carrots, grown either for processing or fresh sale, and cabbage, sweet corn and table beets when grown for processing.

Applications for either special war crop advances, or regular Food for Freedom production loans from the regional agricultural credit corporation, may be made through the county USDA war board. M. E. Cummings is county loan representative, and C. D. Conrad is secretary of the war board.

JAMES LUNDELL WINS SIGNAL CORPS BERTH

James "Wally" Lundell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Algott Lundell of the Gooseberry section, recently was chosen as one of a group of 11 applicants out of a contingent of 575 for teletype service. James has been located at Camp Kohler, Sacramento, in another branch of the service which he expects to complete this week and will leave for an eastern school to take the course in teletyping.

Another son, Charles "Bud" Lundell, stationed at Fort Worden, Wash., is doing quite well by himself in a musical way. He plays baritone saxophone in the Coast Artillery band and the USO orchestra.

Public Invited to Musical Program

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock Mrs. Ture Peterson will present the March program of the Music Study club at the parish house. The club has been concentrating on American music this winter and this program deals with the sacred type.

An unusually fine program of solos and negro spirituals has been arranged and there will be community singing of hymns.

The club has extended an invitation to all music lovers to attend this program which is the regular meeting of the Music Study club.

SUNDAY VISITORS

Mrs. Anna Thomson, Mrs. Mabel Hughes and Mrs. W. H. Instone were Butter creekers in town Sunday for church services.

Morrow County Sheriff Joins New U. S. Naval Police Unit

Granted leave of absence while in the service of his country, Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman left Heppner Wednesday evening for Seattle to be inducted into the navy. From Seattle he will go to Camp Farragut, Ida., for a six weeks training course, then return to Seattle for an intensive four months training course in the city police department.

Bauman will not be a Jack Tar. He is entering a comparatively new branch of the navy, a police job similar to the federal government's FBI. He expects to be sent overseas to put his training into

practice. A veteran of the first world war when he put in 19 months with the Marine corps, the sheriff has been champing at the bit to get into the present struggle. He was rejected several times but held on until something "down his alley" came along.

The court granted him a leave of absence for the duration, realizing the necessity for men of experience and of his caliber, entering the service. Members of the court paid high tribute to the man who has so successfully run the affairs of the sheriff's office or the past 15 years.

Mustangs Acquire Stride as Tournament Time Draws Near

By JIM BARRATT

After a victorious trip to Arlington last Friday night, in which the Mustangs won the play-off game from Condon, 25 to 14, the Mustangs have spent the remaining few days before the tournament in vigorous, hard workouts.

The annual 7B tournament will be held on the Arlington floor again this year with the eight outstanding teams from this district attending. Starting today, Feb. 25, the tourney will last until Saturday night, the 27th; the referee of the tournament will be Ladd Sherman of Irrigon, who is one of the outstanding whistle-tooters in eastern Oregon.

The opening game of the fray will send the Mustangs against the once defeated Helix Grizzlies. Playing this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Heppner five will really have to be on their toes to gain a victory, as the Helix lads only have lost one letterman from their tournament quint of last year. The Mustangs defeated that team in the semi-finals last year by a score of 41 to 32. The Grizzlies feature a lanky bunch of lads who are hard to stop if they are "on", and are excellent shots from far out.

In the same bracket, Echo, winners of the little Wheat League without tasting defeat, will play Umatilla immediately after the Heppner-Helix game. In the evening, beginning at 7:30, Kent high

school entertains the winner of the Wasco county league, probably Maupin, as a preliminary to the Arlington-Athena game, which is the finale for the day. Kent is winner of the Sherman county league and features a couple of young giants, one is six feet, five inches while the other is a mere six feet, four.

Although probably the shortest team entering the tournament, the Heppner Mustangs are likely the best defensive team. All the others feature an offensive game, or "race horse style." All boast outstanding records in the win and lose column; the Mustangs run true to form as they have won 16 out of 17 games, running up 560 points to opponents 330, for an average of 33 points a game to their opponents' 19.

The Mustangs boast quite a record in three years competition having won 52 games out of 59 played. Undefeated on the home floor for the last two years, the last defeat at the local gym was three years ago.

Coach Swenson is taking eight players and manager Joe Laughlin to the tournament. This is Swenson's last season as coach as a navy appointment has been expected for some time. Coming to Heppner last year, his teams won 38 games to five losses and his football team this year was runnerup at the state B football championship.

Grain Products, Inc. Elects Directors

A new board of officers and directors was elected at the meeting of the Grain Products, Inc., held in Arlington Monday. C. J. Hanscom of Athena was elected president; Clyde Denny of Ione, vice president; Earl Hoag, Blalock, treasurer; and C. D. Conrad, Heppner, secretary. Other directors include Delbert Emert and Lee Beckner, Ione and C. A. Nish, Mikkalo.

John H. Bodin, chemical engineer, employed by the directors to make a survey of sites and other features of the proposed industry, submitted his report. Definite steps to proceed with erection of the plant acquired some months ago were taken at this meeting and an announcement is expected to be made within a few days.

Stock Sale Listed At Runion Yards

Buyers seeking stock cows will be interested in an announced sale to be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Runion stock corrals in north Heppner. Upwards of 100 head of cows will be offered at auction, most of them Herefords, about 20 milk cows.

This sale is scheduled to start at 1:30 p. m., thus eliminating the usual free lunch. From the class of stock offered it would seem advisable to admonish prospective purchasers to be on hand early.

STANFORD HOWELL

Death came to Stanford Howell, 68, at Heppner hospital shortly after midnight last night. He had been ill nearly two years, during which time he suffered several strokes.

Stanford "Paddy" Howell was born May, 25, 1875, at Oregon City and came to eastern Oregon in 1876, spending a long life in this vicinity. He is survived by three brothers, Henry C. and Joseph of Heppner, and Frank of Top; two sisters, Ida Gunnerson, Portland, and Gilda Potter, Castle Rock, Wash., and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Phelps Funeral home, with interment at Hardman. Time of services will be announced later.

BROTHER FINISHES BOMBARDIER SCHOOL

In a group of pictures shown in the Oregonian of young men finishing air training courses last week was that of Jack Forsythe of Ashland, brother of Mrs. Edwin Dick, of Heppner. Lt. Forsythe is a bombardier and after graduating from the school at Midland, Tex., was transferred to San Marcos, Tex., to take advanced training on the Norden bombsite.

RETURNING TO CAMP

Pvt. Kemp Dick and wife who have been visiting with relatives in Heppner and Lexington for several days will return to Fort Worden, Wash., tomorrow where Kemp is in training.

Behind the Scene at Salem

By Rep. Giles French

The big truck bill is out of the way, having gone down to ignominious defeat after making a final fling by calling in the army to aid its passage. The only trouble was that no one believed the story but felt sorry for the army officers who were at the hearing on orders but who knew little or nothing about the bill or the reasons thereof. Who started the move to bring in the patriotic motif, who caused ODT commissioner Eastman to telegraph house and senate heads, who caused the army to descend on the legislature, may not be known for some months. Enough it is now to know that the bill is dead, very dead, and the defeat was decisive.

No one was paying much attention to it anyway as this seems to be one year in which no one could get much excited about such things as trucks.

The civil service bill will probably be dead before this column reaches the readers, if any, for, although it has been well worked over by the house committee and made into a much more workable bill than when it was presented in all its 33 page glory, there is little sentiment for perpetrating a new type of hiring state employees. It will probably be done some day, but very likely not this time.

The major unemployment compensation bills were out on the floor with a do not pass report this week and it is likely that this will result in speeding up the session to a great extent unless the report is beaten which does not seem likely.

Committees are cleaning up their work and the speed of the session has been considerably increased since the first of the week. There is a faster tempo, a sense of hurrying to accomplish what must be done before the end is at hand, which may be sooner than now generally thought.

Taxation matters are getting along very well, the school bills having passed the house and well through the senate. The income tax amendments will be out before the end of the week, the majority side favoring a minor cut of 11.62 percent through the use of a new set of rates that eliminate the split bracket, (the 2 and 3 percent in the first thousand.) The minority wants a cut of 20.81 percent by reducing all rates by one percent. Both will be for the 1944 and on tax years, if passed. There seems to be good evidence that income and especially excise taxes will be smaller this year and next for the simple reason that the federal taxes are going to be so much greater.

The thing that is going to break out into the open and create a small storm hereabouts is the bill to tax municipal electric light plants. The cities having such plants do not care for it. The joker is that some of them now pay a considerable part of city expenses in lieu of taxes and some do not. Some furnish street lights, some pay all profits into the general fund. The base from which to start is very uneven which may cause some confusion. Eugene, which has caused it all, does not pay any taxes, gets paid for city street lights and builds up a huge reserve fund. It looks as if it will have to furnish something else but then it cannot be foretold until the votes are in.

Bishop W. P. Remington will hold services at All Saints Episcopal church Sunday morning, Feb. 28. Holy Communion will be celebrated and there will be confirmation of a large class.

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