



# Heppner Gazette Times



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## Our Men In Service

The following letter from Herb McDaniel expresses the sentiment of all Americans and is written in typical soldier language. Dated March 16, 1943 and written to his sister, Mrs. Victor Lovgren, Pvt. Herbert Z. McDaniel states his position as follows:

"I'm on an island in the South Pacific taking it easy at present. I've been in action though and did ok. We knocked the hell out of the damn Japs and had a very small loss in our outfit. I have several to my credit and expect to get several more before I get back.

The Japs aren't near as good soldiers as the American soldiers. I'm in a crack combat outfit, too but it lacks a devil of a lot of being fun.

Spring ought to be breaking there by now. This is one I'm going to miss I guess. But I'll guarantee that those damn Japs pay plenty for every spring they cause me to miss at home."

Herb also said that Marvin Sadler is located in the same area.

This is to inform you of my change in address. I enjoy reading the old hometown paper very much and was disappointed in the absence of the column "Our Men" in recent issues. It is the only available means of finding out where some of my friends are.

Sincerely yours,  
Paul A. Doolittle  
Lee Field, Jacksonville Fla

Yesterday I received a late copy of the Gazette Times and was very glad to get it. It is impossible to keep abreast of home events without the paper.

Apparently the address you have for me is an old one. The paper followed me thru nearly every camp in the south. I wish to correct the address in order to save the post office so much trouble.

It is a good thing I didn't write this yesterday, because only this morning I got my new rating. Yesterday I was a corporal, today a sergeant.

The space you devote each week to news from the service men is particularly interesting. It is so hard for us to keep in touch with what the other home town boys are doing.

Please keep the paper coming. Perhaps some of us will write some really good news for you to print in it soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Sergeant Francis Nickerson  
Lee Field, Jacksonville, Fla.

Welcome B. McAlister has just reported back to Gulf Port, Miss after spending his furlough at Mt. Carmel, Pa. He is in the navy construction battalion.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Pettyjohn of Ione have received word that their son, Cpl Lee H. Pettyjohn, U. S. M. C., has been transferred overseas, possibly to the South Pacific zone. The family had not heard from Lee for some time and still do not know where he is located.

HE HELPED PRINT  
FIRST PAPER ISSUED  
HERE IN MARCH 1883

Merlin, Ore  
March 24, '43

Editor Gazette: This is to congratulate the Gazette on its three-score birthday which occurs, or occurred, this month. I have forgotten the date.

In March 1883, I unwrapped the new type from the foundry, "laid the cases," "set" the first issue, and most of the rest of them the following three years.

Sixty years is a long time. Long live the Heppner Gazette.  
Harry L. Keyte

## Student Report on Food to Be Made To Sec. Wickard

### High Schools Enter State Contest on Food Conservation

Morrow county high school students will take part in a special statewide activity to report to Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard on how Oregonians are conserving and producing one of the top war materials—food.

County School Superintendent Lucy Rodgers yesterday announced that details of a contest being sponsored by the Elks lodge have been forwarded to county high schools. Participating students will report on either of two subjects—"How We Conserve War Food in Our Home," or "How We Produce War Food on Our Farm." The report will be in the form of letters addressed to Secretary Wickard.

The student writing the best letter in the county will be awarded a \$25 war bond by the Heppner Elks lodge. In addition, a state prize of a \$100 war bond will be awarded by the State Elks association.

Henry Baker, chairman of the Morrow county USDA war board, said that the Elks are sponsoring the contest as a method of emphasizing the importance of food in winning the war. The contest will serve to focus attention on the part which every county resident must take in the wartime food program—helping farmers produce the food, and then making sure that none of it is wasted.

The three best letters written in each school will be selected by the teachers and forwarded to the county USDA war board, which will determine the best county letter. The state USDA war board will select the state winner. Besides the war bond awards, writers of the best letters will be given recognition by Secretary Wickard.

## Grade Principal Elected Saturday

Directors of school district No. 1, Heppner, held a meeting Saturday afternoon and elected Everett K. Smith of Cove grade principal for next year. Other teaching positions remaining to be filled were discussed by the board and Supt. George Corwin but as yet no definite action has been taken.

Smith, graduate of Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande, has had two years' experience, both at Cove. Aside from regular curricular duties he will train and direct a boys' chorus. The girls' chorus is under the direction of Miss Rose Hoosier.

History and mathematics teachers, or a combination of the two, are claiming the attention of Supt. Corwin who states that hiring of teachers is no child's play these days.

## LIONS CLUB HOLDS CONCLUDING SESSION

Heppner Lions club "closed the books" Monday at the regular luncheon meeting at the Lucas Place. The meeting was attended by the few remaining members of the club and a number of chamber of commerce members and plans for continuation of the luncheon meetings by the combined groups were discussed. Throughout the 90-day period voted on at the previous meeting, as a try-out of merging the clubs a chairman for each succeeding meeting will be drawn from the names of those present. Lee Howell was designated as next Monday's chairman.

Miss Rose Hoosier presented her grade girls' chorus in a couple of numbers.

## Stubble Mulch for Retarding Wind, Water Erosion Being Studied Thru Field Trials

Field trials on methods of preparing stubble mulch for retarding wind and water erosion have been established this past week on the Bergevin farm at Ione and on the Frank Anderson farm in Eight-mile section by Joe Belanger, project supervisor for the soil conservation service.

These trials are each about 40 acres in size and are large enough to show results of certain types of equipment when used on larger scale operations.

Belanger is using a duck-foot type implement with stubble lifters for the initial plowing operations and for all subsequent cultivations. The seeding operations will be done with a Dempster type drill.

Previous small trials conducted by Belanger with this implement has shown that heavy stubble can be handled and he now wishes to establish larger trials throughout

the Columbia basin to obtain results on different types of soil, different amounts of stubble, and at the same time allow the farmers throughout the territory to have an opportunity of seeing the implement in operation.

Belanger does not contend that the implement he is using is the last word in farming equipment but he does say that it leaves the straw where it will protect the soil and at the same time making it possible to handle it.

The supervisors of the Heppner soil conservation district at their regular meeting March 26 discussed the trials and wish to urge farmers throughout the district to observe the results.

The supervisors also voted to equip and maintain a soil conservation service truck for fire fighting purposes during the coming fire season.

## Congressional Bill Makes Feed Wheat Again Available

Feed wheat to help county farmers meet livestock and poultry goals is again available from commodity credit stock, Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee, announced yesterday.

The feed wheat program, halted a month ago when the original allocation of 125,000,000 bushels was exhausted, has been resumed as a result of passage of a bill by Congress authorizing the sale of another 100,000,000 bushels of government-owned wheat.

Under price schedules announced for March, the wheat is available in this county at a cost of \$1.03 a bushel. April prices have not been announced, and it is possible that the new prices will be slightly higher the chairman said.

Under the original program, wheat was offered at the equivalent of 85 percent of the corn parity price. The bill passed by Congress last week authorizing the sale of an additional amount increased the price to the equivalent of full parity for corn.

## W. O. DIX BACK ON JOB AT COURTHOUSE

Greatly improved in health and gaining strength daily, W. O. Dix, county assessor pro tem, is back on the job at the courthouse after spending two months in a hospital in The Dalles. According to his own statement, he feels better than he has for many years and expects to see this world trouble cleared up before signing off.

J. O. Rasmus drove to The Dalles Saturday to bring Mr. Dix home.

## LOCAL PASTOR ASKED TO REMAIN ANOTHER YEAR

Rev. Bennie Howe, who has been pastor of the Methodist church since September 1941, Sunday night was extended an invitation to remain as pastor for another year. The invitation was tendered at a quarterly conference held by Dr. Silas E. Fairham, district superintendent.

The congregation met in the church basement where a potluck dinner was served.

## OFFICE OPEN SATURDAY P. M.

Reversing a previous order closing the office at noon on Saturdays, the Morrow county rationing board has announced that the office will remain open Saturday afternoons until 3 p. m. to accommodate people who find it inconvenient to drive to town on other days.

## Defense Council Set-Up in County Due for Change

### Co-Ordinator Plans Reorganization to Fill Depleted Ranks

Reorganization of the Morrow County Defense Council will be undertaken in the immediate future, according to Mayor J. O. Turner who returned late Wednesday evening from Salem after attending a conference of state defense officials called by Governor Earl Snell.

Much of the county defense set-up has been depleted by resignations and departure of numerous citizens to take up war work, the mayor states, and it is time to strengthen the several departments through appointment of new members.

The original council comprised 14 members. It is Turner's plan to reduce this number to seven to effect a more workable organization. Most of these will be named in Heppner, with associate members in other districts of the county.

Police reserves, air raid wardens, fire reserves and utility squad—all are badly depleted, and new members will have to be chosen and instructed in their work.

Passage of House Bill No. 330 at the recent legislature grants certain powers to the governor in creating a state defense council. The original state defense set-up was organized under direction of the war department. Jerrold Owens is the state co-ordinator and Governor Snell is state director.

## Food Production Meeting Scheduled

A meeting to enlist the help of every boy and girl in Heppner in the production of food will be held in the Odd Fellows hall at 7:30 p. m., Monday evening, April 5. C. D. Conrad, county agent, is calling this meeting of all the boys and girls to find which ones are in a position to contribute to the food production program by raising victory gardens, a pig, lamb, some rabbits, poultry or other food projects. All the boys and girls in Heppner are urged to attend this meeting and all parents are likewise urged to attend.

## CHANCE WILSON SUBMITS TO SURGERY AT PRAIRIE

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ward received word Wednesday that Mrs. Ward's brother, Chance Wilson of Monument, submitted to a major operation Tuesday at a hospital in Prairie City. Although too early to determine the ultimate outcome, it was stated that he withstood the operation nicely and hope is held by the physician that he will experience complete recovery.

Mr. Ward drove to Prairie City Friday to see Mr. Wilson who had been in the hospital two weeks preparing for the operation.

## HOME NURSING CLASS STARTS AT BOARDMAN

Opening of a home nursing class at Boardman Tuesday was announced this week by Mrs. Anne Thomas, county health nurse, who is in charge.

Mrs. Thomas completed a course at Ione the first of the week at which time five women of the vicinity were awarded certificates, including Mrs. Henry Smouse, Mrs. Nola Bristow, Mrs. Edith Nicholson, Mrs. Elmer Griffith and Mrs. M. E. Cotter.

## RECOVERING STRENGTH

Mrs. Fred Parish, who recently underwent a serious operation in Pendleton, is able to be about once more. She has ventured up town a couple of times this week.

## JUST ABOUT 50 PERCENT OVER-SUBSCRIBED— THAT'S ALL

Morrow county folks operate on the principal that "we did it once and we can do it again." Latest evidence of this is found in figures submitted by Rev. Bennie Howe, Morrow county American Red Cross chairman, on the war fund campaign which drew to a close yesterday.

This county's quota was set at \$2100. That was not much when compared with war bond quotas, but since income taxes and other demands for funds were coming on regularly, it was not known how generous the public would be on outright donations.

Well, this is the answer: Up to noon Wednesday, tabulations made by Mr. Howe showed that a total of \$3,069.83 has been received at the First National Bank of Portland, Heppner branch. It is the chairman's opinion that this will be considerably swelled when all districts have turned in the last of their subscriptions.

## Scout Work Takes On New Life Here

Some organizations are experiencing a slump in membership and interest due to the stress of war time conditions, but not so the local troop of Boy Scouts. From the looks of things Scouting is on the way to staging a comeback that will place the Heppner troop back on the plane of former years.

Impetus was given the revival movement when the local Scout council prevailed upon Sheriff John Fuiten and Don Strait to act as scoutmaster and assistant, respectively. The troop started meeting in the Ag room at the high school, with nine boys showing up for the second meeting, Monday evening of this week the turnout was 19. That created an overcrowded condition in the Ag room, so arrangements have been made to hold the meetings in the basement of the Methodist church. It is expected that even more boys will seek Tenderfoot rating.

Scout council and Scoutmasters are contemplating an overnight hike before school closes. It is not likely that the hike could be successfully conducted during summer vacation as many of the boys will seek employment on farms and elsewhere.

## UP FROM CECIL

Among Cecil residents visiting Heppner Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krebs, Mrs. Roy Hurst, Mrs. John Krebs and Mrs. Jack Hynd.

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