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Our Men In Service

HEAR FROM SON

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken were made happy this week with receipt of a letter from their son Sgt. Joe E. Aiken, who is with a troop carrier in north Africa. In his letter Joe told of participating in the French ceremony on March 7, in which he and three other soldiers presented the colors. The letter of commendation from the commanding officer to each of the participants, was included and the Gazette Times has been granted permission to reprint it.

SUBJECT: Commendation.
TO: Personnel Concerned.

The undersigned (for military reasons officers' names and units concerned cannot be mentioned) desires to commend all personnel who participated in the French ceremony, Sunday, March 7, 1943. Many favorable comments were made by the French and British officers who witnessed the ceremony. The precision with which this unit marched in the parade and review is a credit to the military service and each member participating deserves the highest commendation for his individual efficiency and coordination.

Signed by Commanding Officer.

SENDS SOUVENIR

Mrs. Sarah French has received a souvenir of the campaign in New Guinea where her son, Pfc Earl Crismon, is helping rid the country of the rat infestation. In a letter to his mother, Pfc Crismon enclosed an officer insignia cut from a Jap's blouse. He stated that he has a gun and bayonet and several pieces of a Jap zero as souvenirs. Cocoanuts are very much to his liking and he thinks he will enjoy the bananas when they get ripe enough to eat.

Other Morrow county boys are in the vicinity. Donald Fell is in Crismon's unit and nearby in another unit are James Johnson and Donald Bellenbrock.

WOULDN'T WANT TO MAKE HOME IN NEW GUINEA

Life is dangerous and adventurous in New Guinea, according to Tech. 5th Sgt. Vernie Leathers, who stated to his brother Owen of Hardman that he hopes he is not permanently located there. He doesn't particularly care to have his slumbers disturbed by Tojo's boys and aims to be awake when they call. He has had his hair raised several times, a fact about which there is no need of a soldier lying, he declares. The soldiers are thankful for the missionaries in their area and for the cute little native people and especially the children who come and dance for them.

Vernie plans to return to eastern Oregon and catch up on some good food and hunting and fishing.

FAMILY IN SERVICE

Mrs. A. E. Pickering, a comparative newcomer to Heppner, soon will have four members of her family in the service. Her husband, one son, and a son-in-law are now serving and a second son, Ralph Pickering, has been called. With his family he will arrive in Heppner this week-end to visit his mother and his sister and brother, Georgia and Ross. He will enter the navy. The son-in-law, Sgt. Paul P. Creager, is at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

WAS GIVEN HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Ed Sheridan returned to Heppner the past week having received his discharge from the army under the over-age ruling. Ed, a former popular rodeo performer, was in town Thursday and Friday, leaving Saturday for Walla Walla.

1942 Wheat Crop Will Move Out At An Early Date

CCC Grants Request For Removal of Bulk Stored Crop

Upwards of 1,000,000 bushels of the 1942 wheat crop in storage in Morrow county will have to be moved before the 1943 crop is harvested, and the grain will be moved, according to Henry Baker and D. W. Glasgow, who conferred with the Commodity Credit Corporation in Portland Monday. Returning to Heppner Tuesday the local men said the CCC officials cheerfully granted all requests made of them.

Shipping orders have been cancelled on most of the 1941 sacked wheat remaining in local warehouses and the 1942 bulk wheat will be shipped instead to make bulk space for the new crop. This also will solve the problem of labor for moving sacked grain.

Farm stored wheat of the 1942 crop can be released now in satisfaction of the loan, including the storage advance, it was explained. The CCC will take a considerable amount of 1942 wheat at once. It is necessary for each grower who desires his wheat moved to call at the triple A office and sign a release, if he has not already done so. No wheat should be released at this time unless the space is needed for the 1943 crop, it was pointed out. The loan on 1942 farm stored wheat does not expire until April 30, 1944 and if carried until that time will earn an additional five cents storage and the possibility of a market advance.

An acute freight car shortage on the branch was taken up with Union Pacific officials by Baker and Glasgow while in Portland and after the situation was explained assurance was given that for the immediate future at least the company will supply all cars needed.

With such cooperation as this, Morrow county farmers have an opportunity to get out of a tight spot, the local men stated, adding a word of advice to graingrowers to first sign a release, then as soon as instructions are received, deliver the wheat to shipping point or aboard cars.

Luncheon Group Told Of Defense Plans

Stating that there is probably no immediate danger of a bombing raid over this section of Oregon, Mayor J. O. Turner told the men's luncheon group at the Lucas Place Monday noon that other sections of the coast country might undergo such an experience before the year 1943 passes into history. The statement was made in justification of the state defense council's determination to reorganize lagging county defense set-ups. The mayor, who is also county co-ordinator of civilian defense, outlined some of his plans for reorganizing the Morrow county units, indicating that due to manpower shortage the previous personnel will be reduced in numbers and that an effort will be made for more efficiency.

Lee Howell was chairman at Monday's meeting and drawing for next Monday's chairman resulted in E. R. Huston attaining the honor.

WHEAT DOING FINE

Morrow county appears to be in line for another good crop according to Rep. Henry Peterson who was in town from the Eight Mile farm this morning. The past few days have helped to develop the tender shoots and Henry says there are some very promising fields in his vicinity.

House Buying, Moving Popular Pastime Here This Spring

Have you bought a house this week, or are you contemplating the purchase of one, or moving? If not you are not in tune with the popular trend in Heppner. Someone bought a house and occupants of that house had to find another place to live. Thus the merry-go-round got under way.

Recently Terrell Bengé bought the Mattie Huston house. This was unoccupied but will not be for long as Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bengé sold their residence property in northwest Heppner to Conley Lanham and will occupy the Huston house. Next in line was the sale by Frank W. Turner of his residence property occupied by the Kenneth House family, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beardsley. Unless another place is made available by June 1, the Houses will be in about the same position as the extra man in

a tag dance.

Another pending deal involves the J. L. Yeager property. It is stated that N. D. Bailey is buying the place and expects to convert it into modern apartments.

The big moving party of the week took place Wednesday when the agriculture offices were transferred from the Oddfellows building to the First National bank building. The forest office first moved from the corner room to the rooms vacated by Dr. L. D. Tibbles. H. D. McCurdy moved his office fixtures to the south west corner room, leaving all space from the front of the building to the draft board office for the several units connected with the county agent's office.

Another deal consummated the past week was purchase of the Taylor rooming house property by Dr. W. H. Rockwell.

To Speak Here



HUGH BOWMAN

Dist. No. 6 Commander Hugh Bowman of Pendleton will be the honored guest of American Legion and auxiliary posts of Morrow county at a potluck supper and meeting to be held at the parish house at 6 p. m. Monday, April 12. Heppner and Ione posts will participate and an invitation has been extended the general public to attend the meeting following the dinner. This will be called at 8 p. m.

Evening of Light Operas Club Menu

Members of the Music Study club enjoyed an evening of American light opera Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Bennie Howe with Mrs. B. J. Elliott co-hostess.

Outstanding songs and choruses from operettas of Victor Herbert, Jerome Kerns and Rudolf Friml were presented by the members.

For the closing program of the club's year it was decided to hold another community sing on May 4 to which the public is invited.

A the close of a pleasant evening the hostesses served light refreshments.

Church of Christ Calls New Pastor

At a meeting of the church board called Sunday following morning worship service for the purpose, O. Wendell Herbison of Oakland, Ore. was called to serve the church as pastor for the ensuing year. He will succeed Martin B. Clark who earlier resigned to enter Butler University at Indianapolis, Ind., for graduate work.

Herbison has been student pastor of the church at Oakland the past two years and will finish his college work at the Eugene Bible university in a few weeks. He will take charge of the local work in June, possibly the 20th, depending upon Mr. Clark's departure. He is a married man and has two little boys.

County Afflicted With Oversubscriptionitis

Ever since war activities started, Morrow county has come up to the scratch and a little better in every fund subscription campaign. Not only has it become a habit—it has reached a stage where it might be termed oversubscriptionitis.

Figures released this week by P. W. Mahoney, series 'E' bond chairman for the county, show that purchases of that denomination during the month of March reached the grand total of \$53,249. Sales between March 23 and 31, inclusive, were \$14,212. March quota \$22,000. Net result, 242 percent.

Officers Inducted At Elks' Ceremonial

Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E. inducted a new group of officers at the regular meeting Thursday evening, following which the members indulged in an oyster stew feed prepared by Burch Roberts, chef at Rummion's cafe.

Clyde Denney succeeds Earl Bryant who served as exalted ruler the past year. Other elective officers installed included Carlton Swanson, esteemed leading knight; James Valentine, esteemed loyal knight; Kenneth House, esteemed lecturing knight; Robert Grabill, secretary; L. E. Bisbee, treasurer; Terrell Bengé, tyler, and E. O. Ferguson, trustee.

Appointive officers include Lowell Ashbaugh, inner guard; J. J. Wightman, chaplain; Loyal Parker, esquire and Norbert Peavy, pianist.

Kenneth Oviatt, who was a visitor in town, gave a talk on the Alcan highway. Oviatt is with the Bureau of Public Roads and had a supply of first hand information relative to construction and operation of this great international thoroughfare which is expected to play a vital part in maintaining a supply line to our armed forces.

Youngsters Take TB Tests at The Dalles

Several Morrow county children and some adults, were given tuberculosis tests at The Dalles Wednesday. Headed by Mrs. Anne Thomas, county health nurse, several cars left for the city on the Columbia at an early hour.

Those listed from Heppner as making the trip were Mrs. Clara Gertsen and Mrs. Thomas who took Tom and Joseph Hughes, Glen McMurtry and Betty Lovgren; Mrs. Ralph Beamer and son Neil, and Mrs. Frank Gentry and son Dwain.

Several cars also went from other parts of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney were expected to return today from Portland where they went Monday on a business trip.

Greatest Campaign For Funds to Open Monday Morning

County's Quota on Per Capita Basis Set at \$494,100

Starting Monday, April 12, the greatest bond campaign in history will be launched to raise the government's second war loan of 13 billion dollars. It will be a campaign in which noses will be counted from the oldest to the youngest, for, based on the estimated population of the 130,000,000 people, the amount to be raised equals \$100 for every man woman and child in these United States.

Coming closer home, Morrow County's quota of this stupendous financing job is a mere \$494,000 granting that the population is 4,941. The state of Oregon is scheduled to subscribe \$100,000,000 between April 12 and May 1.

In the absence of P. W. Mahoney, war savings chairman, B. C. Pinckney, Victory fund chairman, announced Wednesday that the local campaign will start a little in advance of the state campaign. Pinckney stated that in order to assist those living outside of Heppner he has arranged to have someone at the First National bank of Portland, Heppner branch between 6:30 and 10 p. m. each Saturday evening throughout the campaign period, starting April 10, to take care of applications for all types of war savings bonds, and to issue series 'E' bonds. Those wishing to take advantage of this service may arrange to make their purchases on one of these three evenings, April 10, 17 or 24.

The chairman's object in this arrangement is to eliminate as much car usage as possible. People coming to town on Saturday evening may go to the bank and make arrangements for their bond purchases and by so doing may save a war fund committee man from making a drive. He pointed to the necessity of conserving gasoline and rubber and expressed the hope that Saturday shoppers living at a distance from Heppner will arrange their trips to town for a later hour on one of the three dates mentioned and take advantage of the bank's facilities for bond purchases. The bank will not be open for other banking business, it is stated, but trained clerks will be on hand to assist with the bond transactions.

Word comes from Palmer Hoyt state war savings staff chairman and E. C. Sammons, state chairman of the Victory fund committee, that every establishment in the state employing 25 or more persons will be asked to join in a purchase equipment campaign during April. The concern will be asked to select some piece of army or navy equipment such as a bomber, fighter, anti-aircraft gun, in fact, anything from a battleship down—and purchase enough bonds inside the organization to pay for it.

Special cooperation by the army and navy is providing a plaque on the larger pieces of equipment that credit the source of the group providing the funds.

Committeemen appointed by the joint war finance committee chairman to date include Charles B. Cox, Ralph Jackson, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, O. G. Crawford, J. Logie Richardson, George N. Peck, Judge Bert Johnson and John Krebs. Additional members will be appointed within a few days, Chairman Pinckney stated.

Rev. J. Fred Stilwell, Mrs. Stilwell and Mrs. Joel R. Benton plan to leave Wednesday morning for La Grande to attend the Eastern Oregon convention of Christian churches.