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LETTER WRITER'S EFFORTS REWARDED

Just when a teacher can find time to carry on correspondence with former pupils now in the armed forces is not quite plain to many of us, but Mrs. Lillian C. Turner can find the time and is doing a grand job of it. Many of her "boys" are at the front or in training and Mrs. Turner makes it a point to keep in touch with them. Her efforts are being rewarded as the following letter will testify. It is from Cpl. Asa H. Shaw and was written somewhere out there in the great Pacific ocean.

April 2, 1943

Dear Mrs. Turner:

Better late than never, I hope. I received your Christmas card and was very glad to get it. I am very ner, as he was such a swell person. sorry to hear about Kenneth War-I received a letter from Mr. George Peck and he said that Kenneth is in the navy and is over in this section of the country, but I haven't had a chance to see him yet. Elwynne is an air cadet in California going to pilot training school. I hope he makes it. Mother has only one son left at home now. Lee is in Arizona in the medical detachment, Vester is taking gunnery school training in Florida and Carl was just drafted and is in North Carolina now. I don't know what he is doing now. We have quite a few miles between us do we not?

Do I remember the parties we used to have when I was in your grade? I say I do. They are my most treasured memories now. I haven't run into any of the boys from Lexington, but sure would enjoy it if I did.

My company, headquarters and service company, had a luau on March 5th. Luau is the Hawaiian word for feast. It was real Hawaiian style. We had to eat with our fingers. We also had Hawaiian music during our meal which was very enjoyable. The luau was held at an old Hawaiian home called "The House in the Garden," which was a very beautiful place. In all it was a very good day well spent. I will close for this time and try to answer sooner next time.

"Aloha" with love,
Your pupil,
Asa

GOES TO MISSOURI

Pvt. Henry Aiken Jr. has been transferred to the medical detachment of the infantry and now is stationed at Camp Leonard Wood in Missouri, according to information received Wednesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken.

Pvt. Raymond K. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson of Heppner has been transferred from Fort Douglas to Camp Leonard Wood, Mo., where he is receiving training in the anti-tank division. That's the bunch of Uncle Sam's boys learning to man the big guns that are playing havoc with Adolf's big tanks. When he was at Ft. Douglas the weather was cold and Kay was hoping they would send him to Texas where he could get his bones thawed out. He doubtless will get the same results in Missouri when the summer weather strikes that region. He will get the doings at home through the Gazette Times.

WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME SNOW

I. Norman Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson of Lexington, writes he would like to see some snow. Word reached him recently of the snow in Portland the past winter and it made him homesick to see a bit of the beautiful white mantle. Norman is with the navy somewhere out in the Pacific and Continued on Page Eight

The Heppner of Old Is Recalled by Gazette's 60th Anniversary

Editor's Note—The Gazette Times this week received a communication from Garfield Crawford, Dallas Texas, covering some of the history of Heppner from the time the Heppner Gazette was established up to about the turn of the century. The article is too long for one issue and will be broken down to two installments, the first of which is given herewith. ("Doc" was the printshop name of ye ed for many years).

Dallas, Texas
April 5, 1943.

Dear Doc: I beat the old Gazette into this world by about 11 months. Both of us were lusty kids and both did a lot of bawling around the lot. Heppner, shortly after the burning of the Gazette, began to go places. Stage lines were developing rapidly. Merchants took on wholesaling and jobbing and the little burg had more hotels than most burgs twice its size. First of all was the City Hotel which covered most of a single block. The Palace, built of nice new red brick, towered three floors into the sky from the corner of Main and May and down on lower Main was the Sargent House, a rambling sort of a building packed nightly with freighters and shepherders.

Otis Patterson, teaching school up at Waitsburg, Wash., was attracted

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New Vicar Coming to Heppner Church

The congregation of All Saints church in Heppner is eagerly awaiting arrival of Rev. Neville Blunt and Mrs. Blunt, who are scheduled to leave their present home in High River, Alberta, Canada, immediately following Easter to "come across the line" and make their home here. Rev. Blunt will be the first resident minister the church has had in several years, although activities have been carried on by the Sunday school, the guild, the Young People's Fellowship and limited church services provided by the missionary offices of the diocese combined with occasional visits from Bishop Remington.

The High River Times, which by the way, is published by Charles Clark, brother of M. D. Clark of Heppner, has the following to say of Rev. and Mrs. Blunt.

"There are many expressions of regret from parishioners and other townspeople at the loss of these valued citizens. Mr. Blunt has given fine spiritual leadership and under his ministration St. Benedict's has had many fine contributions to make it an attractive and vital center of worship. He and his wife have been untiring in service for the church and general community good. During his residence in High River, Mr. Blunt also gave a number of broadcasts on religious themes, which were a real contribution to spiritual thought and aspiration."



REV. NEVILLE BLUNT

The new vicar for All Saints Episcopal church, scheduled to arrive here about May 1, has served the congregations of St. Benedict's and St. Aidan's in High River, Alberta, Canada, for six and one-half years. He is a veteran of World War I, as also is Mrs. Blunt who served as a nursing sister.

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Ring Lost in Mud Turns Up in Lawn

A few weeks back when mud was oozing down the hillside into streets and yards on the west side of town, little Steven Corwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Corwin, got mired down in the street in front of the family residence. Mrs. Corwin went to his rescue and after somewhat of a struggle succeeded in extricating both herself and the boy. In the struggle she lost her wedding ring. Now you gals who have possessed the little gold band commemorating the fatal step can readily appreciate what it means to lose it.

Time went on and eventually Marshal Bill Morgan removed the surplus soil from in front of the Corwin residence, placing some of it on the lawn at the rear of the First National bank building. Early this week Bill, who had raked and washed that dirt, saw a small shiny object a few feet away. The object was retrieved, cleaned off and behold! it was the missing ring.

His discovery caused tears to flow, tears of joy, and peace and contentment dwelleth in the House of Corwin once more.

IN TOWN WEDNESDAY

Butter Creekers in town on business Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Instone and Walter and Charles Luckman.

WEHMEYERS GET FIRST PEEP AT GRANDDAUGHTER

With the arrival this week of Mrs. Stephen Wehmeyer from Fort Knox, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wehmeyer of Heppner got their first glimpse of their granddaughter, Stephanie Ann.

Mrs. Wehmeyer and baby made the drive from Fort Knox to Heppner alone, stopping off at Denver to see Tech. Sgt. Stephen who recently transferred from Ft. Knox to Lowery Field for further training with the air corps.

After a week here, Mrs. Wehmeyer will drive to Puyallup Wash. to visit her parents. They too are awaiting the first glimpse of their grandchild.

LIMB WOOD AVAILABLE IF YOU CAN HAUL YOUR OWN

Much limb wood should be available on Shaw creek if local residents who have time to gather the material and facilities for hauling are interested in obtaining next winter's fuel supply, local forest officials state. Free use can be granted where it will be used by the party securing the permit.

There is one factor in the offer which should be taken into account, namely that material should be gathered before hot weather sets in for slash areas, due to fire hazards will be closed to entry except under a strict permit system.

Wild Horses of Wall Creek Area In Last Round Up

Straggling survivors of a once proud herd of wild horses are being rounded up in the Wall creek area of the John Day watershed, according to information reaching Heppner this week. About 50 head of the fuzztails have been accounted for by William Elder and two assistants, who report that the animals are in a miserable condition and that an estimated one-third of the band already had died of starvation the past winter.

This is the first big round up of wild horses since 1927, when over 1,000 head were gathered and sold for fox feed. Relph Reade of Spray headed one round up and removed approximately 700 head.

These horses have roamed the broken rims of the John Day river since pioneer days their living becoming more and more precarious with the passing years. The remnants are an inbred rabbit bunch of horse flesh but when in good condition they are as fleet and sure wild and elusive to round up as footed as mountain sheep and as a bunch of mule deer. This spring has been the most favorable chance in the past 15 years for a round up as there was almost six months of winter in the area they inhabit, leaving those remaining alive in an emaciated condition.

Injured Youth Given First Aid by Pal

When Kenneth Schunk accidentally injured Donald Gilliam on the high school grounds Monday morning he did not run for help. He put into practice first aid assistance taught in Boy Scout lore and prevented what might have been a serious loss of blood.

Schunk hurled a bamboo crossbar in one general direction, but the improvised javelin curved in young Gilliam's direction, striking him on the scalp and opening an artery. Schunk placed his fingers on either side of the wound, checking the flow of blood until other aid came.

HOME ON VISIT

Girls, have you seen that handsome guy in the natty blue uniform of Uncle Sam's nahvee ducking in and out of business houses the past day or two? You could have fooled us but we thought there was a strong resemblance between him and the man who served this county as sheriff for many years. Yes, indeed, it is the same fellow, but durned if he doesn't look at least 10 years younger and several of us oldsters are contemplating joining the navy. Well, anyway, he's the same C. J. D. Bauman and still rarin' to take a poke at the Japs—which he's likely to get a chance at doing ere long. He's leaving Sunday for Seattle to take up the second phase of training having wound up the first course at Camp Farragut the past week.

HOME ON VISIT

Pvt. James McNamee arrived in Heppner Sunday afternoon, coming from Camp Hood Tex. in response to a message that his father, Dennis McNamee was seriously ill. James is in a tank destroyer battalion. He experienced some difficulty in getting transportation from Pendleton to Heppner. Catching a ride from Pendleton to Pilot Rock, he walked from there to Lena before picking up another ride which brought him to Heppner.

A STRENUOUS JOB

Life for the average storekeeper is no bed of roses these days, according to Bert Mason, veteran lone merchant, who was in Heppner Tuesday. The merchant could endure all the red tape procedure better if he could get more goods to sell, thinks Bert.

Bond Drive to Be Given Boost Saturday P. M.

Street Program to Be Featured by War Bond Group

With one week of the second war loan bond drive well under way directors of the campaign in Morrow county are laying plans for an intensified effort during the remainder of the period. Sales up to date have been quite satisfactory and as yet there is no apprehension regarding Morrow county's ability to do its share, the main anxiety being that response may be slow and the campaign not completed within the specified time.

To put a little pep into the drive Directors P. W. Mahoney and B. C. Pinckney are arranging a street program to start at 7:15 p. m. Saturday. An effort is being made to have the high school band play a 15-minute concert, followed with talks by Supt. George Corwin and Mayor J. O. Turner. Corwin has been asked to discuss the bond program and Turner will tell what it means to Morrow county boys "over there" to have the home folks stand by them.

The local war loan committee is a bit confused regarding the quota for Morrow county. Just after the Gazette Times had gone to press last Thursday a telegram was received stating that the amount, \$494,100, contained in the publicity forwarded to this newspaper from state headquarters, was erroneous. There was no explanation and none has been received since leaving the committee in the dark as to whether the figure is more or less than the quota. An effort is being made to establish the county's status.

The First National bank will be open until 9 p. m. for bond sales only, according to Manager B. C. Pickney.

"KICK-OFF" DINNER SLATED

With abject apology, the Gazette Times is forced to omit complete coverage of Boy Scout doings this week. Lack of space forbids even a reasonable coverage of the forthcoming Educational Finance campaign slated to get under way at a "kick-off" dinner at the Lucas Place this evening, or the Court of Honor held at the Christian church Wednesday evening. Copy of both events has been prepared and as much of it as will be fitting to use will appear in the issue of April 22.

ENGLISH TEACHER HIRED

Supt. George Corwin returned Wednesday evening from a trip to Portland and Newberg in quest of an English teacher. He announces that Miss Ellenita Mardock, graduate of Pacific college at Newberg has been hired. It will be her first teaching job and in addition to her English work she will coach drama and take care of the library.

DISPOSING OF WOOL

Numerous Morrow county growers are disposing of their 1943 wool clips, according to W. L. Blakely, local representative of J. B. Stanfield, Inc. of Portland. Better grades are bringing around 40 cents a pound, Blakely states.

STREAMS MUDDY

Fishing season likely will not get off to an auspicious start in this section, due to high water in most of the streams. However, fishermen are preparing their equipment in anticipation of doing a little casting just to get the feel of it.

IN THE DALLES

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken drove to The Dalles Wednesday where Mrs. Aiken will submit to medical examination and observation for a few days.