



# Heppner Gazette Times



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## Our Men In Service

Mrs. Chester Brown recently received an Eskimo Indian basket, a gift from her husband, Chief Chester Brown of the CB's. From her son, Capt. Chet Christenson, she received several strings of beads, the product of South Sea islanders. Both gifts bear similarity to basket and bead work done by the native American Indians, Mrs. Brown states.

Five bright star flags adorn the window in the front of Mrs. Brown's residence and a sixth would be there now if Mrs. Brown's 16-year-old son could have his way. He is looking forward to attaining the ripe old age of 17 within a few months and then he will be ready to show the older members of the family that the kid brother has grown up.

### PROMOTED TO LT.-COL.

Mrs. E. O. Schroeder has been advised that her husband recently received a promotion to the rank of Lt.-Colonel. He formerly held the rank of sergeant in the air corps. He has been in Africa for nearly a year. Mrs. Schroeder and little daughter are making their home with Mrs. Schroeder's mother, Mrs. Frank Rumble.

### GETS SERGEANT RATING

Elbert M. Gibson, Jr., son of E. M. Gibson and nephew of Mrs. Frank Rumble of Heppner, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is in training at Camp McCoy.

### ALASKA VETERAN HERE

Harry Van Horn of the Red and White grocery enjoyed a brief visit from his brother, Gerald, over the week-end. Gerald was enroute from Alaska where he spent the past two years with an anti-aircraft unit to Ft. Davis, N. C. to attend officers' school. During his service in Alaska he had charge of four anti-aircraft guns.

## Pomona Grange to See Motion Pictures

Motion pictures and a discussion of Bonneville power will be presented to the members of Morrow County Pomona grange at the Rhea creek grange hall Saturday, May 1, by Carl D. Thompson, of the Bonneville power administration.

The lecturer's program will begin at 3:00 p. m. and is open to the public. It will include discussions of current agricultural topics and also a demonstration presented by the Morrow county 4-H Baby Beef club.

### NOTES BIG CHANGE IN VERY SHORT DISTANCE

Thirteen miles isn't much of a distance as the crow flies, or by automotive travel, yet climatic differences are noticeably apparent, according to Ralph Jackson of Lexington.

Jackson noted the contrast Sunday when he visited his sheep camp and saw rye in the bloom in the field of Ernest Gerard. The grain had been in blossom since April 21. Later in the day Jackson was on upper Blackhorse, about 13 miles distant from the Gerard place, and spring seeding was in progress in that area. It wasn't "one for Ripley" perhaps, but Jackson said he couldn't help being impressed with the climatic difference in such a short distance.

### ATTENDS FATHER'S FUNERAL

Miss Lela Peterson was called to western Oregon Saturday by the death of her father. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Springfield and Miss Peterson is spending the week with her family, expecting to resume her teaching here next Monday.

## Rural Fire Control Program Set Up For 1943 Season

### Fire Wardens Make Plans at Meeting In Agent's Office

Morrow county's program for preventing and controlling rural fires will follow about the same plan as used in 1942 as a result of a meeting of farm fire wardens in the county agent's office last night.

Emphasis this year is being placed on prevention of fires, the elimination of all fire hazards and the prevention of fire fighting equipment as it is quite evident that the supply of manpower for fire fighting this year will be smaller than last.

It was agreed by the wardens present that one of the most important jobs that can be completed now is that of repairing rural telephone lines so that calls for help can be put through without delay.

The job of determining the exact location of all fires, the amount of help and type of equipment needed, and placing calls for help will continue to be the responsibility of the wardens and all reports of farm and rural fires should be made to the warden in that district.

Each individual in the county can help very materially in the prevention of rural fires by the elimination of fire hazards, such as rubbish piles, grass and weed patches, and by the repairing of chimneys and flues in the home, and it is recommended that every farm family make a complete check of their home and farm buildings to see that every possible fire hazard is removed as it is practically impossible to obtain materials for rebuilding houses if they should be burned this year.

Reports were given at the meeting last night of a few individuals the past year who showed little or no inclination toward the prevention or control of farm fires and while these individuals may not be paid agents of the Nazis, they are working hand in hand with them.

The farmers of Morrow county are in an all-out production program the same as the farmers are in all other parts of the United States and there is no percentage in producing something and then because of negligence or lack of interest allowing it to be destroyed by fire, it was pointed out.

Excellent cooperation was obtained from practically everyone in the fire control program last year and it is expected that everyone, recognizing the seriousness of rural fires, the shortage of manpower and the need of early preparation, will give the fullest cooperation this year.

A complete explanation of the fire control program as decided upon for the county this year will be prepared and sent to every farm family by the county agent's office before the fire season.

### GOING TO ROCHESTER FOR MEDICAL ADVICE

Mrs. James Valentine will leave tomorrow for Rochester, Minn., to undergo medical examination and treatment at the Mayo clinic. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Edna Turner. Mr. Valentine will take them to Spokane where they will board an airplane for Rochester.

Mrs. Verle Frederickson will take Mrs. Turner's place in the Lexington school. Mr. and Mrs. Valentine's children will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ladusiare to their home in Eugene to stay until their mother is able to return home and care for them.

## Bond Drive to Wind Up Saturday Evening

With the outcome still clouded with doubt, the campaign to sell 350,000 in war bonds in Morrow county will come to a close Saturday evening. Reports the first of the week indicated that the second war loan committee would have to do considerable missionary work to bring the campaign to a successful close, although the co-chairmen of the drive, B. C. Pinckney and P. W. Mahoney, expressed the opinion that Morrow county will come up to the mark on the final showdown.

It was reported that several large purchases would be made during the week and while no report has been released on this score, it is known that smaller bond purchases have been quite active. On the other hand, an advertisement in this issue of the Gazette Times will

throw some light upon the situation as the co-chairmen view it and if there are any who have delayed investing they should consult some member of the finance committee at once.

With approximately \$50,000 to go the first of the week, the war finance committee was advised by the chairmen to contact every individual who appeared to be a prospect as this sum must be raised from sources other than financial institutions, consequently it is up to Mr. John Citizen. Remember, you are not limited on the amount of money you can invest in war bonds and there is a wide variety of issues to choose from. Make your selection today and don't let another day pass without "buying another bomb for Tokyo."

## Old Family Auto Makes Good Tractor For Buck Rake

For several weeks a piece of haying machinery sat on the vacant lot between the Skuzeski building and the Standard Oil station. It bore the inscription, "Made by the McClintock Machine Shop for Wightman Bros."

Motive power for the machine is the chassis of a Buick master six passenger car which served as the mode of transportation for the Wightman family for a number of years. The buckrake is fastened on the rear of the truck so that the driver has to propel the machine backwards. All body with the exception of the engine hood has been removed, a new steering post put in, and lever controls are operated much the same as on a regular tractor.

The motorized buck rake is expected to replace several hay hands and will be a valuable contribution to the manpower shortage on the extensive haying lands of the Alfalfa Lawn dairy. There is no shocking to do. The buck rake starts at the end of a windrow and bunches the hay up until the motor is almost stalled, then the rig moves around to the side of the pile and scooping it up heads for the haystack. The whole operation is done in jig time, making it possible for a small crew of men to cover a lot of territory in one day.

Tress McClintock was tuning the motor up Tuesday morning and from the looks of things it will turn in a good season's work.

### WILLIAM HENRY TEMPLETON

Funeral services for William Templeton, 76, were held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 2 p. m. Wednesday, April 28, Martin B. Clark officiating. Mr. Templeton succumbed to injuries sustained when struck by a truck as he was walking along the highway at Spray last week-end, death coming to him in Heppner Sunday.

William Henry Templeton was born in Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 16, 1867. He went to Missouri when a small boy, living there until attaining young manhood. He then came to eastern Oregon where he resided the remainder of his life. He was a highly respected citizen and was affectionately known as "Uncle Bill", to a wide circle of friends. A sister, Mrs. Ada Cason of Heppner, and a large number of nieces and nephews survive him.

### IN TOWN MONDAY

Julian Rauch was transacting business in Heppner Monday from his ranch in the north Lexington area.

## OPA Orders Freeze On Food, Beverage Prices in Cafes

Restaurant food and beverage prices were ordered frozen Monday in the three Pacific coast states.

According to the Morning Oregonian of April 27, effective May 1, the maximum price of food and beverages sold for immediate consumption in the three states, Oregon, Washington and California, will be frozen at the highest charges of the seven-day period from April 4 to 10, 1943, Frank E. Marsh, newly appointed regional administrator of the OPA for the west coast announced. Food and drink may be sold at lower than ceiling prices, the order pointed out.

The price regulation covers all owners or operators of restaurants, hotels, cafes, dining cars, delicatessens, soda fountains, boarding houses or any other eating or drinking places, the OPA order stated. One boarder is sufficient to rate a place as a boarding house and the proprietor must comply, it is pointed out by the local price panel.

The regulation also provides that deterioration of quality or the reduction of quantity must be accompanied by appropriate price reductions. Further, owners cannot increase any cover, minimum, bread and butter, service, entertainment, check-room, parking or other special charge not in effect during the base period, the order states.

Beginning May 15, each menu must have written or attached to it a statement that all prices listed are ceilings unless otherwise indicated, in which case they are below the maximum ceiling price. Any establishment opened after the seven-day base period must have ceiling prices fixed in line with ceilings of the nearest eating or drinking place of the same type, the order points out.

### MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET SCHEDULED

Monday, May 10, is the date selected by the Heppner unit of Business and Professional Women, for the mother-daughter banquet according to Miss Florence Bergstrom, president of the local club.

The dinner will be served at 6:45 p. m. in the dining room of the Heppner Church of Christ. Tickets have been limited to 100 and will be on sale at Humphreys Drug-store next week.

### IS ILL THIS WEEK

Mrs. Cora Crawford has been quite ill this week and has been moved upstairs to the apartment of her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson.

## "Million Dollar" Rain Falls Over Most of County

### Recent Showers Lend Assurance of Another Big Crop

There may be pessimists among the farmers but none of them have been in town this week so far as the newsgathering force of this newspaper has been able to ascertain. Truth of the matter is, none but optimists have been seen and they have held little in reserve relative to crop prospects for 1943.

This optimism has been strengthened by weather conditions of the last few days and it is the belief of many grain growers that there is enough moisture in the ground at the present time to practically assure a crop regardless of precipitation in coming weeks.

A "million dollar rain" fell over most of the county the first of the week. This has boosted fall sown crops already showing good stands and is giving spring crops a good start. "Conditions are excellent for another big grain crop and Morrow county's trial crop of peas should be a success," stated H. S. Duval, in town Wednesday. The peas are showing a good stand and growing rapidly, according to Duval and others who are participating in the approximately 3,000 acres asked for by the food production division.

Another indication of an expected big yield is seen in preparations under way by the Commodity Credit corporation and the warehouse and elevator operators along the Heppner branch. The CCC is erecting numerous granaries at all shipping points, while warehouse facilities at Ione and Heppner are being expanded. The Interior Warehouse company is rebuilding and extending part of the warehouse at Heppner to handle approximately 30,000 additional bushels of grain.

At Lexington it looks like the main part of town is located along the railroad track with literally colonies of granaries dotting the landscape in and around the elevators and warehouses.

## Equipment Ready For Farmers' Use

Farmers in the Heppner Soil Conservation district who have district farm plans or have applied for such plans may now obtain certain types of heavy and light equipment for use on the farms if it is needed. A kilifer rotary scraper, an Austin power grader, a six-foot disc tiller and two drills with grass seeding attachments are now stationed at Heppner and ready for use. A Caterpillar tractor with a bulldozer and also a large International scraper will be available soon. In addition to this equipment, supplies of dry land grasses are available for demonstration seedings and for seeding on a larger scale for seed production purposes.

The supervisors of the district at their regular meeting in the county agent's office last Friday night discussed the need for bringing a large caterpillar and bulldozer to the district and it was agreed that there was sufficient work to keep such equipment busy most of the summer.

Applications for the use of all equipment should be made either with Tom Wilson, the district farm planner, or the county agent as it is necessary to schedule the equipment to obtain the most use from it.

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