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## Our Men In Service

### VISITING PARENTS

Pharmacist's Mate 2-c Scott Mc Murdo arrived in Heppner Tuesday evening for a short visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo. Scott is based with the navy hospital at San Diego. He was accompanied by a friend, John Farnsworth, of San Diego.

### FINISHES PRIMARY TRAINING

Aviation Cadet Rhea Norton King recently graduated from the primary flight training school at Thunderbird, Ariz., and now is taking advanced training at Marona Field, Tucson, Ariz.

### WE FOLLOWED COPY

Does anyone hereabout know Darrel F. Bailey.

One of those "slips that pass in the night" got into this column last week and it wasn't the fault of the editor, the compositor, or the proof reader. All were innocent. The fault lay with the writer of the letter who signed his name Darrel F. Dailey. His mother, Mrs. N. D. Bailey, came in to straighten us out about her son's name and was surprised to see that he had made the error. Not having known Darrel, the G-T force took it for granted that the D belonged there instead of a B. Guess that strenuous training the boys are getting is making some of them forget their names.

### GOES TO FRONT

Welcome McAlister has written his father, Ray McAlister of Heppner, that he has left the mainland and is now at the front in an undisclosed area.

### WITNESSED TORNADO

Sgt. Don Turner has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, that he witnessed a tornado recently, something that is only less terrifying to watch from a safe distance than to be in. However, some 200 members of the cavalry replacement center at Fort Riley were injured in the storm which damaged or destroyed 41 frame buildings valued at \$175,000. Mess halls were lifted in the air and dumped yards away, according to the Topeka Daily Capital, a clipping of which Don sent, leaving tables and kitchen equipment still standing upright and undamaged. Rifles, bunks, barracks, clothes and foot lockers were scattered over a wide area, the Capital stated.

### HOME ON VISIT

Kenneth Hoyt is spending a week at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall, coming from Camp Farragut where he recently completed his primary training. He will return to Camp Farragut Saturday and await orders for sea duty.

### MUST PRESENT CERTIFICATE

Holders of C ration books who wish to make application for tires should bear in mind that application must be accompanied by the latest tire inspection certificate, according to information from the ration board.

The board has no alternative in the matter and applications will not be honored unless the certificates are presented with the applications, it is stated. The board also wishes to impress upon motorists the necessity of reading all instructions contained in their ration books to prevent further neglect in conforming to requirements stated therein.

### STORES REMAIN CLOSED

In observance of Memorial day, which falls on Sunday, Heppner stores will remain closed over Monday, May 31. This makes a double holiday, or at least a brief pause in these busy, hectic days of Pacific-Win-the-War time.

## Local Control of Farm Labor to Be Enlarged

### County Agent and Farm Labor Group Given More Power

More local direction and control of the farm labor program than has ever existed before will be possible under the new farm labor program which has just been organized under the terms of the new congressional act and which places primary responsibility for the program in the hands of the Cooperative Extension service.

Aside from that, the conduct of the Oregon farm labor program for 1943 will continue much as last year with close cooperation between the U. S. Employment service and the O. S. C. Extension service, according to W. A. Schoenfeld, director of extension. Details of both county and state operation of the different meetings attended by the extension staffs of all the counties.

A provision of the new law which permitted the extension service to contract with other agencies resulted in an agreement between the extension department and the U. S. employment service in Oregon by which the latter will continue its offices and activities in farm labor recruitment and placement through out the season.

Greater local control will come through the specific powers given the county agents in controlling the movement of farm labor and in increased responsibilities placed up on the county farm labor committee.

## Now, Mr. Ripley, You Tell One . . .

Hunters who are worried over the dreary prospect of an ammunitionless season should take heart. Their problem has been solved—providing they have fishing tackle.

We might state that Morrow county has done it again," for Lee Sprinkel, better known as "Sprink" to his fellow townsmen, claims credit for solving this troublesome problem. "Sprink" reports the following experience which he challenges Ripley to match or better:

While out fishing one day last week, Sprinkel came to one of those spots which fish delight to call home but which give anglers no small amount of worry—an overhanging bank covered with willows. He took a stance on the opposite bank, gave his line a vigorous cast and succeeded in cutting in under the willows. Almost before he regained normal poise there was a tremendous tug at the line and out flew—not a flying fish,—but a duck.

It seemed that the force of the cast had caused the line to encircle the duck's neck a couple of times and the hook was imbedded in the breast firmly enough that it was not shaken loose by the bird's frantic actions. "Sprink" removed the hook and set the duck loose but it still at a loss to know which was the more surprised—duck or fisherman.

### OILING CREW ARRIVES

Mayor J. O. Turner has been notified that an oiling crew of the state highway department is en route to Heppner and will start work immediately putting a coat of oil on Gale street.

### RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

Rev. S. D. Spiesz returned Tuesday from Portland where he spent the past week with Mrs. Spiesz, who is recovering from an operation and is expected to be released from the hospital in another week.

## \$100 Bond Winner in Contest



Philip Cohn, 17, Heppner high school senior, receives from R. J. Jones, Oregonian advertising manager, a \$100 war bond presented by the Elks lodges of Oregon for the best letter on production of war foods. Additional prizes of \$25 war bonds provided by the Elks went to county winners in the contest sponsored by the county war boards and the soil conservation service. Lew Wallace, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, was chairman of the Elks' committee.

—Courtesy of Morning Oregonian

## Morrow County Youth Tops State in Elks' Letter Writing Event

Morrow county scored another statewide contest victory the past week when Phillip Cohn, Heppner high school senior, was presented a \$100 war bond and the key to the city of Portland for turning in the best letter to Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard in the recent "food-for-freedom" letter writing contest sponsored by the Oregon State Elks association. Phillip visited Portland late last week where he was shown almost as much consideration as a government notable or a Hollywood movie star.

Returning home he was the featured speaker at the luncheon forum Monday where he related his experiences, one of which was reading his letter over the radio. For this event he had to undergo some studio technique training, but it was a fine experience and he enjoyed it. He was piloted about the city, visited the ship yards, and had only to make his desires known.

Phillip's letter, which we are privileged to publish, was selected by the state war board as the best written of more than 10,000 submitted by students in 90 Oregon high schools.

Heppner, Oregon,  
April 19, 1943

Hon. Claude R. Wickard:  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A nation at war faces an immediate crisis unless a feasible scheme of increased production is devised. With the farmer rests the problem of raising farm output to a level that will supply the demand of this nation and her dependent allies.

My home is in eastern Oregon, where the raising of wheat and livestock is predominant. Upwards

of a quarter of a million feeder lambs are shipped from that district to points in Idaho, Washington and the Mid-west.

Each year a small percentage of these feeder lambs are refused because of immature size and age. In the past these lambs have been left to stunt and waste. The lambs can, never-the-less, when they receive proper care, attain normal growth.

This year when the need arose to increase our meat supply, I purchased 800 "outback" feeder lambs to put on pasture, where, with the proper care, they attained normal growth. I then put them in a shed, where they were kept 140 days until completely fattened. Shortly after the lambs were put in the shed, they were sheared. The shearing served three purposes: to rid the sheep from the parasite tick which retards growth, to hasten gain and cheapen feeding cost, and to provide important wool skins requested by the government for the making of army and navy men's flying suits. Fifteen million of these formerly useless skins have been requested by the government this year.

I started "finishing" the lambs on one fourth pound of wheat and barley and one pound of chopped alfalfa hay. Within thirty days I was feeding one pound of barley, one and one-half pounds of wheat, and only one-half pound of chopped alfalfa hay. In many feed lots these grains are ground up, but since a lamb's digestive tract utilizes all feeds and passes off little waste, the additional cost of grinding is dispensed with. Wheat carried heavy emphasis, as it has been proved the superior grain for fattening lambs. I used linseed meal and

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## County Schools Draw to Close This Week End

### Heppner Last of Group to Present Coveted Diplomas

Summer vacation has already started for most of the schools in the county and with commencement exercises at Ione and Boardman this evening and at Heppner high school Friday evening the year's educational work in Morrow county will draw to a close.

Commencement exercises for the eight high school seniors and 10 eighth grade pupils were held at Lexington Wednesday evening. Dr. Levi T. Pennington of Pacific college, Newberg, delivered the commencement address. Supt. T. R. Burton made the senior class awards and Harry Dinges, school board chairman, presented the diplomas. Mrs. Lilian Turner presented the eighth grade class and Adolph Majeski presented the diplomas.

In Ione this evening music will be in charge of Selmer Severson; salutatory, Eulenna Seehafer; vocal solo Mrs. T. E. Peterson; presentation of eighth grade diplomas, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers; valedictory, Ernest McCabe; awards and announcements, Supt. Gene Inskeep; commencement address, Dr. Levi T. Pennington; award of diplomas, Walter Dobyms; recessional, Selmer Severson. Fourteen eighth grade diplomas will be awarded.

At Boardman tonight seven seniors and nine eighth graders will receive diplomas. The Irrigon school closed Friday, 11 eighth grade diplomas were awarded.

At Pine City, school closed May 14 with three eighth grade diplomas awarded; Hardman had two eighth grade graduates, and Twin Pines one.

Exercises for 26 eighth grad graduates were held at the auditorium Wednesday evening. Martin B. Clark delivered the address and Mrs. Lucy Rodgers presented the diplomas.

Graduation exercises for the Class of 1943 of Heppner high school will be held at the auditorium Friday evening. Dr. Pennington will be the speaker and music will be in charge of Norbert Peavy. James Kenny will sing "Life's Glorious Day," and "Pale Moon" will be the offering of a girls' trio, Patty O'Harra, Jean Turner and Dorothy Wilson; invocation by Archdeacon Neville Blunt; presentation of Norton Winnard cup, James Burgess; presentation of plaque, Lyle Swenson; presentation of class, Supt. George A. Corwin, and presentation of diplomas, C. N. Jones, chairman of the board.

## Lexington School Exceeds Bond Quota

When school opened last fall at Lexington, faculty and students set a goal of \$5,000 for the purchase of war bonds and stamps during the ensuing nine-month period. This week, just before close of the term, Supt. T. R. Burton informed the Gazette Times that the quota was overbought, with a total of \$5,194.80 going into the government securities.

Mrs. Edna Turner's primary room led the school with \$1,886.20, causing Supt. Burton to recall the quotation, "And a little child shall lead them." Next in line was the seventh and eighth grade room where total purchases reached \$1,646.70 the third and fourth grade room bought \$1,146.70.

Marcella Jackson handled all sales with much credit to herself and to the school, Burton said.

During the "jeep" contest the school bought two, or a total of \$1,800.