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Our Men In Service

LIKES THINGS AS THEY ARE

From North Africa comes a letter from Sgt. Joe Aiken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken of Heppner, which is worthy of publication. Joe enclosed a poem written by an American sergeant for the army's paper, "Stars and Stripes" which will be reprinted in this column at a later date.

June 8

Dear Mr. Crawford:

I am writing to let you know that I have been receiving your paper for some time and that each issue that I do receive is read and re-read. I feel as most people of Heppner, like the man who has been writing those articles on how Heppner grew, and that is that your paper is one of the traditions of our city that will never die.

When I do read your paper there are certain things that I see between the lines such as: Ad Moore riding up the street on his horse, Ham Foster and Johnnie Brady walking up the sidewalk and Mike Roberts and his bird dog. The thing that I have been trying to say is this, Heppner has stayed up with the best of them as far as new industries and the likes of that go, but the things that made Heppner what it is are still there. That is the way we all like it. I wouldn't have it changed for anything in the world.

In the paper we have over here, maybe you have heard of it, it is called the Stars and Stripes. Well, in it there is a poem written by an American sergeant. It like it very much so I am passing it on, with the hope that you will like it too.

HOPES TO TOUR EUROPE

Cpl. Alva A. Reaney, Lexington man with the armed forces, writes from Africa to Mrs. Lillian Turner, his former teacher, that he has seen a lot of country since leaving home—almost every state in the Union and a generous slice of Africa. "It's an odd country but fun to travel and see it. Before long I hope to see Europe and the very heart of Berlin, which of course is our mark. The world news looks pretty good so maybe this terrible mess will come to a head soon. It's a pity so many have to lose their lives for such foolishness though, for in the end I can't see what either side has gained but a lot of unhappiness, sorrow, and heaven knows we will be taxed the rest of our lives for it. Such is life, though, so we'll just have to make the best of it."

GOING TO FARRAGUT

Howard Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Gilliam, left at noon today for Pendleton to take the train for Farragut, Ida., to enter training in the navy.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN RATIONED ARTICLES DUE

Information passed out by the local rationing office is to the effect that applications for ration book 3 filled out between June 1 and June 10 but not mailed may be left at the ration board office now. Anyone not having filled in an application may stop at the ration office and do so.

Application blanks for book A are available at all service stations in the county and may be obtained there or at the rationing office. These blanks must be filled in and accompanied by your tire inspection record up to date and back of basic A signed by owner. Tire inspections of holders of B and C books must be since the first of April.

All T books expired at midnight June 30. Certificates of war necessity must be presented at the ration board for renewal. All tires must have had an inspection after the first of April.

Consolidation of Two Districts to Be Decided by Voters

Gooseberry Folks Seek to Join Up With Lone School

An election date has been set by the district boundary board to determine whether or not school district No. 36, Gooseberry, shall consolidate with district No. 35, Lone. Meetings will be held at the school house in each district at 8 p. m. July 16.

District No. 35, already the largest district in the county from the standpoint of area, will embrace practically all of the west end of the county, the territory being broken on the south side by the Hardman district, second in size, if the election favors consolidation. It will cover approximately 72 square miles and involve the longest school bus route in the county, it is stated.

According to Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent, there is a possibility that the Rood canyon school will reopen this fall. A shift in families has put some children in the district and parents are seeking reopening of the school. At Hardman, the high school will not open in the fall and students may be transported to Heppner. Hardman grade school will operate as usual, Mrs. Rodgers states.

Up to date, the Gooseberry district is the only one presenting a petition for consolidation, although it is expected the Rood canyon petition will be prepared shortly and placed before the district boundary board for consideration.

A glance at the school map reveals that the Boardman and Irrigon districts have been shortened materially by the inroads of government activities. The bombing field took off everything from the Boardman district right up to the project and the munitions dump did about the same thing to the Irrigon district. From a financial standpoint neither district has suffered more than a minor loss.

Young Matron Dies Enroute to Hospital

Funeral services for Mrs. Marcellus Van Schoiack, 27, will be held at 2:30 p. m. Friday in Arlington, according to announcement by Phelps Funeral home. Chapel services will be held at the Phelps home at 7 p. m. Friday, with interment in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Van Schoiack's death occurred as she was enroute to The Dalles Tuesday to enter a hospital. She is survived by the husband, and a daughter, Wilma Louise aged 11 months, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Green of Eight Mile, and four brothers and two sisters. The Van Schoiacks had made their home at Arlington for some time.

Laundry Slightly Damaged by Fire

Heppner's fire department was called at 10 a. m. Wednesday to suppress a blaze originating in the boiler room of the Heppner Steam to the interior and the fire spread laundry. Slight damage was done to the sawdust pile just outside the boiler room before being quenched.

A second alarm was sounded this morning when a grass fire at the home of Mrs. Marie Clary got out of control.

LEAVING FOR PORTLAND

Mrs. W. O. Dix and granddaughter, JoJean, will leave Friday morning for Portland to spend a couple of weeks. Mrs. Dix expects to have her eyes treated and JoJean will accompany her mother to Fort Lewis for her vacation.



THE 4th OF JULY

Stands For Freedom!

—And America Fights for Freedom. She launches the biggest fleet ever built—flies the most powerful planes ever built—and produces exactly twice the amount of steel as the Axis, enabling her to build and release one tank every ten minutes, day or night! Hand in hand, Armed Forces, war workers, farmers and "just plain bond-buying civilians" are forming the alliance that shall not be broken! The Fourth of July still stands for Freedom—as it always has—as it always shall.

Hospital Fund Chairman Announces Money And Other Contributions Coming Along

Hats off this week to Rhea Creek grange and thanks for their generous contribution toward the fund to furnish a sunroom for a ward at the McCaw army hospital in Walla Walla, states Mrs. R. I. Thompson, Morrow county chairman of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council. The hospital has 1500 beds and almost all of them are filled with patients, many of whom came back from the Aleutian campaign.

Mrs. Thompson also passed the orchids to Mrs. Owen Leathers and the town of Hardman for a generous gift toward the sunroom, commenting that Hardman always does its share and a little more.

Generous gifts from the Elks lodge and the luncheon club helped swell the fund which is rapidly nearing the quota. These gifts combined with 20 pillows asked for wheels chairs and to prop boys up in bed have been a big lift.

Wishing to clear up an impression which has gained a foothold here in recent weeks, Mrs. Thompson

stated that the council is not trying to boost the city of Walla Walla. Councils are organized in groups all through the western states and are formed by the head office of the American Red Cross in San Francisco. Morrow county is but one of 10 counties in the Blue Mountain council, the other nine having completed their job of furnishing 50 rooms in this hospital and at other camps and bases.

Acting under orders from the council president, the local group is working to furnish the recreational room at Camp Heppner. This is not a whim of local women, it is stated, but is directed by the field director acting in cooperation with army officers. Since most of the unused furniture of the community was sent to Boardman last winter, the committee is offering to buy such articles as are available. Anyone having furniture for sale is asked to contact Mrs. B. C. Pinckney.

BACK FROM EUGENE

Mrs. G. A. Sanders returned Friday from Eugene where she was called to attend the funeral of her father. Paul Sanders, her son, accompanied her to Eugene, going on to California to visit his wife.

CALLED TO SERVICE

Relatives in Heppner have received word that John Turner has been notified to report for induction with the July contingent. John is local distributor for one of the major oil companies in Baker.

Peace and Quiet To Reign Heppner On National Day

Rodeos in Nearby Towns Make Bid For Fun Seekers

All indications point to a quiet time around Heppner over the week-end, what with no program for observing the national holiday and a natural inclination of many to make it a quiet, safe and sane Fourth of July.

With fishing streams in their prime at this moment it is likely that numerous parties will hie themselves to the forested areas and indulge in their favorite pastime. This may depend somewhat upon the state of their A book but fishermen generally take such things into consideration at the right time. As far as can be seen at the moment, the mountain retreats offer the best opportunity for recreation on an unorganized basis.

As far as Heppner is concerned, most of the business houses will be closed Monday. This will give proprietors and employes an opportunity to take a double holiday and some rest—if they can get it. Eating houses will try to take one of the days off and are trying to reach an understanding so that the town will not be left without a restaurant. O'Donnell's Cafe has definitely announced a three-day closing—Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

One diversion is offered for Sunday, the Fourth, in the Sunday school picnic to be staged by the Valby Lutheran church at the Harry French place. Friends of the church and Sunday school have been extended an invitation to participate. It will be an old fashioned basket lunch affair and those privileged to attend will have an enjoyable day.

Condon and Stanfield are out with advertising announcing rodeos on the Fourth. These shows will attract a goodly number of Morrow county folk who find enjoyment in the reenactment of the wild west days.

For those who swim, the Heppner pool is now in operation and may be open for the double holiday.

Elks Back Series of Dances for Soldiers

First of a series of dances sponsored by Heppner lodge No. 358, BPOE, was held at the Fair pavilion Tuesday evening when 75 soldiers from Camp Heppner and numerous civilians, male and female, gathered for a pleasant evening. Music was furnished by Selmer Severson and his group of lone high school boys.

A committee appointed by the lodge worked out a schedule of dances to offer recreation for the soldiers as long as they are here. This called for two dances this week and three dances a week each succeeding week. Following Tuesday's dance it was decided that the most important part of the dance, the girls, will not be able to keep up such a pace and the schedule was cut to one dance a week, to be held on Friday evenings.

MAKE SHORT VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crawford of San Francisco were guests at the J. O. Turner home the first of the week. They came north to visit Mr. Crawford's mother, Mrs. Cora Crawford, at The Dalles and accompanied Mrs. Turner to Heppner Monday evening. They returned to The Dalles Wednesday morning to spend part of the day with Mrs. Crawford expecting to go on to Portland for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Crawford before returning to San Francisco.