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## Our Men In Service

### WHEN DUTY CALLED

The following poem by an American sergeant was found in his personal effects and forwarded to the Stars and Stripes by his commanding officer. A waist gunner with a Flying Fortress crew, the sergeant was killed while participating in a bombing raid, according to information sent this newspaper by Sgt. Joe E. Aiken.

We've laid aside our peaceful tasks,  
We've packed our kits and gone to war.  
We loved those things we left behind,  
But loved our country even more.  
And though we lie in some strange land,  
Forgotten, perhaps, by all but God,  
We rest in peace because we know  
Transgressors' heels shall never grind  
Our country's flag into the dust.  
We know, because we made it so.  
The lad whose hands have milked the cow,  
Whose hands have guided straight the plow;  
He did not shirk his country's call  
But gladly gave his life, his all.  
We loved the murmur of the brook  
That flows between the mountain slopes;  
The golden moon that softly smiled  
As if he shared our secret hopes.  
We loved the whisper of the rain  
Upon the roof tops overhead;  
The gleam of sun upon the snow.  
We sacrificed these things we loved  
To keep our flag forever free.  
We know, because we made it so.  
The lad whose hands made tools of steel,  
Whose hands have held the big truck's wheel;  
He did not shirk his country's call,  
But gladly gave his life, his all.

### RECEIVES PROMOTION

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall have received word from their nephew, Sgt. Vivian N. White, stationed with the veterinary station hospital at Fort Ord, Calif., stating that he has been promoted to the grade of staff sergeant and has assumed the duties of 1st sergeant of the detachment. S/Sgt. White, a graduate of Lexington High school, has been in administration and personnel work with his present organization since April 1942.

### MEETS SON

Pfc Simpson Holley, who arrived in Heppner Sunday from New Orleans on a furlough visit with Mrs. Hawley, got his first glimpse of his six months-old son Bobby. The Holleys are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marius Nash.

### UP FROM SAN DIEGO

Pvt Clarence Hayes of the U. S. Marine corps and Mrs. Hayes are visiting relatives in the county this week. They came from San Diego, Calif., where Private Hayes is in training. They visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes, the first of the week and are spending part of the time with Mrs. Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner of Lexington.

### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Bill Barratt came home Monday evening from Corvallis where he has been in training since the close of the college year. Overcrowded conditions on the campus made it necessary to grant temporary leave to a number of service men. Bill immediately changed to civvies and went to work on the ranch, not knowing whether he would be home two days or two months.

## County War Meat Committee Given Operation Rules

### Three Calls Friday Keep Fire Fighters Busy at Heppner

Detailed instructions on the operation of the war meat program given to the war meat committee for Morrow county by Lewis Nichols, area food distribution administration representative, and M. E. Cummings, farmer fieldman for the AAA, at a meeting in the county agent's office Tuesday evening.

The first work of the committee will be to review all the present slaughter permits that have been issued in the county and determine whether the quotas that have been set are justified. All slaughter permits to date have been issued that have been justified. All slaughter permits to date have been issued by the USDA war board but all the future permits will be issued by the new committee.

It was pointed out by Nichols that the main duty of the war meat committee in each county included working toward a better distribution of our meat supply to insure an adequate supply for our armed forces, for lend-lease, and also maintain an adequate amount for civilian needs. The committee is also responsible for bringing to the attention of the food distribution administration and the OPA discrepancies in meat supplied for particular areas, regardless of whether the supply is too high or too low.

Considerable time was devoted at the meeting to discussing points affecting farmers and butchers in the slaughter of livestock for sale, and the regulations which affect the slaughter of meat for sale were cleared up:

1. No person may slaughter beef, veal, mutton, lamb or pork for sale or transfer to another without first obtaining a slaughter permit.
2. Ration points must be collected on such meat transfers.
3. Such ration points must be turned over to the local OPA office at the end of each month along with a report on the slaughtering during that month.
4. Slaughter permits are based on the amount slaughtered during the same quarter of 1941, except in cases where the war meat committee.

## Stamp Validates New Ration Book

Some misunderstanding has been encountered by the rationing office relative to the validity of ration books. The rationing board would like to make it clear that all books with the red stamp across the validation corner are valid and do not have to be brought to the ration office. All books without the red stamp thus placed must be brought to the office on July 28 or thereafter.

Misunderstanding relative to office hours at the rationing office is also causing the clerical force no small amount of trouble and loss of time. The office is open from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. every week day. It is kept open from 6 until 9 p. m. on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. The clerks are busy getting out gas books and ask cooperation of the public by calling at the office during regular hours only.

### CLUB FINISHES AFGHAN

A called meeting of the Past Matrons club was held at the home of Mrs. Blanche Patterson Monday evening, at which time one of the projects was completed, an afghan. It was decided to send the article to the McCaw General hospital in Walla Walla.

## Grain Products, Inc. Gets 'Go Ahead' on Local Alcohol Plant

Permission to erect and operate a grain alcohol plant near Heppner was received the first of the week by Grain Products, Inc., an organization of grain growers in Gilliam, Morrow and Umatilla counties. The permit came from Washington, D. C. the first of the week and the company immediately set about to carry out plans previously announced to erect a plant for the manufacture of industrial alcohol.

Work securing materials has been carried on by Engineer John H. Boden ever since a site for the plant was decided upon. It will require some time to assemble everything, especially with freight conditions what they are, and no definite date for starting operations has been set. For one thing, the plan to move the building from Carver has been abandoned and the company recently completed a deal for a steel structure in Wyoming. When this material arrives it is planned to bring the equipment from Carver and install it here.

While other details have been in the process of being worked out, A.

M. Edwards drilled a well at the site of the plant, completing the work this week. The drill reached a depth of 319 feet and water is plentiful, officials state. Water was one of the factors entering into selection of the site and they are gratified that the well has come up to expectations.

Operation of the plant, once it gets going, will involve the use of more than 800 bushels of grain daily. Of interest to numerous farmers and ranchers is the fact that after removal of the alcohol from the grain there remains a by-product rich in protein which makes excellent stock food. Plans of the company include a dryer of sufficient size to take care of this surplus material.

The Heppner plant will be the first of what is hoped will become a general operation in the wheat belts of the west, affording a means of taking up some of the surplus grain as well as providing industrial alcohol for the manufacture of many articles used in our daily life.

## Imitation Warfare Results in Casualty

Imitation warfare resulted in a serious casualty for one small boy in Heppner Monday. The two little sons of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gardner were engaged in a fierce encounter with the enemy, using sticks for guns. Approaching a small puddle of water, which in the general scheme assumed the proportions of a large stream, they decided to spare their firearms the possibility of getting wet by throwing them across the "river." In some manner the "gun" thrown by the older boy struck the smaller boy, Dick, aged four, the sharp edge penetrating the eyelid and scoring the eyeball.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Perkins took Mrs. Gardner and Dick to a specialist in Pendleton and it was found that while the wound was serious the boy's sight will be saved.

### MRS. HOWARD SWICK

Death came to Mrs. Howard Swick at 11 o'clock a. m. Wednesday at the Prairie City hospital after an illness of two weeks. She suffered a stroke at Long Creek while dining with friends and was rushed to the hospital.

Services will be held at 1 o'clock p. m. Friday, July 16 at Monument with O. W. Herbison, pastor of the Church of Christ in Heppner in charge. Interment will be made at Oregon City.

Mrs. F. W. Turner, aunt of Mr. Swick, and Mrs. Edna Turner will attend from here.

## Court Discontinues Office of Engineer

Since the wartime emergency has put an end to road construction in the county and present maintenance crews are deemed qualified to carry on such road work as necessary, the county court went on record discontinuing the office of county engineer at the regular monthly session held Wednesday, July 7. This action automatically cancels the services of Harry Tamblyn who has filled the position for a long period.

According to the record the court "ordered that position of county engineer be discontinued and that the present engineer be released from duty on August 1, 1943, the engineer to take his two weeks vacation during the month of July, 1943."

## Heppner Soldier Killed in Accident

Elbert Cox received word Monday that his son, Marine Sgt. Nalbro B. Cox, had been killed in an accident somewhere in the Pacific. No details were given in the message and Mr. Cox is awaiting further news, hoping that another Marine son, Sgt. LeMoin E. Cox, will be able to learn the particulars and communicate with him.

Nalbro was sent to Midway before war began and was transferred to Pearl Harbor just in time for the Dec. 7, 1941, attack. He had recently written his father that he expected to be home on furlough in the near future.

## Oregon Man Named Grand Exalted Ruler

Oregon and the northwest fared well at the hands of Elks in grand lodge convention at Boston. Frank J. Lonergan of Portland was elected grand exalted ruler when the annual election of officers came before the group Tuesday. Lonergan served as exalted ruler for Portland lodge No 142 in 1927-28 and 1938-39; was deputy exalted ruler in 1928-29-30 and 1939-40; a member of the grand forum in 1934, and chief justice in 1935. He also is a past president of the Oregon State Elks association.

Other officers elected Tuesday included: Grand esteemed lecturing knight, Arthur L. Barnes, Lewiston, Ida., and grand trustee (for five years), John A. Drumney, Seattle.

### FORMER EDITOR RETURNS

Jasper V. Crawford, former editor and publisher of the Gazette Times, who went to Alaska last September to work on the Alcan highway, returned to the states last week-end, joining his family in Portland. With Mrs. Crawford and Jim he visited his mother, Mrs. Cora Crawford, at The Dalles on Sunday.

### SOLD WRONG HOUSE

In mentioning sale of Mrs. Gammell's house two weeks ago, this paper stated it was the house occupied by Mrs. Blanche Patterson. That was erroneous. Mrs. Patterson has not sold her home, the one-time T. W. Ayers property. Mrs. Gammell's house is farther up the street.

## Season of Field Fires Opens Up In Real Earnest

### Instructions Laid Down in Set of 13 Paragraphs

That time of year when fire is apt to break out any moment has arrived in Morrow county and the past few days have witnessed several calls for fire fighters to contend with field fires. Up to the present no grain fires have been reported, but several grass fires have claimed the attention of the "smoke eaters."

Friay, July 9, was a busy time for firemen around Heppner. First call came about 10:30 a. m. when grass above the trash burner of the Heppner Lumber company caught fire and, fanned by a high wind, made rapid strides toward the grain fields of the upper Blackhorse section. All available men at the mill rushed up the Blackhorse road to join units coming from town and countryside and after an hour or more of strenuous work brought the fire under control. Shortly after the crews returned to their jobs or home a second alarm was sounded and it was found the fire had taken a fresh start, this time on the south side of the canyon and running over the Frank S. Parker pasture. A considerable force of fire fighters responded and succeeded in holding it to pasture land but not without considerable damage. In the meantime, a potential blaze at the Heppner Steam Laundry was nipped in the bud by the fire department before damage resulted. Later in the afternoon a grass fire starting near the rear of the Gertson residence in the south part of town swept up the hillside toward the Masonic cemetery and once more the fire laddies had to "do their stuff." Four calls in one day was the score.

A plane in practice on the bombing field north of Lone Tuesday dropped a bomb in inflammable grass, starting a fire which soon burned itself out on the field.

Wednesday afternoon a grass fire started by the railroad company's grass burner got out of control and the section crew was called to the scene a mile north of Lexington to help put it under control. *Continued on Page Eight*

## Hughes Home Scene Of Outdoor Service

Church services of All Saints Episcopal church were transferred to the open air Sunday and approximately 40 people gathered at the lovely country home of Mrs. Mabel Hughes on Little Butter creek for the service of morning prayer, conducted by Archdeacon Neville Blunt.

Following the service, lunch baskets were opened and a bountiful spread arranged cafeteria style. There was much food to start with but it disappeared rapidly. Country members provided a large platter of fried chicken which was pouched upon with zest by town folks.

A pleasant afternoon was spent in visiting and community singing. Guests coming from a distance were Mrs. Cora Phelps, Mrs. Ida Fell, Mrs. Elsie Lasiter and Mrs. Eller Brock of Pendleton, all former Heppner residents; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Curtis and children of Cecil.

### HAY SHED BURNS

A hay shed which stood for many years near the highway on the W. H. Instone ranch burned Saturday night. There was no hay stored in the shed at that time and the loss was considered minor.