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OFFICERS AND MEN
EXPRESS APPRECIATION

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Mr. Frank W. Turner,
Heppner, Oregon;
Dear Sir:

The officers and men of Camp Heppner wish to express their thanks and appreciation for the welcome reception and many kindnesses extended to them to make their brief stay at Heppner an enjoyable and pleasant one.

The attitude of townspeople does much toward augmenting the morale of the armed forces, and without question your efforts have gone far toward this end.

We sincerely hope that no discomforts have been caused by our presence and wish to express our gratitude to you and your fellow citizens.

Very truly yours,
ALVIN H. STORCH Jr.
2nd Lt. Air Corps Adjutant.

TRAINING IN UTAH

KEARNS, Utah—Johan F. Troedson of Ione, Ore. is now stationed at this army air forces basic training center, it is announced by Col. Converse R. Lewis, commander.

The son of Johan Troedson of Ione, Pvt. Troedson has been in the army air forces since June 5, 1943.

Men at this post are trained under the rigorous air program of the air forces technical training command. They are taught how to fight—how to protect themselves under battle conditions, to march, the use of small arms and machine guns, the use of the gas mask and other kindred subjects before going to duty with ground crews.

His wife is Mrs. Jean Troedson of The Dalles, Oregon.

TRAINING IN MARYLAND

Howard "Spud" Furlong has written his former employer, D. A. Wilson, that his new address is Bethesda, Maryland. He has just been transferred there for further training in the navy. He has finished his basic training at Camp Farragut and has a rating of P. M. 2c. Through the kindness of Mr. Wilson, "Spud" will receive the weekly grist of news from the old home town through the columns of the Gazette Times.

GETS RAISE IN RANK

Cpl. Clarence Hayes came to the county last week to visit relatives and friends and left Tuesday of this week as Sgt. Clarence Hayes, the notice of raise in rank coming during the week. Mrs. Hayes accompanied the sergeant to San Diego and they left their little daughter with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner of Lexington.

RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS

Sgt. Tech. Richard Hayes has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes of Heppner that he has recovered from a recent illness. He has had two copies of the Gazette Times, with which he was greatly pleased. Without comment, Richard states he thinks it will be a long time before he sees the old home town. He is in the south Pacific.

FORMER HEPPNER GIRL TRAINING AT DES MOINES

FORT DES MOINES, Ia., July 12—Official navy reports told Pvt. Marie Scrivner Wesch of the Women's Army Corps, little. They said that her husband, Lt. (J. G.) Harry Allen Wesch had been killed on Oct. 5, 1942, when the small navy ship he commanded, was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine.

Private Wesch, who formerly lived at 935 Olive St., Long Beach, Calif., with her sister, Mrs. Norma
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Harvest Getting Underway Over Part of County

Most of Lexington Territory Cutting; Yield Said Good

Harvesting of another bumper crop of wheat in Morrow county is getting under way with most of the farms in the north Lexington area seeing action this week. Reports have been slow to come in, but from information gathered here and there indications point to not a few 40-bushel crops.

While harvesting is underway in the Lexington belt, farmers elsewhere in the county are putting machinery in shape and from now on the hum of the combine will be heard in all sections. Particularly will this be true in the Ione and lower Gooseberry sections and around Cecil and Morgan.

Good quality wheat is the rule. The pea harvest is also underway and one field of 80 acres on the E. Harvey Miller place has been completed. This crop ran an average of 2200 pounds plus an acre. The thresher has been moved to the O. W. Cutsforth 60-acre field. No report has been received this week from Harry Duvall, who has a fine stand of peas in his 110-acre field.

Peas all over the county have made a fine yield this year, is the report.

Case Hotel Being Made Into Apartm'nts

M. L. Case announced this week that he is converting the Case hotel into apartments which he expects to have ready for occupancy by the time school opens. Operation of the place as a hotel was discontinued during the past winter and the rooms have been more or less permanently rented since.

The space is being divided into five four-room apartments, including living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath. Hallways are being utilized in the new arrangement. O. M. Yeager is carpenter in charge and plumbing is by Gilliam & Bisbee.

15 COOKERS APPROVED

Approval has been given by the County Pressure Cooker Rationing committee to 15 applications for new Victory model pressure cookers. Most of the cooker applications approved so far will be used for several families. There are still five cookers in the county quota and home canners may obtain applications blanks from the county USDA war board.

HOME ON VISIT

Donald Robinson was an incoming passenger Wednesday, coming from Pendleton on a convoy truck. He came from Evanston, Ill., and stated that he recently participated in maneuvers in Tennessee. He will spend a brief furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Hardman.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. Ralph Nehl of Davenport, Wash., came Tuesday evening to see her brother, Pvt. Keith Marshall whom she had not seen for two years. Mrs. Nehl is a guest at the Joe Hughes home.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. Jackson C. Holt is greeting friends this week while he enjoys a short furlough with the home folks. Pvt. Holt will return to Camp Adair Saturday.

RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. C. J. Espey, Jr., has returned from Portland where she was visiting and will spend a couple of months with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Mahoney and other members of the family.

Heppner Mill to Swing Into Action in Few Days; Logs on Hand

With arrival of a generator this week, equipment for the Heppner from Pendleton on a convoy truck, complete and with a few minor installations and adjustments, the engineer will be ready to pull the whistle cord about the first of August, according to Orville Smith, company manager.

Immediately following loss of the former plant by fire last Feb. 5, the company set about to construct a new plant, with the hope that sawing could be resumed in three or four months. It was soon learned that it would take a longer time than that and now, after nearly six months, it can be announced that operations are about to resume.

The new plant is the band mill type and will have a capacity of 60,000 feet daily. This is a little larger than the former plant. In addition, Heppner Lumber company is handling through its planer the output of the Spray Lumber company, the Scritsmeyer and Blackburn mills totaling approximately 80,000 feet, so that when the new mill starts sawing the plant will

have a capacity output of 140,000 feet.

Manager Smith stated the company has been fortunate in drawing on the three mills during the time the local plant has been out of action. There were contracts to be met and in this manner the company has been able to make delivery.

A fuel bunker is being finished. This draws shavings and sawdust from both plants, providing ample fuel for the boilers. There will be plenty of sawdust for all that type of burners in the county, Smith states.

The new power plant will have a capacity of 500 horse power. This will generate sufficient electricity to operate the plant and plenty to spare, it is stated.

There will be no delays due to shortage of logs. With 2,000,000 feet of logs decked at the plant and approximately 5,000,000 feet decked in the woods ready for delivery, the new plant should get off to a good start.

All Gasoline Users Must Endorse Front Of Ration Stamps

Steps to assure maximum protection against misuse of gasoline rationing coupons have been taken by OPA in ordering that all motorists and other gasoline users are required to endorse in ink on the face of their ration stamps the license number at the time of receipt of the renewal rations. The new method of handling gasoline rations started July 22 at which time not only the stamps in the new ration books must be endorsed, but all coupons possessed on that date must be so inscribed. The OPA order is regarded as sure-fire check on misuse of coupons by persons other than those to whom issued, particularly, in the case of lost books.

The order does not pertain to interchangeable books issued for official or fleet vehicles. Failure to write in the proper notation on all outstanding stamps by July 22 will result in the loss of further gasoline rations.

100,000 Feet Lumber For Farm Building

Morrow county has received a special allotment of 100,000 feet of soft wood lumber for farm construction. An AA-2 purchase rating may be issued to farmers for purchasing this lumber in cases where the lumber is essential to the food production program and it is otherwise impossible to obtain it.

Dealers who accept the AA-2 rating for such lumber may in turn submit the AA-2 certificate to the War Production board and obtain authorization to replace their stock of such lumber. Dealers who do not have a working inventory of soft wood lumber may obtain a certificate from the State War Board to use in obtaining authorization from the War Production board to secure an operating inventory. Lumber so obtained may be sold only on AA-2 ratings.

VISITING RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gibb are spending the week with relatives, coming from their home at Paulsbo, Wash. Bruce expects to return to Paulsbo this week-end, while Mrs. Gibb will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomson, for a longer visit.

East Side Farms Suffer Heavy Loss In Grain, Grass Fire

About 400 Acres Wheat, Equal Lot Pasture Consumed

Approximately 400 acres of wheat and an equal acreage of pasture were lost in a fire which swept over the Struthers, Abercrombie, Vogler and Myers places Wednesday evening. The land lies between lower Sand Hollow and Pine City.

A report of the fire was brought back to Heppner by County Agent C. D. Conrad who went to the scene shortly after news reached town. He stated that more than 100 men answered the call and that effective work was done with four or five caterpillars and plows in checking spread of the blaze which was fanned by a stiff breeze.

Conrad reported that the Struthers and Abercrombie fields took the bulk of the loss. The Henry Vogler field was hit for a 45 acre loss and the Jasper Myers field took a similar loss. No report was made on the cause of the fire.

In connection with field fires, Ranger F. F. Wehmeyer announces that effective midnight July 21, no permits for burning of slash or debris will be issued until fall, in the state of Oregon. He reports that a lightning storm swept through the Heppner district the evening of July 19, setting a number of fires. One fire got under headway and Reed's logging crew to be called to subdue it. The others were handled by the local forest personnel.

Wehmeyer urges everyone to be super-cautious with fires the next 60 days. This applies to homes and harvest fields as well as to forest land. Hot weather, brisk winds and humidity almost nil make ideal conditions for the spread of fire, he states.

Machinery Quotas Cancelled This Week

County quotas on combines, pick-up balers side delivery rakes, and hay loaders were cancelled this week by the Oregon USDA war board. This action was taken to seed movement of late-delivered machinery to farmers. This leaves only three items, wheel tractors, potato diggers, and potato sorters still under county quotas in the state.

Purchase certificates for all machinery with the exception of the three named here may be obtained by farmers who can certify that the machinery is in the dealers hands and furnish the county machinery rationing committee with sufficient information to show that the machinery is needed.

OREGON 4-H MEMBERSHIP REACHES WAR TIME RECORD

A new record in 4-H club members has been established in Oregon this year in response to the nationwide plea for the youngsters to rally in large numbers to help win the war on the home front, says H. C. Seymour, State 4-H club leader.

This year's enrollment shows 27,102 different club members working on an estimated 40,000 projects. This is a membership increase of 32 percent compared with last year's enrollment of 20,450.

The garden club membership has shown the biggest increase, crease, with 6388 garden projects this year compared with 1344 last year, an increase of 375 percent following a smaller increase of 70 percent in 1942.

Morrow county has an enrollment of 259 4-H club members most of whom are enrolled in food production or conservation projects.