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Our Men In Service

BENNETTS IN WASHINGTON

Bill Bennett, former Smith-Hughes supervisor in the Heppner school, is located in Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Bennett recently joined him. Bill is with the signal corps. Mrs. Bennett writes: "This part of the country holds no charm for me and I'll head west the minute it is at all possible. As you can see by the letterhead, I am still hard at work at the old grind and am working for Richard C. Du Pont, who is special assistant to Gen. Arnold in charge of the Air Force glider program. It is very interesting work and plenty of it. I haven't run across any of this idleness you read about in the war department."

PROMOTED TO M SGT

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Way of Lexington have been advised that their son, Stanley Way, has been raised to the rank of master sergeant in the armored division. Stanley has completed training and is waiting for the next move.

IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Cpl. Douglas E. Drake, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake of Heppner, is now working as a clerk for a fighter command headquarters company of the Army Air Forces in the Hawaiian Islands. Cpl. Drake entered the service July 15, 1942 at Spokane and later received training at Fort Riley, Kansas before coming to the Hawaiian command.

COMPLETES SHORE TRAINING

Dick N. Emondson, 18, son of Mrs. Della L. Edmondson of Heppner, has completed 16 weeks of instruction at the U. S. Naval Training school for machinist's mates at the North Dakota school of science, Wahpeton, N. D. and now awaits assignment to duty at sea or at a shore station. He was given the rating of fireman first class upon graduation.

C-C Directors to Study Chest Proposal

A plan to combine numerous calls for funds into one general campaign similar to the community chest idea in vogue in larger cities, was submitted to the chamber of commerce luncheon group Monday by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, acting in behalf of the state organization headed by former Gov. Charles A. Sprague. After several flat rejections of chairmanship or sponsorship had been made, the proposal was tossed into the lap of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce for study and recommendation. This the board promised to do at the next regular meeting Tuesday evening, Aug. 3.

Each hour, type of programs wanted,

Methods of conducting the luncheon, etc., were discussed without definite conclusion. It has been proposed that a program chairman be appointed by the month, and this plan may be determined at the next meeting, which will be Monday at the Lucas Place.

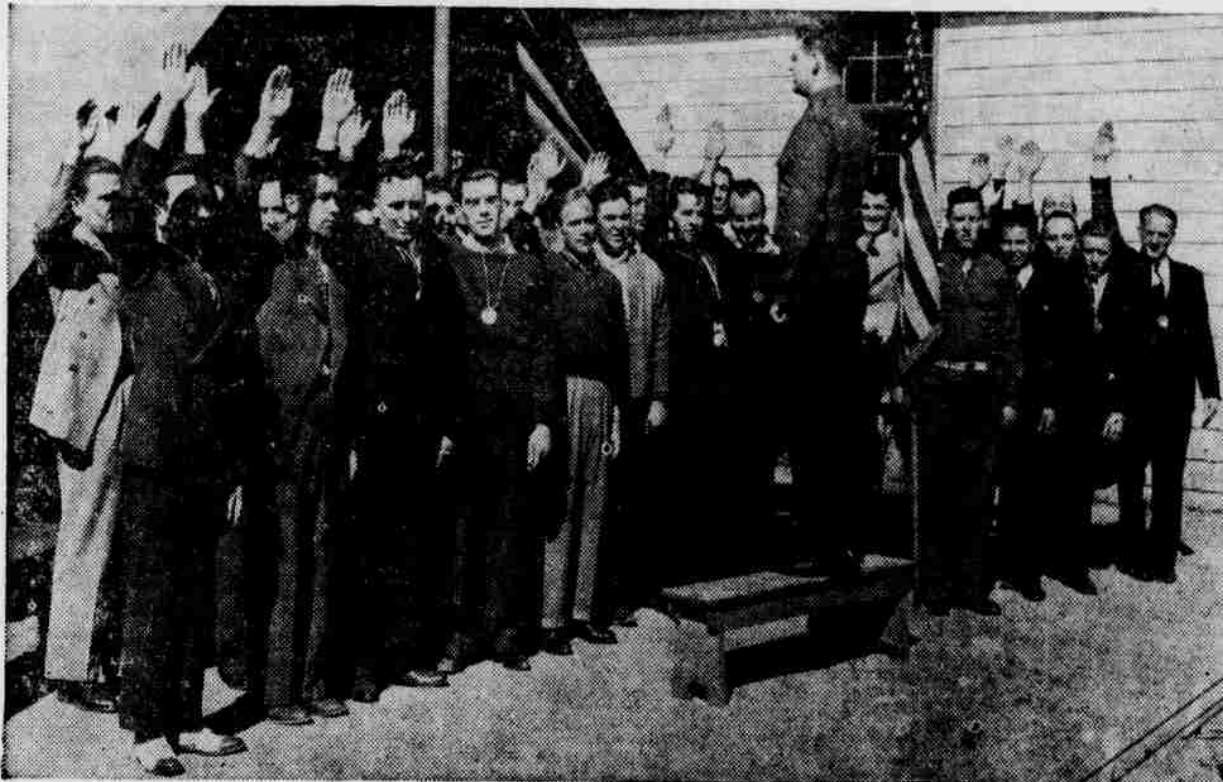
Sgt. N. W. Smith, new supervisor of the Arlington district of the state police and Arthur Dorthy, Jr., of Portland were guests and spoke briefly.

ON BUYING TRIP

Miss Leta Humphreys is spending the week in Portland attending the state druggists' convention and selecting stock for the Humphreys Drug company store. She is a director in the druggists' association. Driving down Sunday she was accompanied by Miss Betty Jean Robinson and Bruce Gibb.

A later dispatch from Portland carries the information that Miss Humphreys has been elected secretary of the State Pharmaceutical board.

Civilian Into Soldier — The Oath of Enlistment



"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles of War."

Scarcity of Teachers Real Headache for Officials

A growing scarcity of teachers is causing no small amount of worry to superintendents and school board and unless the situation improves within the next few weeks it is possible that some school work will be dropped. This is the opinion of County Supt. Lucy Rodgers, who stated that but one school in the county has a full staff of teachers, adding that that covers the present only.

Reporting the teacher set-up as it stands at present, Mrs. Rodgers stated that Heppner has a full staff; Lexington has a grade school staff but only one high school teacher, the principal; Boardman needs four teachers, Ione two and Pine City two. Irrigon has added one room and is looking for a teacher. This addition was made necessary by new families connected with the ordinance depot.

In looking over her books, Mrs. Rodgers discovered some interesting facts relative to school finances. Total outstanding bonds for all districts is \$26,000. Offsetting this to a large degree is a combined sinking fund of \$16,503.82. Warrant indebtedness is very slight District No. 1, Heppner, is on a cash basis for the first time in many years.

Transportation Rate Remains Unchanged

A transportation rate of one and one-half cents per mile in effect this year will prevail the ensuing year in non-high school districts of the county, according to Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent. This decision was reached at a recent meeting of the non-high school district board when Jesse Warfield was elected chairman and R. I. Thompson vice chairman of the group. This rate covers mileage for transportation of high school students from the non-high school districts to a high school district.

No transportation is allowed for pupils who go to high school outside of the county. Tuition is paid to any high school in the state.

The board has found it is not necessary to make a levy for the district this year but next year it may be necessary to exceed the six percent limitation, Mrs. Rodgers stated.

The bonded indebtedness is divided between four districts, including Heppner, \$12,000; Alpine, \$3,500; Ione, \$3,500, and Hardman Union high school, \$7,000, for a total of \$26,000.

Another item of interest to school boards is the offset from income taxes provided in the bill passed by the recent legislature. Morrow county's portion of this fund is \$24,195. Carried out by districts and including current budgets, the offset is as follows: No. 1, offset \$7,321, budget, \$24,173.80; Lena, \$119.42, \$2,049.02; Upper Rhea Creek, \$363.01, \$900; Morgan, \$219.65, \$684.39; Cecil, \$226.39, \$370; Irrigon, \$3,401.25, \$18,731.35; Liberty, \$311.42, \$1,330.94; Lexington, \$2,503.43, \$7,400.30; Rood Canyon, \$122.23, \$712.96; Hurl, \$177.19, \$423.11; Boardman, \$3,697.50, \$17,185.91; Pine City, \$808.16, \$3,835.63; Alpine, \$79.37, \$119.92; Eight Mile, \$232.05, \$351.50; Willow, \$108.64, \$387.89; Ione, \$3,208.69, \$10,616.05; Hardman grade, \$431.26, \$1,129.70; Balm Fork, \$437.51, \$696.05; Hodsdon, \$140.67, \$219.36; Social Ridge, \$63.49, \$110.36; Union High, Hardman, \$201.80, \$920.85.

Districts that make no levy do not participate in this income tax offset, Mrs. Rodgers pointed out.

Draft Calls Up Four More County Youths

Four more Morrow county youths have answered the call of their country for fighting men and after visiting the induction centers and getting their names on Uncle Sam's roster have returned to their respective homes to await call for training.

From Heppner, John Melvin Skuzski Jr. has been accepted for navy training and is ordered to report in Spokane next Tuesday; and Raymond Frederick Parrish will take up air corps cadet training. He will be called sometime within the next 29 days. Andrew Marvin Jones of Boardman passed the "physical" for the navy while Clarence Alven Buchanan of Lexington will try his luck with the army.

Honoring the boys about to be called to service, Fred Lucas, steward of the Elks club, gave a dancing party for the young people of the community one evening last week.

Pays Old Home Town First Visit In Thirty Eight Years

A good many changes may take place in a community in 38 years, and in the case of Heppner those changes have taken place. This was verified this week by Mrs. W. C. Hofen of San Francisco, who will be remembered by older residents as Miss Katie Quaid. Mrs. Hofen is spending the week on the old home ranch up Balm fork, the guest of her cousin, Hugh Smith.

Mrs. Hofen left Heppner in 1905 and this is the first time she has been back. She is enthusiastic about the improvement here—the fine public and business structures, paved streets and modern homes. "It is the finest little town I have seen anywhere along the line," she stated. Her father, the late Thomas Quaid, was one of the earliest settlers as well as one of the most successful sheepmen of his day.

Mrs. Hofen stated that she may again become a resident of Oregon. She and her husband plan to locate in Eugene soon.

Thomson Home Scorched by Fire

Fire of unknown origin broke out in a bedroom in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomson at 5:30 Saturday evening and did considerable damage to that part of the house before extinguished. There was no one in the house at the time but quick response by the fire department and neighbors prevented greater damage.

A considerable amount of bedding and clothing stored in the room and adjoining closet was lost. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson were occupying the room temporarily during the visit of their daughter, Mrs. Bruce Gibb, and their wardrobes were somewhat depleted.

Pressure Cooker Supply Available

Pressure cookers are now in the hands of dealers in Portland and are available to those who wish to make application for them, states County Agent C. D. Conrad. About half of the supply to be manufactured by the National Pressure Cooker company were shipped to Oregon on June 15, Conrad has been notified. Another shipment will be made in August.

The county agent advises those interested to make application, either direct to Portland dealers or through local dealers. Letters giving the information have been mailed to a large list of people in the county.

County Yield Cut Some by Weather, Farmers Report

Extent Can't Be Determined Until Threshing Starts

Damage resulting from hot weather the past week has been reported by some wheatraisers in the uplands of Morrow county. Extent suffered in the fields reported cannot be estimated at present, as only actual threshing operations will reveal the shrinkage.

Some shrinkage in the later fields was to be expected, according to County Agent C. D. Conrad, who stated that some of the grain was "in the milk" when the hot weather struck. The heat checked the flow of sap up the stalk to the developing kernels, stopping further growth at that point.

Conrad expected to make a brief excursion into the affected area today to get some idea of the extent of damage.

Insurance covering damage from this source is comparatively small, it is stated, as federal crop insurance is based on normal production. In the case of Morrow county that basis is 12 bushels plus per acre, and at the rate of 75 percent coverage, farmers subject to this benefit would get coverage for a little better than nine bushels per acre.

Harvest is generally under way over the north half of the county and good yields are the rule. Grain in the lower areas was too far advanced to be affected by the warm spell, some of it having already been placed in storage. Thirty to 40 bushels to the acre has been the rule, according to information obtained this week and it is not expected that the county total will be greatly affected by heat shrinkage.

Congress Right on Job Says Stockman

Congress may no longer be rightly branded the "rubber stamp" variety, stated congressman Lowell Stockman, in Heppner Friday from his summer headquarters in Pendleton. Stockman is making a complete tour of his district, a task which will keep him on the move during the recess from the heat and turmoil of Washington.

Looking cool and composed, the congressman stated he was enjoying the little heat wave which had Oregonians almost hanging on the ropes the past week. "You haven't seen anything until you have put in a summer in Washington," he declared.

Congress is back in stride and standing on its own feet, according to Stockman. There is no disposition to do otherwise than give the president full support in the war program, making appropriations in such stupendous figures that no congressman or any other citizen can comprehend. But when it comes to domestic issues, the "boys" are taking a firm hand even when to do so embodies direct opposition to the administration. "We want the country to go back into the hands of the people when this war is over and congress being the lawmaking body has the power to make this a reality. We believe that is what the majority of the people want," the big eastern Oregon representative concluded.

MAKE TRIP TO VALE

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Mrs. C. C. Dunham and Mrs. F. S. Parker drove to Vale Saturday to see Mrs. L. G. Atherton, sister of Crawford and Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Atherton has been ill for several months and is being taken to Los Angeles tomorrow by her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Moore. Mrs. Atherton has visited many times in Heppner.