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Our Men In Service

TRAINING AT FARRAGUT

George Ivan Renoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renoe, Hardman, is now one of the thousands who are stationed at the U. S. Naval Training station, the largest in the west, for the recruit training in preparation to becoming a member of the fighting U. S. fleet.

Seamanship, physical fitness and the many phases of Navy life will soon become second nature to him, and at the conclusion of this training he will be given an opportunity to qualify for a specialized field in one of the many Navy service schools.

VISITS FATHER

Ensign Louis Gilliam left Wednesday for assignment to active duty after visiting a week with his father, L. L. Gilliam. Louis recently graduated from the school of communications at Annapolis and was granted a short leave for the trip home.

ON LEAVE

Philip Cohn arrived in Heppner Wednesday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn, coming from Farragut, Ida, where he has been in boot camp. Philip has been in training since shortly after graduating with the class of '43, Heppner high school.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Dan Dinges is enjoying a furlough from training duties at Camp Howze, Tex., and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges, at Lexington. He has been in Heppner renewing acquaintances and looking in at the First National bank to see that everything is clicking in his former habitat.

ROUTE TO FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner received a message from their son, Sgt. Don Turner, stating that he was leaving Camp Roberts immediately for a point in Florida, presumably an officers' training camp. The parents are awaiting further word explaining the sudden transfer.

Old Morrow Hill Blackened By Fire Saturday Afternoon

Fire, which for a time late Saturday afternoon, threatened residence property on the east side of town, burned off a heavy coat of grass on the Morrow hill which is included in the Barratt pasture. Reportedly starting from a yard fire the flames spread rapidly and had a long start on the hand full of fire fighters who rushed to the scene.

Shortly after the flames had entered the pasture the wind changed and for a short time it looked like the fire would be confined to the lower portion of the hill. In a few moments the wind changed again and this time the angry flames started a destructive race up the hillside in the direction of the cross at the summit. That point was attained quickly but when smoke and flame had cleared away it was seen that the cross had not been damaged.

Fire fighters managed to skirt the flames in a car, getting beyond immediate danger and succeeding in throwing a fire line on top of the second ridge from town, thus diverting and checking the flames in their sweep up both Hinton and Willow creeks.

A call for the fire wagon was sent in when the fire threatened homes fringing the pasture. The flames came rather close to some of the places but no damage resulted.

County Visited By Electrical Storm Wednesday Night

No New Forest Fires Reported to Ranger's Office

Much lightning, some thunder and a brief shower descended upon the county Wednesday evening and for an hour or so lights and power service on the Heppner branch were somewhat on the dim-out order. A blown fuse in a transformer at Ione interrupted the service until Manager Kenneth House was able to replace the fuse. Lights brightened up about 10 p. m. and there was no further disturbance.

No reports of new fires have been received at the office of Ranger F. F. Wehmeyer in Heppner, although he stated that reports are a little slow in coming in and that there is a possibility that minor blazes may have been started.

Crews are busy "mopping up" the 19 forest fires that have been giving considerable trouble the past two weeks, Wehmeyer stated. One of these fires got out of control the past week-end and spread over an area 6,000 acres in the Monument section. Little concern was felt until the fire jumped the John Day river. It appeared that the local crew would be unable to cope with the situation and an SOS brought about 220 soldiers from Walla Walla, approximately 300 men went to work taming the fast traveling blaze, which, fortunately, did not get into a timber belt. A lot of grass was consumed but aside from that the damage was negligible, Wehmeyer stated.

Highway Commission Scheduled to Visit Heppner August 25

Members of the Oregon state highway commission will visit Heppner Wednesday, Aug. 25, according to word received the past week by P. W. Mahoney, chairman of the roads and highway committee of Heppner chamber of commerce. The commission is making a tour of the state, visiting county courts to discuss post-war road construction.

Arrangements have been made for a luncheon to be served at the Lucas Place for the commission, county court, board of directors of the chamber of commerce, road committee and any others interested in the promotion of a highway program in the county.

In announcing the scheduled visit, the commission stated that when peace comes there will be a considerable volume of highway construction. For this purpose, Oregon will have a fund of \$15,000,000 and it is the plan of the commission to have a program all set to go as soon as the funds can be released. For that reason the members are visiting the several county courts to ascertain the needs and desires for state built and operated highways.

Morrow county has two unfinished highways that the court is anxious to have considered under the new building program. The Heppner-Spray road from Ruggs to Spray needs surfacing. The other highway needing attention is that portion of the Heppner-Condon unit which remains unsurfaced. It is likely the court will seek assistance on these two routes.

As chairman of Monday's luncheon meeting, Mahoney explained some of the most salient features of the new pay-as-you-go income tax measure.

Heppner Youth Gives Blow By Account of Hurricane

A Heppner youth, Don Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Jones, had a taste of blitzkrieg which wasn't administered by Hitler's legions, neither was it a stab-in-the-back attack by Tojo's treacherous minions. It was a hurricane which swept over a portion of the state of Texas Tuesday of last week and which struck with great force in the area where Don is training, near Houston. The worst in that region since 1915, the hurricane's down town velocity reached 132 miles per hour and at the air field it measured 135 miles per hour.

Don stated that the weather was calm and the sky slightly overcast with a light rainfall Tuesday morning. Before the storm had cleared a total of six and one-half inches of rain had fallen.

Having a cold, Don went to bed at 12:30 p. m. and was awakened at 4 p. m. by water leaking through crack in the barracks walls and through doors and windows. A little later the windows were knocked out as well as some of the door casings. The wind was so strong that he walked at a 45 degree angle toward the mess hall three blocks

away, it requiring 10 minutes to cover the distance. The mess hall was indeed a mess with water two inches deep over the floor. Returning to the barracks, with the wind at his back, it took much less time.

By 5 p. m. everyone was back in the barracks and ordered into rain coats and helmets to turn out and help hold planes to their moorings. To reach the site of the planes the boys were lined up double file, each one holding on to the man in front of him. The planes were tethered with six-inch thick rope and despite this fact it required four men on each wing to keep them from taking off. The cadets alternated shifts, one hour on, one hour off, eating between times.

The storm reached its peak at 8 p. m. and had declined to a dead calm by 9:30 p. m. But this was not all. After returning to the barracks for a bit of sleep, the boys were called out again, dressed in their wet clothing, to turn the planes around. The storm had turned and was coming back. So there was nothing to do but hang onto the planes and hold until midnight when the storm began to abate.

B and C Holders Urged to Get Books

Holders of B and C gasoline books are advised by the local rationing office that the new books are now on issue and that those not having applied for book three are urged to do so at once.

Valid date is the day the book is issued and renewal date is three months later with instructions to use until all coupons are gone.

The ration board points out that fire inspection certificate must be brought in with all B and C applications.

RANCH SALE REPORTED

Sale of the J. E. Musgrave farm on lower Rhea creek to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bishop was reported the first of the week. The place consists of 80 acres, most of which is in alfalfa. The Bishops have been connected with the Blackburn mill since coming to the county.

PHILIP RENOE HOME

Philip Renoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renoe of Hardman, returned home Wednesday, having been given a medical discharge. He recently had a serious case of pneumonia and spent 93 days in the hospital.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

"A CHAIN IS NO STRONGER THAN ITS WEAKEST LINK."

EACH ONE OF US IS A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH. AS WE WORK HARDER ON FARMS, IN FACTORIES, STORES, OFFICES AND HOMES, — AS WE SAVE MORE — PUT OUR MONEY INTO WAR BONDS, LIFE INSURANCE, SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, WE MAKE OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES, OUR NATION STRONGER. — REINFORCE THE MIGHTY CHAIN OF AMERICA'S STRENGTH.

C of C Accepts Lead In Organizing for Oregon Chest Drive

Relief Fund Drive To Get Underway In Early October

Machinery was set in motion Tuesday evening to formulate a campaign for raising Morrow county's quota of the Oregon War Chest, a general fund to care for several relief agencies, services and other aids due to the war. Action was taken by the board of directors of the Heppner chamber of commerce accepting responsibility for securing a county chairman and helping in other ways to get the campaign under way. The task of securing a chairman has been left to Frank W. Turner and O. G. Crawford.

Purpose of Oregon War Chest, Inc. is to cooperate with the National War Relief in providing funds to be drawn upon in assisting various relief agencies. Instead of staging drives for each need that comes along, it is proposed to conduct one general drive for funds to care for the following list of national member agencies: USO; War Prisoners' aid; United Seaman's Service; United Nations Relief including Belgian War Relief society, French War Relief fund, Greek War Relief association, Norwegian Relief, Polish War Relief, Queen Wilhelmina fund, Russian Relief, United China Relief, United Czechoslovakia Relief fund, United Yugoslav Relief fund; Refugee Relief—Refugee Relief Trustees, United States committee for the care of European children.

Discussion of the matter of selecting a county chairman was held at the Monday luncheon at the Lucas Place, at which time Mrs. Lucy Rodgers disclaimed any intention of taking the job herself while pledging aid in securing a chairman. It finally was left in the hands of the board of directors. Mrs. Rodgers attended a meeting of Oregon War Chest, Inc., on June 9 while in Salem for the county superintendents' conference and brought the request of former Governor Charles A. Sprague for a county organization.

Opening of the fund campaign has been scheduled for Oct. 18, with Nov. 30 as the closing date.

Acting upon suggestion of the luncheon club, the board of directors Tuesday night elected Kenneth House as treasurer of the chamber of commerce, taking that much work off the hands of the secretary. A permanent program chairman will be named at the luncheon next Monday.

CHURCH TO ENJOY POTLUCK DINNER AFTER A. M. SERVICE

Ladies of the guild of All Saints Episcopal church have announced plans to serve a potluck dinner immediately following Holy Communion Sunday, Aug. 8. Archdeacon Neville Blunt will come from Pendleton to conduct the morning service at 11 o'clock.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Blunt will remain in Pendleton during the absence of Bishop and Mrs. Remington who are enjoying a vacation in Victoria this month.

BACK FROM CAMP WHITE

Mrs. R. C. Lawrence and two daughters returned the first of the week from Medford where they spent several days with Dr. Lawrence, Camp White dentist. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Lawrence's sister, Mrs. Rod Draper, who will visit here for some time.