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## Our Men In Service

### HEPPNER YOUTHS JOIN U. S. MARINE CORPS

The following story was received from the public relation section of the U. S. Marine Corps, Portland, under date of Sept. 25.

Three Heppner youths, one of whom has three brothers in the service, today had been inducted into the Marine corps and were awaiting assignment to camp at San Diego, Calif. to follow 14-day furlough, as it was announced by S/Sgt. Henry W. Riggs of Walla Walla.

They are: Hugh Kenneth McLaughlin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius McLaughlin of Heppner; Clarence Emery Coxen, 20, whose mother is Mrs. Delia May Gray of Sparta, Wis.; and William Henry Irvin Padberg, Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. I. Padberg, of Heppner.

Private McLaughlin was prominent at Heppner high school from which he graduated last spring. He was president of the student body in his senior year, vice president of the junior class and of the student council, secretary of the Future Farmers of America, manager of the basketball team, and won his letter in football.

He has three brothers in the service. James, a private in the Marines, now in the South Pacific; Dan, a Petty Officer, third class, on sea duty in the Atlantic and Jack, now attending navy specialist school in Chicago.

### HAS FLING WITH MALARIA

Tech. Sgt. Richard I. Hayes writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes, that he is about ready for another crack at the Japs after a siege of malaria. He was hospitalized for a week. His letter was heavily censored, the first time that has happened since he has been in the South Pacific.

Pvt. Coxen is married to the former Bethel Ann Blake of Heppner. A graduate of Heppner high school, he won his letters in football, basketball and baseball and is now a member of the Elks. He has been employed by a local wheat storage plant.

Pvt. Padberg was graduated in 1941 from Heppner high, where he made his letters in football and basketball, and was vice president of the sophomore class, and president of the Future Farmers. He attended Oregon State college for one year.

### THINKS HE'S REAL SALT

Jimmie Ledbetter, RMS2c, writes his mother, Mrs. Leta Ledbetter, that he believes he is becoming a real salt. He recently made a cruise on the high seas and writes in part:

"Well your little boy is really getting salty. I was out all day and all night. Boy, it was a lot of fun. We patrolled up and down along the coast. There were about 20 of us guys that went out for our first trip. I never saw so many sick guys in all my life—about three fourths of them were leaning over the rail, throwing up everything but their feet. I got a big bang out of it. The two guys I run around with kept kidding me all the time about how seasick I was going to get. But it ended up that they got seasick. It didn't bother me at all. In fact I never felt better in my life. . . . You can say that my son has chauffeured a ship around out in the Pacific. They put me to steering the thing for about two hours. It was just like driving a car except that you had to stand up. I really had a good time."

Perhaps many of us feel like Miss Katie Minert did. She thought no soldier would care to hear from  
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## Henry V. Smouse Called by Death Monday Afternoon

### Prominent Farmer Of Lone Victim of Heart Attack

A heart attack proved fatal to Henry V. Smouse, prominent lone farmer, and he passed away Monday afternoon. The attack came while he was treating grain and death followed before medical attention could reach him.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon from the Christian church in Ione, O. Wendell Herbison of the Church of Christ in Heppner officiating, with arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment is to be made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Ione.

Henry Vincent Smouse was born at Boeluff, Neb. Feb. 2, 1881 and came to Oregon in 1901. He first located in Sherman county and then moved to Morrow county in 1903, locating at Ione. He has lived in that vicinity the past 40 years building up a fine wheat ranch as well as taking an active interest in community enterprises. He was president of the Jordan Elevator company at the time of his passing.

Fraternally, Mr. Smouse was a member of the Masonic, Eastern Star and Oddfellow lodges of Ione. He was an active member of the Lexington grange and a member of the Ione Christian church.

Surviving are the widow, Anne; two sons, Paul of the U. S. air force and Kenneth of Portland, and two daughters, Mrs. Orlo Martin of Moro and Shirlee Smouse of Ione.

## Baseball Game at Pendleton on 13th Big Drawing Card

Morrow county baseball fans are not making a big noise about attending the big league baseball game at Pendleton next Wednesday but it is likely that when the "ump" calls out "Play ball!" there will be a healthy showing of faces from this side of the line.

Two full squads of American and National league baseball stars—representing every team in the two circuits with the exception of the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals, now playing off the worlds' series—will be in Pendleton for an exhibition game starting at 1:30 p. m. at the Round-Up grounds. This will be the only appearance of the two barnstorming teams in the Pacific northwest, except at Pocatello, Ida., Oct. 11. It is under the sponsorship of the Pendleton chamber of commerce and the entire net proceeds will be used for the purchase of war bonds.

Local fans wishing to attend the game may protect themselves on admission and seats by purchasing tickets here. They are on sale at the office of Frank W. Turner company in Heppner.

### CHURCHES SPONSOR SOCIAL HOUR FOR TEACHERS

A social hour will be held in the parlors of the St. Patrick's Catholic church beginning at 8 o'clock Monday evening. The hour is being sponsored by all of the churches of Heppner as a get-together of teachers and patrons. All teachers of the county have been extended an invitation to attend.

### MAKE SHORT VISIT

Lt. and Mrs. Norton King spent two days here this week, coming from Phoenix, Ariz. where Norton recently received his "wings." The young couple left this morning for California where Lt. King will take further training. They visited Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Hilma Anderson, and other relatives while here.

### ATTEND CHURCH MEET

Mr. and Mrs. Sterl D. Spiesz went to Elgin Wednesday to attend a conference of Assembly of God church workers. They expect to return this evening.

## 4-H Club Exhibits Low in Quantity, High in Quality

Exhibits were fewer than in former years but excellent in quality at the annual Morrow county 4-H club fair held in Heppner Monday. It required close point examining on the part of the judges to determine the winners, for the young people, busy as they have been the past season, had not overlooked anything that would improve their stock, garden, canning and sewing exhibits.

The fair pavilion housed the show stock. These consisted of 13 Herefords displayed by members of the Morrow County's 4-H beef club, a pen of sheep raised by Buddy Peck, and some pens of poultry.

Home economics displays were shown at the former Hughes grocery store, where samples of canning and handwork caught the fancy of the feminine realm. Even some of the men were attracted by the jars of beautiful tomatoes, pears, peaches and other edibles.

It was unfortunate that the fair could not have been held Saturday. It is a certainty that many more people would have seen the exhibits and learned something of what the young people are doing as a contribution to the war effort.

A complete list of awards will be published in the Gazette Times next week.

## Building Purchase Provides G-T With Permanent Home

Purchase of the former Roberts buildings on West Willow street was consummated Saturday by the Crawford Publishing company, O. G. and Viola Crawford, and arrangements are underway to make a few changes in the plant set-up to provide much-needed room in the publication of the Gazette Times and handling of job printing which is of considerable importance.

Because of a shortage of wiring materials as well as manpower, rearrangement of the plant will take time and for the present the principal change contemplated is to move the business department into the adjoining room to the west. This will necessitate cutting an archway between the two rooms. The next step will be to move the linotype to the front of the present G-T room, followed by a rearrangement of type cabinets, presses and other machinery.

The west side of the property will be utilized as a residence for the publishers.

## Changes Announced In Forest Personnel

Edgar J. Parker, assistant ranger in the Heppner district of the Umatilla National forest since March 1939, is preparing to move to Pendleton to become ranger in charge of the Ukiah ranger district, according to announcement by both Carl Ewing, forest supervisor and F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger in charge of the Heppner district. Parker succeeds Ranger R. R. Butler who is being transferred to the Long Creek district of the Malheur forest.

Successor to Parker in the Heppner district is Glen Jorgenson, who is no stranger in these parts. Ellis Carlson of the local district has been transferred to timber sale work in the Ukiah area, and another of Wehmeyer's men, Don Campbell, is leaving Tamarack mountain station Oct. 10 to enlist in the navy, while Thomas, doing biological survey work at Cold Prairie, is leaving the forest service to trap for W. S. Steiwer at Fossil.

### BUYS VALENTINE RANCH

Frank Holub of Ione closed a deal the first of the week for the purchase of the C. W. Valentine farm between Lexington and Heppner. The place comprises one section of land. Holub has been operating a dairy at Ione for several years and plans to embark in wheat ranching.

### DENNIS MAKES HASTY VISIT

Bruce Dennis former newspaper publisher, was in Morrow county today looking after his recently acquired ranches. Dennis purchased the Boardman and Heppner holdings of Fred Falconer, disposing of part of his Wallawa county property in the transaction.

As publisher of the La Grande Evening Observer and later acquiring The Klamath Falls Herald and News, Mr. Dennis has a wide acquaintance among the Fourth Estate and still responds to the lure of printers' ink. The Gazette Times acknowledges a pleasant call this afternoon.

### VISITING IN CITY

Mrs. C. J. Espey, Jr. is visiting friends in Portland.

## George J. Currin, 92 Passes Away At Valley Home

Services were held in Gresham Tuesday in memory of George J. Currin, 92, whose death occurred Friday, Oct. 1 at the family home. The funeral was largely attended and the tributes, both floral and personal, were in keeping with the respect for one who had led a long and useful life in his adopted state of Oregon.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Currin, eight daughters, Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, Lexington; Mrs. Jessie Benefill, Terrebonne; Mrs. Lillie Happold, Boring; Mrs. Nettie Cox, Oregon City; Mrs. Mabry Greenman, North Bend; Mrs. Mary Supple, Portland and Mrs. Virginia Brugger, Gresham, and one son, Hugh Currin of Pilot Rock.

Mr. Currin was a resident of Morrow county for many years, locating first at Ione. Later he acquired the James Jones ranch just above Heppner, now the Monahan place, where he operated a dairy for a number of years. Having a yen to enter the sheep business, and his sons having attained manhood, he disposed of the Jones property and bought the Hugh Fields holdings of some 18,000 acres. He and his sons, Hugh and Edward, operated the big ranch for a number of years and after disposing of it, Mr. Currin went into retirement. The present McCullough residence in east Heppner was the town home of the Currin family until, the children having acquired homes of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Currin decided to return to their former Clackamas county home at Curinsville.

Mr. Currin had the distinction of being a member of the first graduating class at Oregon Agricultural college, now Oregon State college. He also served in the state legislature from Clackamas county and always took a keen interest in governmental affairs. He was a kindly gentleman, a splendid neighbor, a thoughtful and generous father.

### SCARCITY OF TEACHERS CLOSES COUNTRY SCHOOLS

Numerous country schools have been forced to suspend this year due to the shortage of teachers and the one-room school is definitely out. Supt. George A. Corwin of the Heppner schools told the Woolgrowers auxiliary in a luncheon meeting at the Lucas Place Friday afternoon. To add to the difficulty of educating rural youth is the matter of transportation and unless this can be improved it is likely that many children will go untaught for the duration. Corwin told of a proposed change in the method of hiring teachers, the job being put up to the state board of education. Such a system is being tried in Delaware and is successfully used in Australia.

Mrs. Ralph Thompson reported on Morrow county's contribution to the McCaw General hospital and was given \$10 by the auxiliary to use as she sees fit. Mrs. Harvey Bauman will try to provide two sets of boxing gloves and a punching bag for convalescents at the hospital, and Mrs. Harry Duvall donated woolen pieces and will buy yarn with which to crochet the edges for an afghan for the boys in the hospital.

## Tin Can Salvage Slated to Start Friday, October 15

### School Children to Assist in Campaign Lasting Five Days

High school and grade children throughout Morrow county will assist in the tin can salvage drive starting Oct. 11 and ending Oct. 15. The students will gather and assemble at the schools all the empty tin cans in the county. Families not having children in school should bring their cans to one of the schools or get in touch with a boy or girl who can take them to a school house.

This is one of the most vital war materials and is used in the production of tin cans for shipping blood plasma throughout the world and also for the manufacture of the syrette which is a small hypodermic needle given each member of our armed forces in isolated places, such as the New Guinea district, to be used in case of wounds until medical aid is available.

After the tin is removed from the cans they are shredded and the shredded iron is used for the manufacture of copper; thus the salvaged cans serve a dual purpose.

The Morrow county salvage committee is asking every person in the county to cooperate in this drive and see that all tin cans are assembled the week of Oct. 11 to 15, thereby making it easier to assemble a shipment that week.

### DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD FRIDAY EVENING

Presence of the worthy grand matron and other grand lodge officers attracted a goodly number of the county's members of the Order of the Eastern Star at a district convention held in Heppner Friday evening. The convention was preceded by a dinner for the officers and their escorts at 6:30 at the Lucas Place. Balloting and conferring of degrees was done by Locust chapter of Ione, while Ruth chapter opened, closed and did escort duty.

Grand officers present were Dr. June Martin from Marshfield, worthy grand matron; Lloyd McRae, worthy grand patron, Helix; May Butler, grand Martha, Pendleton; Hazel Folsom, past worthy grand matron, Pendleton; Doris McRae, grand representative of Manitoba, Athena; Beulah Mankin, chief committeeman of the Temple fund, Locust chapter, Ione.

## Visual Education Program Scheduled

The division of oral health of the Oregon state board of health is sending another colorful visual education assembly program to the following elementary schools of Morrow county: Irrigon and Boardman on Oct. 11 and Ione, Lexington Heppner Oct. 12.

It is the Winnebago Indian Tooth Magic show presented by Maurice for children.

### MRS. MILLER BETTER

Mrs. Harvey Miller who is seriously ill at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton was reported slightly improved yesterday. The word was brought to Heppner by Mr. Miller who has been with her since she was taken to the hospital. Mrs. R. C. Lawrence is Mrs. Miller's special nurse.

### RETURNS TO COLLEGE

Frances Wilkinson who has been employed at the First National bank since early June, left the last of the week for Corvallis to resume her studies at Oregon State college. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, accompanied her to the college city.

### ATTENDS CURRIN FUNERAL

Charles B. Cox returned Tuesday night from Gresham where he went to attend the funeral of the late George J. Currin.

### AT PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL

County Agent C. D. Conrad is in Portland this week assisting in the management of the Pacific International 4-H club exposition.