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Our Men In Service

FINISHES REFRESHER

Philip W. Cohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Cohn, was graduated recently from a month's "refresher" course in radio at the U. S. Naval Armory, Chicago, Ill. Further training in a primary radio material school will qualify the Bluejacket as a radio specialist in the U. S. navy, according to report received from the ninth naval district, Great Lakes, Ill.

The young navy man is one of a select group chosen for this special training on the basis of past civilian experience and recruit training aptitude test scores. His course of instruction included fundamental electricity, mathematics and general navy indoctrination.

ON LEAVE

Hubert Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Hudson, is home from Farragut visiting his wife and parents. He is on 15-day leave.

FINISHES BOOT CAMP

Glen McMurtry is home from Farragut where he completed the first stretch of training for the navy. He hopes to visit his grandparents at Monmouth and other relatives at Eugene before returning to camp.

VISITING PARENTS

Sgt. Don Turner is spending the week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, coming from Camp Roberts, Calif., where he has been stationed for several months. Don has been given an honorable discharge for the army and contemplates re-entering war work, a task in which he was engaged prior to enlisting with the medical corps nearly two years ago.

LIKES MARINES

Dear Sir: It has been a long time since I have been in the good little town of Heppner. Since I left about a year ago, I joined the Marine corps. It is a mighty fine outfit. There aren't as many men going to the Marines but on an average about 2,000 go through boot camp each week and a big percent (about 95) are qualified as marksmen with the U. S. rifle calibre 30 MI commonly known as Garand. I expect to finish training here next week. It is an interesting life that gives a fellow a chance to really learn something.

Well, just a few lines to let you know that I'm "rootin'" for the old home town.

Yours,
Pvt. Lura L. Stephens
San Diego 41 Calif.

SELLS RANCH

Mrs. Gladys Corrigan has sold her ranch on Butter creek and is arranging to hold a public auction to dispose of livestock and farm equipment. This sale will be held Friday, Oct. 29, with Bob Rynnion in charge. A man by the name of Tucker from Walla Walla is the new owner of the Corrigan ranch.

HERE FROM LOS ANGELES

Jared Aiken spent a few days in Heppner the past week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Lily Aiken, and other relatives. Henry Aiken took him to Portland Friday to catch a plane home. He made the trip north by plane, landing at Pendleton where his brother met him.

VISITED HUSTONS

Walter Stewart and son Kenneth of Albany were overnight visitors Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston. They had been hunting in the John Day area and came by this way for a brief visit. Mr. Stewart is Mrs. Huston's brother.

Less Moisture in 1943 Than in 1942, Chart Discloses

First Nine Months About 25 Percent Under '42 Record

While fall rains seem to have set in, Jupe Pluvius will have to squeeze the sprinkler handle regularly from now on if 1943 is to match 1942 in annual precipitation figures. So far this year the record is approximately 25 percent below that of 1942, and indications do not point to a repetition of last fall's performance in the matter of moisture.

Records submitted by Len Gilliam, weather observer for Heppner, show that for the first nine months in 1942 a total of 11.53 inches of moisture descended upon this section. As a matter of fact, the moisture fall during the first eight months for September 1942 was just like September 1943—no rain fall.

There is still time for the weather man to "strut his stuff" but he will have to pour it on copiously if last year's record is to be equaled. So far this year—first eight months—a total of 8.52 inches of moisture has been recorded. That makes the current moisture supply 3.01 inches less than for the same period in 1942. In the western part of the state that would not be much of a handicap but it is a different situation up here.

Figures given are for the Heppner zone. It is possible that other sections, particularly the Eight Mile and Gooseberry districts, may show a little better average.

Farmers and stockmen are welcoming the showers. Wheat lands perhaps have not been suffering but moisture never comes amiss. Stockmen were beginning to look worried, and with good cause, for grass was not coming along sufficiently to provide ample fall pasture. Faces are beginning to settle back to normal length.

WILL REPORT ON TRIP

Mrs. Mabel Hughes, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, will make a report to the Women's Auxiliary of All Saints church at the regular meeting Friday afternoon on her trip to Cleveland, Ohio, where she attended the general convocation of the Episcopal churches of America. Mrs. Hughes returned Saturday from Cleveland.

UP FOR HUNT

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nelson and Douglas Rambeau of Portland are spending a few days in the county hunting deer and birds. While here they are guests at the home of Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker.

ATTENDED AUCTION SALE

Richard Peterson of Monument was an interested spectator at the auction sale held at the Rynnion corrals Saturday. He brought four of his Hereford bulls over for disposal at the sale. "Rich" is able to get around nowadays without crutches but limps badly, the effects of injuries sustained when he fell from a haystack at his ranch a few miles below Monument.

DRIVE TO ONTARIO

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bartsche drove to Ontario Saturday morning on business in connection with ranch property which they own in that district. Bartsche works at Blackburn mill.

VISITING BROTHER

Sgt. Albert P. Moe is spending his furlough here visiting his brother, Melvin Moe and family.

Great Commercial Growth In Orient Awaits Peace

An almost unlimited commercial field will be opened in the orient with the coming of peace, and the United States should be prepared to cash in on this development. That is the opinion expressed by Dr. Perry O. Hanson in a short talk to the chamber of commerce luncheon group Monday at the Lucas Place.

Dr. Hanson, returned missionary to China, where he and Mrs. Hanson spent 40 years, is well informed on affairs in the orient, both in peace time and in war. He and Mrs. Hanson both spoke in admiration of the Chinese people, who, they say, are gradually throwing off their ancient civilization and making marked strides in science, invention and education.

Right now the need is for aid in material and trained men to drive the invader from Chinese soil. Given plenty of help in this particular, the Chinese will go a long way toward ridding the world of the Japanese menace and the threat of world domination. Restore the Burma road into central China and pour in the supplies needed and it won't take long to put Japan out of the war, Dr. Hanson stated.

Looking to the day of peace, it was pointed out that the Chinese are an industrious people, albeit they have not pushed ahead like their ambitious neighbors across the China sea. The trend toward modernization in the newly awakened land will open fields for develop-

ment far greater than anything in the past. Irrigation projects on the basis developed in this country, plants to convert raw products on a real commercial basis, and the establishment of markets for exchange of products with other countries—these and many other projects await the laying down of arms.

Mrs. Hanson spoke of the things China has given the world and added the thought that there are other things the Pacific coast might acquire from the land of the world's oldest civilization. She mentioned in particular the Chinese persimmon which resembles the American tomato in size and form but not in flavor. It is her opinion that this fruit would grow and bear well in this area as soil and climatic conditions are not much different to Shantung province where they made their home for so many years. She mentioned several other things that would be worth trying and urged that Americans study the Chinese and their country.

The Hansons expect to return to China when it is safe to do so. They are traveling over the states in the interest of China relief and are meeting with considerable success. It is their belief that if even part of the American people could witness what they have seen since the Japanese moved in seven years ago the question of China relief would be promptly and substantially settled.

First Car to Leave Alaska Stops Here

Among the first cars to traverse the Alcan highway between Alaska and the States was that of C. G. Norris, who was a guest Wednesday at Hotel Heppner. Norris and his party, including J. M. Hansen, bridge engineer, and Bruce Erickson and Dick Dimmick of Oregon City, left Whitehorse, Yukon Territory Oct. 11 and arrived in Heppner Oct. 19.

Norris, U. S. highway engineer, is no stranger to this territory. He was stationed at Heppner during the construction of the Heppner-Spray highway and has many acquaintances here, a number of whom he looked up during his brief visit.

FIRST FALL MEETING

First fall meeting of the Women's Missionary society of Valby Lutheran church will be held the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 31 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Algott Lundell, according to announcement made this week by Mrs. Claud Huston, president of the society. Mrs. Huston urges members to attend and has expended an invitation to friends to be present.

REBEKAHS PLAN FOR ASSEMBLY CHIEF'S VISIT

In regular meeting Friday evening, Sans Souci Rebekah lodge laid plans for the forthcoming visit of the state assembly president, Mrs. Bertha McCollum of Portland.

Next meeting of the local lodge will be Nov. 5.

VACATIONING HERE

Mr. Mark Merrill is a guest of friends in Heppner, coming the last of the week to spend a vacation from her job with a ship building plant in Portland.

BUYS BEAMER RESIDENCE

Mrs. Ethel Pickering has purchased the residence property of Ralph Beamer in south Heppner and she and her daughter Georgia will move in the latter part of the week. The Beamers will move into an apartment temporarily.

Subscriptions for National War Fund Coming in Slowly

County Urged to Maintain Record Of Past Drives

Returns from the current campaign to raise funds for the National War Fund and Oregon War Chest, Inc. are not as satisfactory as could reasonably be expected, according to Blaine E. Isom, chairman of the county organization. In announcing the opening this week of the house-to-house canvass Isom expressed the hope that the people will learn more about the National War Fund and that subscriptions will be more numerous as well as more generous.

Isom pointed out that the citizens of Morrow county have always taken pride in the fact that their county goes over the top in any kind of drive, yet in the current campaign with half of the citizens having already donated toward the cause, less than one-third of the quota has been collected, and this is not even a dollar-per-capita rating.

Part of the trouble, it is suggested, is due to the fact that many people are giving to this fund covering so many charitable enterprises a sum equal to what they ordinarily give to one of these agencies. The chairman and his board are urging each individual to look at the list of agencies coming under the National War Fund and Oregon War Chest and to gauge their donations accordingly. This grouping was made in the interest of economy both as to time and administrative expense, with 17 national agencies and 12 state charity organizations as beneficiaries.

"Any donation is appreciated," Isom stated, "but in order to reach our quota and in order to feel that we are giving as much of ourselves as the ones who are overseas, we must give more generously. Our hearts can dictate our course. We have plenty, so let us relieve the suffering of children of other countries; let us give to the USO and the United Seamen's Service to help keep up our fighting men's morale; let us give to the War Prisoners aid, so as to keep these men fit for civilian life after the war; let us give to the Salvation army, the orphanages and all other agencies and let us give generously because we are giving but once for all. Besides, our donations are deductible from our income tax."

"Your own motto for this drive should be: 'This is my appreciation for the ones who are fighting my battles and I have given accordingly.'"

LEGION, AUXILIARY TO JOIN IN BUCKBERGER FEED

American Legion and Legion auxiliary posts of Morrow county will join in a buckberger feed Tuesday evening at the Episcopal parish house. Members of the Legion who brought in their bucks are providing the meat and the auxiliary will assist with preparing and serving the dinner.

Following the feed the men will hold installation of officers and the auxiliary will have a meeting with Mrs. Cecelia Palmer of Fossil, district president.

Husbands and wives of the Legion and auxiliary have been extended an urgent invitation to attend the affair.

IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Irene Laughlin spent a few days in Portland the first of the week going down with Mrs. George Burroughs and returning Wednesday with Henry Aiken.

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