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Our Men In Service

REPORTS AT FORT BENNING

FORT BENNING, Ga.: The arrival of Pvt. Paul V. Rietmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann of Ione, Ore., at this ASTP basic training center was announced today by Colonel Robert Sharp, commanding officer, Sixth Trainin Regiment.

The basic training center at the infantry school, Fort Benning, is one of those established under the army specialized training program and consists of three regiments of four battalions each. Each battalion is composed of four companies with an approximate strength of 250 basics per company.

The training program differs from that of the average replacement center in that the basics are not assigned to any particular branch of the army. They will receive training in drill, the rifle and light machine gun and other basic subjects. A considerable portion of the training will be devoted to physical education—the building of the basics into strong, durable soldiers.

Following the training here, the basic will be sent to STAR (Special Training and Reassignments) units for classification for further studies and subsequent assignment to troop duty as specialist technicians. They may also be sent to officer candidate school.

Private Rietmann attended Ione high school.

AT NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

LINCOLN, Neb.: Pvt. Willard A. Blake of Heppner, Ore., son of Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Blake, has arrived at 348th CTD (aircrew), University of Nebraska for course of army air forces instruction lasting up to five months prior to his appointment as an aviation cadet in the army air forces. During this period he will take numerous academic courses, as well as elementary flying training. Upon completion of his college training he will be classified as a pilot, navigator or bombardier and go on to school of the training command for training in these specialties.

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

A. E. Burkenbine is resting comfortably at home following a heart attack shortly before noon Monday.

Mr. Burkenbine went to work at his shop, the Heppner Market, as usual Monday morning seemingly all right, but after an hour or two became ill and had to be taken home. His physician has stated that he will have to take a good long rest. Lloyd Burkenbine is serving as meat cutter in his father's place.

12 Morrow County Men Join Service

Twelve Morrow county young men joined the fighting forces of Uncle Sam the past week. Of these, three were from Heppner, four from Lexington, two from Ione, two from Irrigon and one from Boardman.

Accepted from Heppner were Richard W. Robison and Alvin Pettyjohn navy, and Wade Bothwell, army.

Lexington contributed William H. Nichols, son of Archie Nichols, to the army; the navy drew Carl M. Marquardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marquardt; Claude E. Way, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Way and third member of the family to join the service, and Leonard L. Munkers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munkers.

Ione sent Donald W. Butcher and James R. Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnett, to the navy. Glenn O'Brien and Raymond C. Coulter entered the army from Irrigon, as did Russell Myllimaki, Boardman.

Roof Damaged in Early Morning Fire

An early morning blaze Tuesday at the Clarence Bauman house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dyerson did considerable damage to the roof and scorched part of the interior. The fire department was called at 6 o'clock and prior to the arrival of the truck neighbors assisted in removing furniture.

The Dyerson were not at home, having gone into Washington on business and left the children in charge of Mrs. Wm. Smith. A small coal stove was being used in place of the oil stove and the fire is said to have started from overheating of the small stove.

HOPITAL GIVEN RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF PIANO

In the words of Mrs. Ralph Thompson Morrow county chairman of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital Council, the orchids should go to the women of Hardman.

The women of the once prosperous little community nestled near the timbered area of the south end of the county got together a number of years ago and bought a piano for use in the Community church. A few weeks ago they got together and decided to sell the instrument. It brought \$50. The money has been turned over to Mc Caw General hospital at Walla Walla.

This action was taken after it was learned that the church would be closed.

Mrs. Dick Wells will open her house to the American Legion auxiliary Monday evening, Nov. 8. Mrs. W. H. Instone and Mrs. Constance Hatfield will be hostesses.

Threat of Milk Famine Seen in OPA Ruling

Return to 12-cent Rate Means Exit For Local Dairy

Heppner's milk supply is threatened through a ruling by the OPA that the established price for distribution per quart shall be 12 cents. The chief distributor, Alfalfa Lawn dairy, has been advised that the 14-cent price invoked earlier this year is not in conformity with the ruling made by the OPA and that the administration's rate will have to be met.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Mayor J. O. Turner prepared and circulated a petition in the business section of Heppner early this week which was readily signed by all whom he contacted. The petition pointed out that the local dairy could not meet the advanced cost of feeds and continue to operate at the figure established by the OPA. The state administrator was urged to reconsider the order and grant the dairy 14 cents per quart for retail distribution and 12 cents for wholesale distribution. Mayor Turner in a letter to the administrator set forth the local situation and asked that local condition be considered.

Proclamation.....

WHEREAS, tuberculosis has increased during all past wars,

WHEREAS, the Oregon Tuberculosis association, an integral part of the nationwide anti-tuberculosis organization of the United States, is facing, as is the entire organization, a crucial year in its so-far victorious campaign against tuberculosis, due to wartime conditions.

WHEREAS, tuberculosis is the first cause of death among persons between 15 and 45 years of age,

WHEREAS, the Christmas Seal Sale is the sole support of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, one of our most worthy community institutions,

THEREFORE, I, the mayor of Heppner do hereby call upon our people to contribute to the anti-tuberculosis campaign through the generous purchase of Christmas Seals during the annual sale, which opens on Monday, Nov. 22, to the end that a wartime rife in tuberculosis can be prevented in this community, as well as in the country as a whole.

J. O. Turner,
Mayor

Corwin's Mustangs Blank Arlington's Honkers 12-0

Have you seen a round-faced, slightly grayish gentleman walking up and down the street the past few days wearing a perpetual smile and ready to shake hands with everybody he meets? Well, if you have, please be a little charitable with him. He has good cause to be grumpy. His high school football team clicked last Friday and left a sodden field dangling the long end of a 12-0 score.

Oh yes, it was football we were writing about and the grumpy gent in question is none other than Coach George Corwin. He was so happy over the outcome of the game that when he went hunting the next day he got a case of buck fever and couldn't even see the sight on his rifle. Result—he won a football game but his family will have to go without venison the ensuing winter.

It was raining—just the kind of weather ducks or "honkers" usually appreciate. But the Honker in this instance couldn't cope with the rarin' chargin' Mustangs of the wild Heppner range country and instead of carrying home a hunk of horse meat they had to accept a small piece of humble pie.

According to the record of the game, Edmondson broke through the Honker line in the second quarter, scooting 15 yards for a touchdown. No conversion. There was a scoring lull in the third period, then in the final quarter Ulrich made a sensational 65-yard run down the sidelines, aided by good blocking. Again no conversion. It was not only Heppner's first win in four starts, but the first time the boys really got the scoring idea. A rearrangement of the backfield, giving more power and speed, is credited with giving the margin of victory.

The team has three remaining games, two with Condon and one with Hermiston. Condon will be met at Condon this Friday and Corwin feels his boys will be in about the right mood to repeat last Friday's performance.

NO BLACKOUT, JUST A BIT OF AN ALARM

Restless sleepers were somewhat disturbed about 3 a. m. Tuesday when the town siren started to blow. The alarm was brief, but many who heard it were unable to go back to sleep for listening for the "fire wagon" to start shrieking its whistle.

Cause of the alarm is reported as at Hotel Heppner inadvertently contacted the blackout alarm switch.

'43 Production Record Best In History

Variety of Crops Figures in Total Wealth Increase

That 12-bushel average which has been standard in Morrow county for the many years has been knocked into a cocked hat during the past three seasons. (And since the ban on weather discussion has been lifted, it begins to look like the ratio established in 1941 will be maintained in 1944.) For instance, the production record in 1943 is believed to be the greatest in the history of the county. A summary of each crop yield has not been made up to the present time but County Agent C. D. Conrad stated Wednesday that undoubtedly this is Morrow county's big year.

Of the county's 312,000 acres of plowed land, 95,000 acres were sown to wheat this year, 70,000 in fall wheat and 25,000 acres spring. In addition to the wheat acreages, 3,000 acres were sowed to rye; 600 acres to oats; 19,000 acres to barley; 500 to corn; 1,000 acres to peas; 8,000 acres to grain hay and approximately 7,000 acres are in alfalfa. On top of this, farmers and stockmen have sown between 35,000 and 37,000 acres to crested wheat grass in recent years. This had nothing to do with the 1943 crop production other than that it is a sown crop.

In nearly all instances crops were heavy.

In commenting on the crop situation, Conrad stated that the even years are generally the best but that this year has been the exception. About 12,000 acres of plow were idle this year and this is about the average.

That 1944 will be a big acreage year is seen in the fact that there are 132,000 acres in summerfallow this year. In 1942 summerfallow totaled 114,000 acres. Since bigger acreages are being encountered it is expected the farmers will extend themselves in 1944.

Fall seeding has been retarded by rainy weather and Conrad looks for a heavier spring planting than usual.

NEW CORRESPONDENT

The Gazette Times has been without a correspondent at Lexington for a number of weeks and is pleased to announce that Mrs. Ruth McMillan has accepted the job of writing news from the neighboring community. Cooperation of the people of Lexington and vicinity will be appreciated by Mrs. McMillan and this newspaper.

"We Are Buying War Bonds—Are You?"



Sgt. Carl Funk, 26, Cincinnati, lost his right eye and sustained a fractured left knee in Sicily. He has been buying War Bonds regularly. He will return to civil life as soon as he is discharged from Balloran Hospital, N. Y.



Pvt. Irwin Levinson, Baltimore, was struck by shrapnel in the left shoulder at Palermo. The fingers of his left hand are paralyzed. When his father asked if he needed anything, his son replied: "Buy War Bonds." His father bought \$1,000 worth.



Pvt. Thomas Dellarossa, Trenton, N. J., 18th Infantry Patrol, was wounded by shrapnel at El Guitar, Africa, and now must wear a special brace for his left knee. He won the Purple Heart. He buys War Bonds regularly and urges you to.



Pvt. Donat Cartier, Derry, N. H., suffered a fracture of the leg above the knee in Sicily when struck by an 88 mm. shell. He was held prisoner for two days by the Germans, traveling in a tank. He is a regular purchaser of War Bonds.



Pvt. William E. Morris, Long Beach, Cal., is above draft age but has seen three years of service. He lost his left leg below the knee in Tunisia. He wears the Purple Heart and Good Conduct Ribbon and continues his War Bond purchases.