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## Our Men In Service

### GOES TO ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL

Aviation Cadet Bill W. Biddle has completed his basic flying training at the army air force pilot school in the West Coast Training center at Gardner Field, Calif. He has been sent to an advanced flying school where he will finish his pilot training. Upon the successful completion of this course, he will receive a commission as a flight officer or a second lieutenant in the army of the United States.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brown who reside at Ione.

### GETS PROMOTION

Mrs. Joe Mahon has received word from her son, John (Jack) Thomas Mahon, that he has been raised from S1/c to Petty Officer 3/c (coxswain). Jack has been in combat service for over a year and his promotion comes as a recognition of worthy performance. He was home on leave in the spring.

### HANDY WITH FIREARMS

Eastern Oregon lads are showing their companions in training how to handle firearms and have been awarded medals for their prowess. Three Morrow county boys who recently joined the Marines have already served notice on the Japs, or the Heinies, to keep well under cover or else—

Pvt. Emory Coxen won the expert's medal for marksmen, attaining the highest grade in his platoon of 60 men.

Bill Padberg and Hugh McLaughlin won sharpshooters' medals. The boys are in training at San Diego.

### THE LOWDOWN ON THOSE MARINE SHARPSHOOTERS

A paragraph on the superiority of Morrow county marines' marksmanship had scarcely gotten into type before a letter from one of the men was received, and we hasten to put it into print for it is told in the words of a marine.

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Dear Sir:

Home town boy hits the jackpot with ye old shooting rod, rifle to us. Out of a platoon of 59 men, Emory Coxen was high point man with a rating of expert. There are four grades of rifle shots: qualifier, marksman, sharpshooter and expert. Bill Padberg and I made sharpshooter and marksman, respectively. A person really earns those titles too if he does attain them, because it shows what he has put into his practice session, which includes two weeks of snapping into position and a third week of practice with live ammunition, Thursday of that week being set aside for the purpose of firing for record.

All we're looking forward to now is the end of boot camp, which will be in ten days, thank God.

Just call us the Fighting Sixty Ninth with the emphasis on the ninth.

Semper Fidelis,  
HUGH McLAUGHLIN.

### MORE SHARPSHOOTING

Speaking of sharpshooters, here's another record hung up by a Morrow county lad in the service. Ted McMurdo, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo of Heppner, rated expert marksman in a recent rifle firing event at the University of California at Los Angeles where he is completing a course in meteorology this month. Ted, not an experienced rifleman, found the target 188 times out of a possible 200 at 200 yards. Upon graduation, Ted will receive his commission.

### MONEY FOR COLORED WACS

Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Morrow county chairman of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council, re-

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## Corwin Men End Season Tied With Arlington Honkers

Heppner high school's football squad, coached by Supt. George Corwin, out-foxed a tough bunch of Gilliam county boys on the Rodeo field Friday afternoon and came off on the long end of a 33-13 score to wind up the 1943 season in a blaze of glory. As a result of this victory the Mustangs gained a tie with Arlington, a not bad record for an aggregation of lads most of whom made their first appearance on the gridiron this year.

The fireworks started in the first quarter when Heppner received kick-off and advanced the ball to their own 40. From there it was a march down the field to the first touchdown, Ulrich's 25-yard jaunt around left end on a double reverse turning the trick. Try for point was unsuccessful.

In the second quarter, Ulrich intercepted a pass on Condon's 25 and raced on down the field for the second score. Try for goal failed. Score, Heppner 12, Condon 0. A few minutes later Knowles intercepted another Condon pass and behind the one-man interference of

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## Local Fuel Problem Remains Unsolved

A committee appointed by Chairman B. C. Pinckney at Monday's meeting of the chamber of commerce is working on the problem of easing the fuel situation in Heppner and the county but as yet has nothing definite to announce. It is hoped to obtain trucks for hauling logs limbs and tree tops in from the mountains and Wednesday there was the promise of a figure on cost of such a service.

Partial relief may be found in the use of discarded railroad ties, of which there are a good many at present between Heppner and Ione. The committee has been advised that these ties will be burned by the section crews within a short time and people with trucks are urged to haul them away without delay. Some 400 old ties are to be found between Heppner and Lexington, it is stated.

## Dec. 15 Deadline for Farmers To File Income Tax Estimate

In preparation for the Dec. 15 deadline for filing income tax estimates by farmers a new pamphlet entitled "Farm Bookkeeping and Federal Income Tax" has been issued by the U. S. department of agriculture and is now available free from the county extension office, reports County Agent Conrad

This new pocket-sized pamphlet is not a set of directions for setting up a system of farm accounts nor is it an involved, detailed set of instructions for filling out an income tax blank, Conrad explains. Instead it is a simple explanation of the steps necessary for a farmer to take in arranging what records he has and using them in determining his income tax payment.

The majority of farmers in Morrow county will have to file federal income tax returns this year even though deductions may eliminate any actual payment for same. The present requirements are that a single person with a gross income of \$500 or more or a married person with a gross income of \$624 or more must make a return.

Farmers must file a declaration of estimated tax not later than Dec. 15, 1943. This declaration represents

## Oddfellows, Rebekahs Buy Two Bombers

Because Oddfellows and Rebekahs of Oregon cooperated so effectively in the Third War Loan campaign, their lodges were being honored with the naming of two bombers instead of one as originally planned. According to the Oregon Pacific Oddfellow, official organ for the lodges in this state, bond purchases to the extent of \$1,283,411.75 were credited to members of the orders.

Two \$500,000 bombers will be inscribed, one Oddfellows of Oregon and the other Rebekahs of Oregon.

An eight and one-half pound boy was born Sunday night, Nov. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Biddle

the taxpayer's best approximation of his income and victory tax liability for the current year. The amount due to be paid on that date with the estimate is generally the amount of the total year's tax minus any payments already made to the collector earlier in the year, before the plan of payment was changed to a pay-as-you-go basis. The exact tax liability for 1943 will be determined when the complete, final return is filed on or before March 15, 1944.

A written record of receipts and expenditures is highly important to a farmer when he is preparing his income tax returns, Conrad stated. This has been emphasized by the by the complete system with inventories as provided for in the Oregon Cash Farm Account book, or extension service in its encouragement of farm record keeping, either by the more simple cash record provided for in the new Oregon Cash Farm Record book, both of which are available at the county agent's office at cost.

The use of this new pamphlet, prepared by the bureau of agricultural economics and extension service, should help in preparing records for the forthcoming return.

## VALBY CHURCH ADDS THREE NAMES TO ROLL OF HONOR

Three new names were added to the roll of honor of Valby Lutheran church in Eight Mile on Nov. 14. Dedication was held at the regular meeting of the missionary society on that date. The list includes Donald Peterson, son of Oscar Peterson, and Donald and Richard McElligott of lower Gooseberry.

The plaque containing the names of people in the service from the vicinity was dedicated in June.

## IN WALLA WALLA

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner drove to Walla Walla this morning to spend the day and eat Thanksgiving dinner with their son-in-law and daughter. Lt. and Mrs. Fred Allison.

## County Exceeds War Chest Fund Returns Indicate

Morrow county came through generously in the recent Oregon War Chest fund campaign and with the goal of \$4500 already reached there is a possibility that complete returns will swell the total considerably. Not all solicitors have yet turned in their reports. Chairman Blaine E. Isom stated the first of the week, there are a few individuals who have promised subscriptions but who have not remitted. The campaign ends Nov. 30, when it is hoped complete returns will be in the hands of the executive committee.

In speaking of the successful campaign, Chairman Isom voiced the sentiment of the entire board in thanking the citizens and various organizations for responding so well at a time when the drive was going poorly. It was not until the scheduled time was growing short that funds began to arrive to an appreciable extent. This followed a special appeal by the board which also feels grateful to the corps of solicitors for their cooperation.

"Those who still wish to donate to the fund may hand in their contributions to the chairman," Isom stated. The campaign is open through Nov. 30, and although we have made our quota, the more money we still can contribute, the more the USO can do for our boys who are homesick and the more suffering we can alleviate."

## BUYS ESKELSON PROPERTY

Clyde Nutting, manager of the Heppner-Ione-Portland Freight line has purchased the residence property of Mrs. Rosa Eskelson in north Heppner. The place has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson who will move to the Marcelus Morgan property recently purchased by Vernon Flatt, operator of the Union Pacific truck line. Flatt resides at Moro.

## DINING IN PENDLETON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker and Miss Kathryn Parker drove to Pendleton this morning to spend Thanksgiving at the John Parker home.