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## Our Men In Service

LIKES TO HEAR FROM OLD HOME TOWN

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"Hello" from a Heppnerian!

I want to thank you for the issues I've received of the Gazette Times. Even though the "old home town" and I have been strangers these past few years, there is much of interest in the local paper. Especially now, with myself and so many others in the service, I enjoy reading of the whereabouts and activities of those I know.

As you probably know, when the war began I resigned my coaching position in Phoenix, Arizona, and soon afterward went overseas for the war department. When my leave came up and they sent me back to the States for a month, they wanted to get into the service itself was too great to resist. So once again I resigned and applied for a commission in the navy.

Now they are making a navigator of me. It's a great life, and from looks of things here, those little sons of Nippon are in for a terrific pasting before long. When we complete our training here it seems certain that we will receive an immediate assignment in transport service (in the Pacific probably) or at an advanced Pacific air base, or aboard an aircraft carrier. We should finish here in late February, I believe.

Met both Alan Gibb and Elby Akers while in Panama. Both were well and doing a good job for Uncle Sam.

Also called both Clifford Driscoll and Marshall Fell while in Washington, D. C., but the navy gives a fellow very little time for social calls these days.

Glad to read that HHS lads are still playing good football. Incidentally, "my boys" won the Arizona state championship in my final coaching season, two days before Pearl Harbor.

Well, both aerology and navigation are calling for a bit of study, so I'll say "so long—and thanks again." Good luck!!

Sincerely,  
GORDON (Buck) BUCKNUM,  
Ensign, USNR

Ted Palmateer informed his mother, Echo Palmateer, that he is now stationed at San Diego with a utility squadron.

Mrs. Mary Thomson received a telegram this week from Ellis Thomson advising her that he had arrived in New York after spending a year in Africa. He plans to spend the holidays in Toronto, Canada with relatives of his father.

James Stotts arrived home Friday for a visit with his father, Uriah Stotts. James, wounded in Alaska, has been a patient at the military hospital in Vancouver, Wash. for several months. A brother, Henry Stotts, is a prisoner of war in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Aiken had three letters from their son, Sgt. Joe Aiken, the past week. Joe is in Sicily with a headquarters detachment. He saw plenty of service in the Sicilian campaign and although the campaign has been moved to the Italian mainland.

Henry Aiken Jr., "Dubby" to all his friends, left Friday for Manhattan, Kan., to resume his studies at Manhattan State college where he is being trained under the A. F. T. program. "Dub" had four days at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Aiken.

### AT CORAVLLIS

County Agent C. D. Conrad is attending the county agents' conference in Corvallis this week. He left Monday and expects to return Saturday.

## 'Not Guilty' Is Jury Verdict in Robinson Case

State Fails to Prove Accused Man Killed Elk in Question

The jury serving on the Roy Robinson case brought in a verdict of not guilty at 4:55 this evening. Robinson was charged with wasting elk meat but the state failed to convince the jury that he had even killed the animals.

At a late hour this afternoon the jury on the case of the State of Oregon vs. Roy Robinson had failed to reach an agreement and there was considerable speculation over the prospect of no decision. The case opened Wednesday immediately following closing of the state vs. Victor Colin Ireland, charged with rape involving a minor girl, and was handed to the jury this morning.

The case against Earl January, held over from a previous term, was dismissed when it was learned that January had made restitution for all stock involved in the charge. Ireland was acquitted.

Judge Calvin Sweek of Pendleton had presided at this term of court.

## Patrons, Teachers Plan Organization

Steps were taken Tuesday night to organize a Parent-Teacher association unit in Heppner. At a meeting held at the high school building a committee was named to arrange a date and other details for an organization meeting to be held early in January. Mrs. Stephen Thompson heads the committee and will be assisted by Mrs. Gene Ferguson and Mrs. Merle Miller.

Meeting with the group Tuesday evening and assisting in formulating organization plans was Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ione, director of the high school division of the state P-TA.

About 12 women of the community were invited by Supt. George Corwin to attend the meeting and assist in the organization plans.

## Services Held for Willie E. Mikesell

Services were held this afternoon at the Phelps Funeral Home chapel for W. E. Mikesell whose death occurred Tuesday. O. Wendell Herbison, pastor of the Church of Christ, officiating and Mrs. Lucille Walker sang two numbers. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Mikesell had been in failing health for a number of years and had suffered several strokes. One of these, suffered about a month ago, led to his demise.

Willie Eugene Mikesell was born in Missouri more than 71 years ago. He came with his parents to Morrow county at the age of 11 and had been a continuous resident here. He acquired 160 acres of land just south of Heppner city limits where he and his faithful wife raised their family and maintained a comfortable home.

The widow and three children survive. Of these, the older son, Loren was with his father when the end came.

### RHEA CREEK NEWS

Members of Rhea Creek grange will hold their annual Christmas party at the hall at 8 p. m. Dec. 21. There will be an exchange of gifts.

Members attending Pomona at Boardman were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker, Mr. and Mr. Orian Wright, Mrs. Hannah Anderson, Mrs. Alice Anderson, Oscar Peterson, and Mrs. George Corwin and son Steven of Heppner.

Henry Baker, master of Rhea Creek grange and county deputy, attended the grange deputy meet-

## Good Neighbor Policy Put Into Effect When Farm House Burns

A realistic good neighbor policy stage Friday for a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Leach.

Those who shopped in Pendleton during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt and family, Mrs. Otto Ruhl and son Norman, Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Alex Hunt and son Elwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra.

Albert Edwards A. S. left for his station at Farragut Thursday after a 15 day leave, going by way of Spokane. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Lon Edwards and his brother Clyde who will enlist in the navy while in Spokane. Claude White is seriously ill at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah White.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunt and son Dean and Kenneth Way are spending the week in Portland and Oregon City. Mrs. Etta Hunt accompanied them to Portland after visiting relatives and friends here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wallace and son Johnnie and Walter Wallace left for Hubbard Saturday to visit a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges are spending several days in Grants. Pass with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Acklen and daughter.

Ralph Ledbetter and daughter Estelle spent the week-end in The Dalles where Mrs. Ledbetter is ill at a hospital.

Mrs. Minnie Leach Cicero, a visitor here from Finlay Okla. left by

## A. E. Burkenbine Called by Death

A heart attack proved fatal to A. E. Burkenbine, proprietor of the Heppner market, at the family residence this morning. The attack struck about 4 a. m. and death followed immediately. He was first invalided home after suffering a severe attack at the market the morning of Oct. 28, death coming just even weeks to the day.

Funeral arrangements are being withheld pending word from two sons, Reece and Merle, both of whom spent extended leaves at home operating the market. Reece is at Seattle but Merle's present whereabouts were unknown to the family today. The other sons, Lloyd and Albert, are at home.

An obituary will be given next week.

## THREE MEN ACCEPTED FOR SERVICE IN ARMY

Among present and former Morrow county young men accepted for service in the army were Tom Fraters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fraters of Eight Mile; Ray Coblantz, of Toledo, Ore., and Cornelius Walter DuPuy.

DuPuy was manager of Dickson's Variety store a few years ago and Coblantz also worked here.

## FAMILY REUNION

The past week-end was a happy occasion for Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo when two of their sons, with their wives, joined them around the family table. The third son, Scott, was unable to be present. Lt. and Mrs. Ted McMurdo and Lt. and Mrs. Bernard McMurdo were home. The former came from Los Angeles where Ted has just finished a course in meteorology at UC LA and is on his way to a South Carolina station. Bernard is in the dental service of the great navy hospital at Farragut.

## ENTERTAIN TEACHERS

Miss Kathryn Parker was hostess to the teachers of the Heppner school Sunday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Parker. A bountiful supper was enjoyed by teachers, husbands and wives, following which carols were sung for a time and the balance of the evening was taken up with visiting. Twenty guests were present.

## SUFFERS STROKE

S. H. Shannon is quite ill today following a light stroke last night. An effort was being made this morning to contact his grandson, Billy Cochell, who has just returned to an American port from overseas duty.

Practice session of the Music Study club's chorus have been recessed until Jan. 4, according to the director, Mrs. O. G. Crawford.

## Holiday Season To Be Heralded In Verse, Song

Churches, Schools Arrange Programs For Ensuing Week

Christmas is not far away, so close, that church and school programs commemorating the birth of Christ have been announced for the ensuing week. Most of the churches of the county will present Sunday school and choir programs this coming Sunday, while schools are preparing to present their programs just prior to the close of activities preceding the holidays.

O. Wendell Herbison, pastor of the Church of Christ, announces that regular Christmas services will be held throughout the day Dec. 19. At the morning service the choir and others will present a small concert. There will be regular Christian Endeavor meetings in the evening, followed by a modern play by the younger people, the theme being "Even as much as ye did it unto me." There will be a children's program at the Bible school hour.

The Methodist Sunday school will occupy the evening hour, beginning at 7:30 p. m., according to Bennie Howe, pastor. A general program of song and verse has been arranged. There will also be a sound film.

Services announced for the holiday period at All Saints Episcopal church include a church school program at 9:45 a. m. Sunday. In the evening the choir will lead in a carol service in which the audience will be asked to participate. The regular Christmas eve service will be held at 10 p. m. Friday, Dec. 24 at which time there will be special music and observance of Holy Communion.

High mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Catholic church at mid night Dec. 24. On Christmas day Father Francis McCormick will hold services at 9 a. m. at Ione and return to Heppner for a 10:30 a. m. service.

Christmas exercises will be held during the Sunday school hour at the Assembly of God church in Heppner.

Announcement comes from Ione that the Baptist church will present a Christmas program at 11 a. m. to which the public has been cordially invited. The Co-operative church of Ione has chosen the evening hour to present the Sunday school exercises.

A preholiday program has been prepared by the Heppner schools and will be presented Wednesday night at the school gymnasium. An outline of the program will be found elsewhere in this issue.

## Boy Scouts Visit Mountains Saturday

Ten Boy Scouts accompanied by Scoutmaster John Fuiten, assistant Scoutmaster O. Wendell Herbison and George Corwin, troop committeeman, visited the mountains Saturday afternoon. They drove to the McCaleb cabin where dinner was prepared to give some of the boys cooking experience. Later a short hike was taken into the timber. The party returned to town that evening.

A Court of Honor will be held Tuesday night, Dec. 21 the Lexington high school. There will be induction of tenderfeet and awarding of badges, including two first class one star and one merit. R. D. McDermott, Blue Mountain Council executive, will be a guest.

Arrangements have been made with the woodworkers union to use that local's hall as a scout meeting place.