

Our Men in Service

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used the paratroops there.

NEPHEW LOST AT TARAWA

Mrs. Joe Hughes received word Friday that her nephew, Pfc Ralph L. Williams, was among the U. S. Marines who gave their lives at Tarawa. Young Williams was a talented musician and would have been 19 years old in February.

RAISED TO SERGEANT

From San Francisco comes word that Cpl Orrin W. Bisbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in Headquarters Squadron at 4th Air force. Prior to entering service Sgt. Bisbee was employed by the Standard Oil Company of California.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

Relatives have learned from Earl Francis McCabe that he has been made chief petty officer, motor machinist's mate. Earl has been overseas several months and has not been home since joining the navy.

VISITING PARENTS

Don Evans is spending his leave from duties with the Merchant Marines. Wounded in action twice, Don will go to a San Francisco hospital for special treatment at the conclusion of his visit here Jan. 7.

MISSING IN EUROPE

Rev. J. Fred Stilwell of Yamhill writes the Gazette Times that he and Mrs. Stilwell have been notified that their son Frederick Emory Stilwell has been reported missing in the European theater. While details were lacking parents are quite certain that Frederick's plane was among those shot down Dec. 1 in the big raid on Berlin in which 1200 planes were engaged and 42 bombers failed to return to base.

Lt. Dale Stilwell, flying one of the transport planes for Uncle Sam in India, recently sent his parents a letter describing the Hindu Christmas ceremony which is observed Oct. 4 to 9 each year. When space permits the article will be published in this newspaper.

HOME FROM SOUTH PACIFIC TO SPEND CHRISTMAS

While numerous service men were able to get home for Christmas vacation, it is doubtful if any of them came further than Lt. Arthur W. Bergstrom, who is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl F.

Baker re-Elected Chairman County Conservation Assn.

The annual election of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association was held in the courthouse Dec. 21, at which time Henry Baker was re-elected chairman of the county committee; Frank Saling was re-elected as regular member of the county committee; Clyde Denney was elected as first alternate and W. A. Baker of Boardman second alternate.

Committee elections were held the same day for all districts with the exception of Boardman and Irigoin, and meetings were held in those places the previous day. Committeemen were elected for all communities prior to the county election.

The 1944 AAA program will follow about the same line as in past years except there will be no restrictions on the planting of wheat in 1944. Soil conservation payments will be made the same as in the past and there will be very few changes in the soil conserving practices under the farm program.

As far as is known now there will be a greater wheat loan program in 1944 but no information has been received as yet on the loan rate.

The federal crop insurance program has been discussed but many farm groups including Eastern Oregon Wheat league have gone on record favoring re-instatement of the crop insurance program, but as yet there is no indication that it will be continued for the 1944 year.

One of the questions asked most frequently during the past months is whether or not farmers may plow up crested wheat grass and seed the land to wheat or other grains. There are no restrictions in 1944 on the plowing up of crested wheat grass but the farmers are urged to give some real thought and consideration to the practice before going ahead and considering the livestock feed requirements on their farm and whether or not the grass is needed for erosion control.

Indians Recruited For Sheep Herding

Sheepmen of Morrow county will be interested in arrangements by the extension service for recruiting Navajo Indians from Arizona for employment in lambing and as sheep herders.

C. D. Conrad, county agent, states that full details have not been received as yet but the program will follow much the same lines the one followed with the use of Mexican labor in which the farmer contracts to pay the men the going wage rate and keep him employed at least 75 percent of the time.

The Navajos are experienced in sheep raising and especially in herding and should fill the needs of many ranchers in Morrow county. One advantage they may have over Mexican labor is that they speak English.

Exception or others interested in obtaining some of the Indians must place their orders at the county agent's office as none will be recruited except upon definite order.

Bergstrom of Eight Mile. Lt. Bergstrom came from the South Pacific where he has been through four major naval engagements.

He has been transferred to a submarine chaser school in Florida and will leave for that point upon completion of his leave here.

VISIT AT BEAVERTON

The Edmond Gonty family spent Christmas with Mrs. Gonty's people at Beaverton. When they returned they were accompanied by Raymond Hemrich, member of the air corps.

BARNSTORMING POWDERITES KNOCK MUSTANGS OVER

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and wound up on the long end of a 41-25 score.

This has not discouraged Coach George Corwin, who stated that an early season defeat, especially by a strong team, is good medicine for any team and he expects his boys to keep their feet pretty well on the floor from now on.

Millard F. French Passes Sunday

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday from the Church of Christ for Millard F. French, who died early Sunday morning at the residence of L. W. Briggs where he made his home. Mr. French succumbed to an illness which had been afflicting him for some time. Born near Troy, Ohio, Aug. 19, 1856 he was 87 years, four months and seven days of age. He was the last of his immediate family.

When he was about one year old the family moved to Indiana where they made their home until 1880, coming to Oregon that year. They arrived at Umatilla Junction the day James A. Garfield was elected president. They settled on a farm near Heppner and Millard as a young man engaged in farming and stock raising for many years. Later his health broken, he followed mining and trapping, during which time he spent several years in Klondike, Alaska, Idaho and Washington, then in July, 1936, owing to infirmities of age, he returned to Heppner, making his home with his brother-in-law, L. W. Briggs, and family until the time of his death.

When a young man of 22 he united with the Baptist church at Brookston, Ind., transferring, on his coming to Oregon, to the Baptist church at Heppner, later uniting with the Church of Christ, to which he remained a faithful member the balance of his life.

Surviving are two nieces in Heppner, Miss Opal Briggs and Mrs. Ray Taylor, and three nieces in California. His only nephew, Burl Gurdane of Umatilla, was unable to come to the funeral because of illness.

AUNT DIES

Stanley Minor received word the last of the week of the death of his aunt, Mrs. W. T. Brown of St. John Wash. Mrs. Brown passed away Dec. 24 after a lingering illness. She had visited in Heppner several times and was here at the passing of Stanley's mother, Mrs. Mahala Minor. Because of travel difficulties, Stanley decided to not attempt to make the trip to St. John for his aunt's funeral.

GOING TO NEW LOCATION

Lt. and Mrs. Norton King were guests over the week-end at the home of Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Hilma Anderson. Lt. King has been transferred from Ellensburg, Wash. to Oklahoma City. They left Tuesday.



**Best Wishes
for the
New Year**

And many thanks for your friendly cooperation thru the months just past. We all have great plans for postwar days, so let's buy Bonds, work extra hard, and those days will come soon! This year, as in the past, our service will be adequate and of the best.

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CHURCHES**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

O. Wendell Herbison, Pastor
Bible school 9:45. A class for every age.
Morning worship 11 o'clock
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Evening worship 7:45 p. m.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Rev. Francis McCormack Pastor
Schedule of Services:

Home: Sunday mass at 9 a. m. on the 1st and 3rd Sundays; at 10:30 a. m. on the 2nd and 4th. Ione: 10:30 a. m. on the 1st and 3rd; 9:00 a. m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Week day mass at 8 a. m. First Friday at 7:30 a. m.

Confessions: Saturdays, 7:30 p. m. to 8:00 p. m. Sundays 8:15 a. m. to 8:55 a. m.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Archdeacon Neville Blunt

Holy Communion, 8 a. m.
Church School, 9:45 a. m.
Holy Communion, 11 a. m.
Dr. T. Barber will report on the general convention.

The Rev. Eric Robathan will broadcast over KWRC, Pendleton, on Wednesdays during January. Time, 3:30-4 p. m.

IONE COOPERRATIVE CHURCH

H. N. Waddell, Pastor

Bible school, 10 a. m.
Worship and communion service, 11 a. m. Sermon, "Facing Forward in 1944."

Friday, Dec. 31, 8 p. m., watch night party at the parsonage. Every one invited.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Bennie Howe, Minister

SUNDAY, Jan. 2

Divine worship at 11 a. m.

Church school at 9:45 a. m.

Evening sing at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the sound films, "Touching Untouchables and Yesudas the Outcast," will be shown. A collection will be taken.

FRIDAY, Dec. 31

The choir will have their rehearsal Friday evening instead of Thursday evening this week.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

The New Year lies before you a spotless track of snow.

Be careful how you tread it, for every mark will show.

"He that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

IONE BAPTIST CHURCH

J. C. Stephens, Pastor

Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
Midweek service, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Special watch night service 8 p. m. Friday, Dec. 31.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Miss Teresa Breslin returned to Bend Sunday to resume her duties as teacher in the high school there.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father; and for the many floral offerings.

The Burkenbine Family

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11 a. m. to 8 p. m.

STAR Reporter

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1

Salute to the Marines

(In Technicolor)

Wallace Beery, Fay Bainter, Reginald Owen, Keye Luke, William Lundigan

A picture liberally mixed with laughs, a few tears and lots of warm humanity. (While there is some war action in it, this is not one of the grimly realistic war pictures).

Sunday-Monday, January 2-3

A Lady Takes a Chance

Jean Arthur, John Wayne, Charles Winninger, Phil Silvers

A delightful tale of a city girl's bus trip to the breathless wonders of the West and her adventures that were not advertised in the travel chart.

Tuesday, January 4

So This is Washington

Lum 'n Abner, Mildred Coles

After a series of laughable scrapes, radio's most successful hayseed comics land on their feet as heroes in wartime Washington.

Wednesday-Thursday, January 5-6

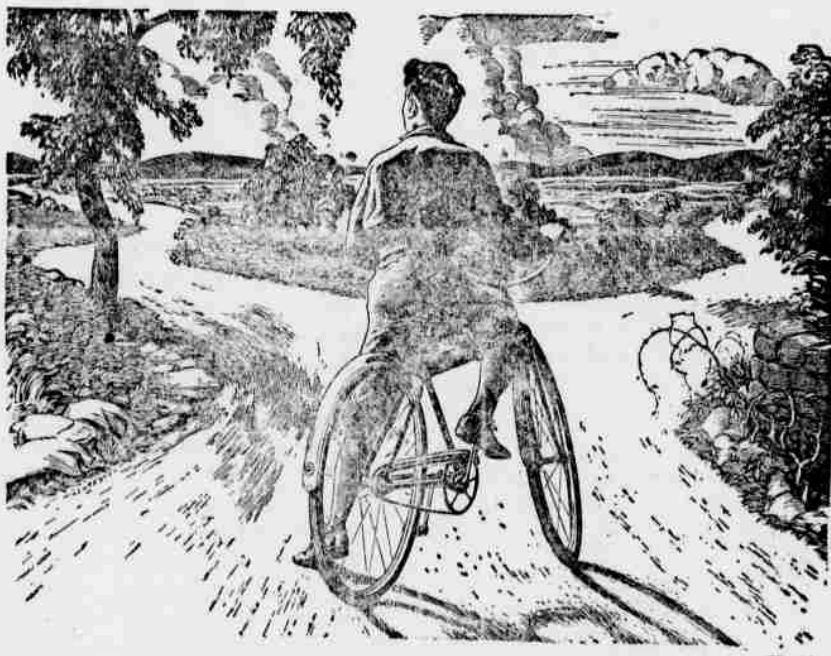
Spitfire

Leslie Howard, David Niven, Rosamund John

A powerful drama of the life and struggles of the man who designed Spitfire airplanes for the RAF.

—ALSO—

THE MARCH OF TIME: U. S. Music and the War.

**Freedom of CHOICE**

WITH ALL THE TALK about Freedoms, what about freedom of choice?

After all, freedom of choice can mean the same thing as all the other freedoms people are talking about—and a few others besides. In large measure, freedom of choice is what this war is about.

Freedom of choice means such ordinary things as trying soy beans in the south field next year, if you think it's the thing to do. It means buying the kind of flour you think gives you the best biscuits. It means you and your boy doing the deciding whether he'll go to college, or learn to be a toolmaker.

Freedom of choice is the soil in which character grows.

This freedom of choice—and its counterpart, a sense of responsibility for the decisions made—has done much to develop the character that is going to win this war—on the battle fronts, on the farm, in industry. And when the victory is won, the kind of America we have fought and worked to preserve must be a country in which every man and woman, and every boy and girl, will have freedom of choice in even greater measure. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

Hear the General Electric radio programs: "The G-E All-girl Orchestra" Sunday 10 p. m. EWT, NBC—"The World Today" news, every weekday 6:45 p. m. EWT, CBS.

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