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## Our Men In Service

She's a Marine . . .



Miss Ellen Nelson of Lexington has enlisted in the marine corps women's reserve. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred N. Nelson of Lexington. A graduate of Ione high school, Private Nelson attended and the University of Oregon for Oregon State college for two years one. A brother, Norman, is serving with the navy construction battalion in the South Pacific. She will be transferred to Camp Lejeune, N. C., for training early in 1944.

### FIVE MEN MAKE UP DECEMBER DRAFT LIST

Five men were accepted in December for army and navy service. Of these two were volunteers who chose the navy. James L. McCarthy of Hood River, known to a good many farmers in Morrow county, was in the local draft. He is a married man. Curtis M. Thomson of Heppner, also a married man, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomson and worked in the Thomson Bros. store up to the time of leaving for training.

Paul Beardsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beardsley of Heppner, was accepted by the navy, while Clarence C. Rogers of Hardman and Harry Petersen of Ione entered the army.

The local board did its first drafting of married men in December. It will be a regular procedure from now on.

### BAUMAN TRANSFERRED

Clarence Bauman has been transferred from the Seattle area to the Portland area, according to Mrs. Bauman who returned to Heppner Saturday night. For several months the erstwhile Morrow county sheriff has been working out of Seattle east and south as an agent of the navy's sleuth department.

### HEPPNER SAILORS MEET IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Two Heppner lads, pals when at home, yearned to meet each other in faraway lands after entering the service. They were in the Hawaiian Islands at the same time but did not know it and each kept checking with the home folks to get some trace. Finally, the opportunity came and they had a fine visit, spending several days together.

This information was received by Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jones in letters from both boys, their son, Dee Jones Jr., F. C., and Lyle Cox, A. M. M. 2/c, son of Elbert Cox. Each boy stated the other was looking fine. Lyle stated that the little time he had spent in Mr. Jones' machine shop helped him immensely in his present work. Both boys are good mechanics, Dee having had good schooling in welding under his father, and while Lyle had not so much training, he had picked up enough from Mr. Jones that he had little difficulty in attaining the rat-

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## Milk Deliveries Continue Pending Word From OPA

### Wightmans State They Will Not Let Town Down

Milk deliveries are continuing in Heppner and will continue as long as it is a physical possibility, according to J. J. Wightman, head man of the Alfalfa Lawn dairy which has been serving the town continuously for more than 38 years. This assurance was given Monday at the weekly luncheon of Heppner chamber of commerce when Wightman outlined the milk situation.

It is doubtful if any of the dairy's customers know what a struggle it has been to serve them the past two years, according to Wightman, who stated that they have been faced with the most discouraging conditions in the history of their business and it has been nothing less than their determination to see that their patrons have milk that has urged them to continue in the face of heavy losses. These losses have not been represented in insufficient revenue alone. During the past two seasons they have lost heavily in stock due to tuberculosis and Bangs disease. He recited the case wherein they invested \$3,000 in what had been represented as stock of one of the best dairy herds in Oregon. It soon developed that most of the cows were reactors and by the time the weeding out was accomplished they had but two healthy cows of

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## Excessive Driving Undergoing Check

Excessive use of cars in undergoing a check in this vicinity, this newspaper has been informed, and those indulging in the practice are being urged to refrain from driving more than is necessary to get them to and from their work or to transact important business. It has been found that workers have been making at least two unnecessary trips daily to and from their jobs and an effort is being made to curb the practice.

The state OPA headquarters, transportation division, has appointed two special checkers to undertake the job, one at Irrigon and one at Heppner. A. C. Houghton is investigating the situation relative to north end citizens working at the ordnance depot where, it is reported car drivers have been accorded generous gasoline supplies.

A similar condition exists at the mill here, workers having put in mileage demands deemed a little too heavy for the distance covered between their homes and the plant. Fred Ross of the local mill crew has been delegated to check with the workers and get them to cooperate with the labor union in conserving every possible gallon of gas.

## Valentine Final Rites Held in Portland

Chapel services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday at the Phelps Funeral Home for C. W. Valentine, Morrow county pioneer whose death occurred at an early hour Dec. 30. O. Wendell Herbison, pastor of the Church of Christ, officiated.

Following the service the family took the body to Portland where final services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday in the presence of relatives and friends. Vault entombment was made at the Portland Mausoleum.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket and Charles Becket left Tuesday for Los Angeles in response to a message that their sister Mary was seriously ill. The trip was made by car.

## Adrian Matteson Loses Life in Fire

Word reached Heppner Tuesday morning of the death of Adrian Matteson at Susanville. The message informing relatives stated that he was burned to death in a small cabin which he had occupied for some time and which was located about one-half mile from the little mining town. He was living alone.

Matteson was the son of Albert Matteson, pioneer settler of the Matteson butte district in the southern part of Morrow county. He was an uncle of Mrs. Ed Bennett of Heppner and had spent his life in this region. For many years he prospected in the Greenhorn mountains, coming from that section to spend a few days of the Christmas vacation with relatives and friends in Heppner. He had just returned to his mountain home when the tragedy occurred.

## Sewing Circle in Need of Workers

More workers are needed at the Red Cross sewing room, according to Mrs. Blaine Elliott, work promotion chairman, who urges every woman who can arrange her household affairs to spare a few hours for this purpose.

The Morrow county unit has been asked to make several hundred articles in the next two months and this will require the services of a much larger group than has turned out so far. Meetings are held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the corner room downstairs in the Masonic building.

No yarn is available just now for knitting but there are many things to be made not calling for yarn. The list of articles to be turned in by March 1 includes 100 housewives, 100 bedside bags, 100 clippers, 100 wash cloths, 25 men's pajamas, 25 pneumonia jackets and 100 kit bags, 550 articles altogether.

### FERGUSON-BARRATT VOWS

In a distinctly military setting Miss Bonnie Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Ferguson of Oswego Lake, Oregon became the bride of Lt. William Barratt of Heppner in a ceremony performed at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday, Dec. 31 by Chaplain Kulp in F chapel, Camp Hood Texas. The wedding took place immediately following Lt. Barratt's graduation from officers' candidate school and was witnessed by the bride's parents and the groom's mother, Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, as well as all of the members of Lt. Barratt's company.

The bride, attired in a white satin gown, with train, was given in marriage by Major J. W. Cameron. The groom was attended by a fraternity brother, Hal Rugby of Seattle and ushers were Dean Jackson of Eugene, Bob Downey and Harold Clark of Portland, all fraternity brothers.

After a wedding dinner served at the Officers' club, the newlyweds left for New Orleans.

### NO GAS! NO TICKETS!

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner drove to town Wednesday to do some shopping and when they got ready to return home they found the gasoline tank was dry. They went to get some gas and found that the coupons had been left at home. Lee laid his plight before the rationing board and was given special gas to get home on. Moral: Check gas and tickets before starting any place these days.

### VISITING McMURDOS

Miss Jeannette Sims has been a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo this week, coming from Corvallis where she was graduated the past week from Oregon State college.

### AUXILIARY MEETING

Regular meeting of the American Legion auxiliary will be held at 8 p. m. Monday at the IOOF hall, with Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Mrs. Lera Crawford hostesses.

## 1943 Precipitation Falls Short of Record in 1942

### Figures Show Past Year Returns to Normal Rainfall

Precipitation as recorded in Heppner during 1943 lapsed back to an almost normal status, according to records kept by Len L. Gilliam. While 1942 recorded the heaviest precipitation in many years, 19 inches plus, 1943 made a scant 12 inches, which is a little below average.

Out Gooseberry way, where V. L. Carlson keeps score on the weather, a total of 11.43 inches of moisture fell, compared with 18.44 in 1942, and 14.77 in 1941. Carlson's records for the last four months reveal the fact that the Sept. 1, 1943-Jan. 1, 1944 rainfall was less than half that of the corresponding period in 1942, the figures being 3.39 inches in 1943 compared with 7.98 inches in the previous year.

Gilliam's record has not been completed for the year. During the 11 months recorded and set down Heppner was credited with 11.10 inches. There possibly was enough precipitation in December to bring the amount to 12 inches. Fog during November and December voided any precipitation that might have fallen and it was not until toward the last of the month that any appreciable amount of rain fell.

Stockmen state that sheep and cattle have fared well so far, grazing having been extended well into winter. Grain raisers are not too sanguine about their fall seeding, although the poor start is not blamed on lack of moisture. Weather conditions were not favorable to early sown grain and some of the fields are spotted.

April was this section's wettest month, when 2.48 inches of rain fell, and September, without a trace, was the driest month. January with 1.38, June 1.86, August 1.02 and October 2.18 accounted for most of the year's precipitation.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PRANK COSTLY TO PERPETRATOR

Lloyd Harshman paid \$75 into the city's coffers Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of turning in a false fire alarm. City Recorder E. R. Huston assessed the fine, making it \$50 in favor of the city and \$25 for the fire department.

Harshman wanted a little excitement to help usher in the new year and thought the fire siren would give the proper touch. Since the switch has been removed from the Humphreys corner and placed in the telephone office, he could not turn on the siren himself so he telephoned the "alarm" in from the Heppner hotel booth. Marshal Bill Morgan was in the lobby when the alarm sounded and rushed to the city building to get the truck out. After returning the truck to the stall a little investigating was done and Harshman was soon picked up.

### GASOLINE RATIONS MUST BE TRANSFERRED

Attention is called by the war price and rationing office to the necessity of transferring gasoline rations along with certificate of title when a car or other motor vehicle is sold or traded. It should be remembered that the gasoline is rationed on the license number of the vehicle rather than to the individual, the board points out.

Officials state that much trouble may be avoided by making the ration transfer with the certificate of title and closer cooperation is urged upon all individuals who sell or trade their cars.

## Mayor Presents Tentative Plans For Postwar Era

### Expansion Due to Follow Return of Peace, Claimed

That Heppner will experience some growth in the postwar era was the belief expressed by Mayor J. O. Turner to members of the city council and a few visitors Monday evening. There is nothing to prompt a boom, he stated, but he foresees an active period of home building as soon as materials are released for that purpose and he is convinced that steps should be taken to provide for such expansion.

Prospective growth was used as basis of a discussion relative to increasing the city's water supply and this brought to light the fact that the mayor has for some time had under contemplation the drilling of a new well a few miles above town and within one half mile of the present pipe line. He submitted the proposition to the council with the proposal that if it met with their approval he would have the well drilled at the next meeting for a more detailed discussion. A. M. Edwards, Lexington driller, has made a proposal to the mayor that he will drill a well and bring in a flow of at least 200,000 gallons daily for the sum of \$3,000. If he does not get that sum of money it will not cost the city a red cent. That was the deal as submitted to the council. It was the opinion of members present that the well should be drilled.

Another feature of the mayor's program is the improvement of streets. The city has been allotted about \$1500 from the highway fund with which it is hoped several unfinished streets may be completed as well as necessary patching done.

A matter claiming the attention of mayor and council, following routine business, was presentation of a request for better garbage disposal, a general cleanup of the city and more sanitary conditions generally. Mrs. W. P. Mahoney and Mrs. Orville Smith, representing the Woolgrowers auxiliary and Blaine E. Isom and Rev. Bennie Howe, representing Heppner chamber of commerce, presented the desires of their respective organizations in launching such a project. This brought to the attention of the council the lack of garbage disposal facilities and prompted discussion of ways and means for properly handling this disturbing problem.

## Heppner Lumber Co. Opens Box Factory

One more enterprise was added to Heppner's gradually growing industrial life this week when the Heppner Lumber company started a small box shoo plant near the Union Pacific depot. The company recently secured a small sheet-iron enclosed building used as a warehouse by the Union Pacific truck line and fitted it up for a box factory.

The new operation will give employment to four or five men and has a capacity of between 15,000 and 20,000 feet daily. Lumber is brought from the company's plant below town and the shoo is loaded directly onto cars for shipping. While only a small operation it is designed to utilize surplus material from the mill as well as creating more jobs.

### NOT RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Upon their return to Heppner from Corvallis the past week-end, Dick Ferguson and Earl Clary announced that they will not return to college as they expect to enter the service within a short time.