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Our Men In Service

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Irl C. Clary, son of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Clary, has been selected for specialized army training and at present is assigned to the basic training center at Fort Benning, Ga. After undergoing 13 weeks of intensive military training in basic infantry subjects he will be eligible for assignment to one of the numerous selected colleges for further specialized training.

JOINS THE MARINES

Robert Swick, son of Howard Swick of Monument, was among a class of inductees leaving the John Day area Friday. He is scheduled to join the Marines.

THIRD SON INDUCTED

Robert L. Everson, son of Mrs. Bessie Everson of Ione, was inducted into the Marines Feb. 5 in Portland. Robert volunteered for service and is the third son of Mrs. Everson to join up. Besides her three sons, she has a son-in-law in the service.

WINS SILVER WINGS

Aviation cadet Raymond F. Batty of Kimberly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Batty, has been appointed a flight officer and awarded the silver wings of the aerial bombardier upon graduating from the army air base school at Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. M., recently.

Prior to his advanced training at Kirtland Field, Flight Officer Batty was stationed at Kingman, Ariz., where he graduated from the army air force's flexible gunnery school as an aerial gunner.

VISITS MOTHER

F 2c Richard Robison returned to Farragut, Ida. Monday after spending a leave of two weeks here with his mother, Mrs. Maud Robison, and son Dickie and other relatives. Richard was rated fireman second class upon completion of his boot training at the great naval station. He was to be assigned to active duty upon returning to camp. He is a native son of Morrow county.

THREE IN SERVICE

Three sons of Mrs. Karen Thomson of McMinnville, formerly of Ione, are in the service.

Lt. (jg) Ted Thompsen recently spent a two weeks leave from the navy with his family at McMinnville. Lt Thompsen has been communications officer on the USS Spray on duty in the South Atlantic. He is now attending submarine chaser school in Florida. Before enlisting in 1942, Ted was a traveling accountant for the secretary of state.

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Mustangs Enter Arlington Tourney Against Parkdale

Heppner's Mustang basketball squad, tired of being kicked about by Fossil's Falcons, turned the tables on the "fighting birds" in a play-off contest at Arlington Monday evening and returned home not only with a 36-25 victory under their cinches but the right to enter the district tournament as well. Consequently, Coach Jim Barratt is taking the squad to Arlington this evening to face the strong Parkdale quint from Hood River.

Accounts of the game show that the teams were neck and neck, 6-6 all in the first quarter. Then both of them sprinted in the second quarter, Heppner leading 16-12. In the third quarter Mustang scoring was in about the same ratio as American-Japanese air fights—9 to 1.

The Mustangs used a little different form of play, with Parrish under the basket and Ulrich passing the ball to him. Parrish chalked up 10 points in this manner while Ulrich slipped in seven. The first team lineup was Ulrich and Connor, forwards; Parrish, center; Ferguson and Edmondson, guards. Subs were Knowles, Schunk, Pickens and Runnion.

Cleon Wright Rites Set for Tomorrow

Funeral services for Cleon Laverne Wright, whose death occurred Monday at The Dalles, will be held at 2 o'clock, p. m. Friday, Feb. 26 from the St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner. Rev. Francis McCormick officiating. Interment will follow at the Lexington cemetery. Death is said to have been due to a blood clot on the brain and the young man was ill only a short time.

Born at Monument Jan. 22, 1918, the deceased was 26 years and 29 days of age. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Wright, for many years residents of Lexington and now living at The Dalles. He is survived by his parents, his wife, Rose Ann (Cunningham) Wright; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Gale, Aloha, Ore., and Mrs. Lellie Matlock, The Dalles, and two brothers, Lloyd of Portland and Russell of The Dalles.

HOWELL NEW DISTRIBUTOR

Pirl Howell this week took over the management of the Union Oil company plant, having purchased the distributing agency from Rod Thomson. An official of the company was here to assist in making the transfer.

Thomson was one of the group of selectees leaving today for service in the navy.

Token 'Change' to Go Into General Operation Monday

New System Will Simplify Point Use, Officials Declare

Food distributors throughout the land are making final arrangements and are making final arrangements to switch over to the new method of handling rationing points—the token system. This newest wrinkle in the food program is scheduled to start Monday, Feb. 28, when purchasers will begin to receive the little discs as "change" on the new 10-point ration stamps.

Ration books will not need to be shown in order to spend the new blue and red tokens, according to Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive. Tokens may also be spent by any member of the family in the same household, he said. Other advantages of the new rationing token plan were cited by Janney: With all stamps worth 10 points each, point-shopping will come easier. Tokens of one-point value will be given as "change" when purchases do not add up exactly 10, 20, or 30 points.

Stamps will have a validity period of approximately 12 weeks, giving longer periods in which to use them. This should make for more even demand and therefore avoid last-minute rushes before expiration dates. . . . Stamps will be detached across the page instead of from top to bottom. This change will save time at the checker counter. . . . Ration books will last twice as long, making for less applying for new issues.

It is the belief of OPA officials that the merchants will benefit by the use of tokens as it will decrease by 60 percent the number of stamps handled; only 11 stamps per month per person will be required as compared to 28 coupons per month under the old system, and a saving of untold hours formerly spent in sorting stamps according to 8, 5, 2 and 1 point values.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Looking rested and apparently feeling much better, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer returned Sunday from Southern California where they spent nearly three months. While the trip was made primarily for the benefit of Mr. McNamer's health, the change was good for Mrs. McNamer as well. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, who "kept house" for the McNamers during their absence, has returned to her home in the Jones apartment house.

Board Clarifies Regulations of Farm Classifications

Bert Johnson, chairman of Morrow county local board of selective service, announces a recent change in regulations governing the farm classifications. Hereafter, says Mr. Johnson, there will be no more 3-C classifications. The board is starting the work of reconstruction of all files in the farm groups. First, the cases with 2-C classifications will be considered. If these registrants are found qualified to continue in the 2-C group they will be continued in 2-C for a period of six months or less. At the expiration of each deferment period the registrant's case will again be reopened. It will be understood that during the deferment period, especially of the single men, it will become the duty of those concerned to try to find a replacement for the deferred man. If a continuance of the registrant's deferment is requested it will be necessary to show what means have been used to try to find a replacement.

After the local board has completed reconsideration of the registrants who are now in class 2-C, Continued on Page Eight

Special Services Scheduled at Ione

A series of evangelistic services will open Sunday at the Co-operative church at Ione, according to an announcement received this week from H. N. Waddell, pastor. Earle C. Miller, evangelist and singer has been secured to conduct the meetings which will begin with the morning service.

Heralded as the "Silver Steel Saw soloist," Mr. Miller plays the musical saw as an entertainment feature.

Meetings will be held every night each week except Monday and will continue for two weeks. Evening services open at 7:45 o'clock.

PIONEER STOCKMAN

PASSES AT MONUMENT

An account of the passing of Emmett Cochran Feb. 11 at the Blue Mountain General hospital in Prairie City was given in the Feb. 18 issue of the John Day Valley Ranger. Services were held Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, at Monument, with interment in the Monument cemetery.

Emmett Cochran at one time was one of the best known stockmen in eastern Oregon. He was one of the old school, a genuine cowhand of the type no longer seen on the ranches of today. Generous to a fault, he was quick to defend his rights and his firmness in that respect was felt on more than one occasion.

Preparations for Red Cross Drive About Completed

District Leaders Not All Appointed, Chairman Reports

Preparations to raise \$3600 for the American Red Cross war time fund were about completed as the Gazette Times closed its forms today, Bennie Howe, county chairman, has been busy selecting district chairmen and states that the job is nearly finished, with one or two more to contact. Snow in the high hills has prevented the chairman from visiting those sections but he is counting on the usual effective support in leadership and contributions.

A "kick-off" program has been scheduled for Feb. 29 officially opening this year's war fund campaign and this will coincide with a national hook-up broadcast by President Roosevelt, exact time of which has not been announced.

National goal this year is \$200,000,000. This is nearly double the 1943 total, due to the rapidly spreading battle fronts and greater concentrations of armed forces in contact with our enemies. Almost daily the Red Cross is asked to build new service clubs or canteens and provide additional workers for hospitals in newly opened war and combat zones. As these forces move rapidly forward the Red Cross will advance with them. This requires funds and if the society is to deliver effective service it will have to be sufficiently financed.

Chairman Howe is desirous that the people will send in their contributions with as little soliciting as possible. The gas and tire shortage now so acute will not be remedied if here has to be a general canvass over the county. Contributions will have to be generous if Morrow county is to meet its quota and it is suggested that contributors not wait but bring or mail in their checks the first week. "This is war," the chairman stated, "and we should not hesitate to make our contributions for war services agencies such as Red Cross. Morrow county will meet its quota, I am sure of that, and we might as well do the job up early."

A SON IS BORN

Ladd Edwin is the name given by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dick Jr. to their six and three quarters pound son born Wednesday night, Feb. 16, at Pendleton. Mother and babe are reported doing nicely.

"We Are Buying Extra War Bonds—Are You?"



Sgt. Samuel Jones, Jr., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has been a doughboy for four years. He was wounded during the North African campaign by enemy machine gun fire. Since his return he has aided greatly in the sale of War Bonds and buys plenty himself.



Sgt. Nicholas Miller, Paterson, N. J., won the Silver Star for rescuing two comrades under fire at El Guita. His knee cap was broken and the cartilage torn out and at present cannot move his knee. Malloran Hospital doctors are trying to correct this. He buys Bonds.



Pvt. Louis Bielmeyer, 33, of New York, was wounded by arterial shell during the Sicilian campaign. He has a brother in the Marines. Private Bielmeyer and his wife and brother are buying War Bonds regularly. Are you buying the same?



Pvt. Clarence Clark, 21, Swampers, La., has two brothers in the service, one in the Army and the other in the Navy. He was wounded in the right leg and both feet in the North African campaign and is now at Halloran General Hospital. He buys War Bonds.



Pvt. Pasquale Galella, New York, went through the North African campaign without a scratch but was wounded during the invasion of Sicily and is now in traction at Halloran Hospital. He has a brother in the Navy and has War Bonds and is buying more.