



# Heppner Gazette Times



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## Our Men In Service

NEWS FROM HOME  
MAKES PAPER WELCOME

Somewhere in Australia  
Dear Editor:

I have intended for a long time to write and thank you for sending me the copies of the Gazette so faithfully in the past year. There were a few times while I was in New Guinea that the copies didn't come through as regularly as I would have liked but I know it was through no fault of yours that it happened, but due to delays in the mail system. The army does the best it can but at times it is impossible to get the mail through on time, then we usually get quite a stack of mail. That's the way I usually received your copies but now that I have returned to Australia I get them regularly.

I am getting so I look forward to each copy, as much or more than I do packages because there isn't much news in packages. The column on men in the service is in my estimation very helpful to all us fellows in the service and hope that you never discontinue it.

Of the Heppner boys all I ever see any more are Johnny McRoberts and Earl Crismon. The rest, Sammy Johnston and Don Bellenbrock aren't around here anymore so all I can do is write to them. I am still looking for Richard Hayes but can't seem to locate him, also Charles Cox. It seems that Rich is always coming when I'm going or vice versa.

In closing I want to thank you sincerely for the Gazette and hope that it keeps coming as regularly as it has in the past few months.

Yours truly,  
Donald R. Fell

## CRIPPLED FLYING FORTRESS DELIVERS CREW SAFE IN PORT

The following story of a gamble with death by a Flying Fortress crew is in itself a thriller, and the fact that one member of the group is the son of a Morrow county family makes it of greater interest locally. First Lt. John A. Forsythe, listed from Ashland, their former home, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ione. Lt. Forsythe, first lieutenant since sometime in December, was commissioned late last summer and left Redmond for an eastern embarkation point. The next thing heard from him he was in England and had made several missions over Germany before Christmas. But to the story:

(From the Pawtucket Valley Times, West Warwick, R. I.)

Flying Fortress Station, Somewhere in England.—It looked like finis to the war career of Capt. Robert D. Brown, of East Greenwich, R. I., and his Flying Fortress crew shortly before their last bomb run on Bremen. Death beckoned once to all aboard the ship and reached again for Brown when his crippled Fort landed here.

The near fatal trouble developed a few minutes this side of the target. A murderous flak burst had banged into No. 2 engine. Brown's attempts to stop the moor and feather the prop were futile. Low oil pressure made this impossible. Resultant vibrations threatened to tear a wing off. Of course Capt. Brown could have turned back. But he didn't.

He elected to make his bomb run, regardless of consequences; this with unanimous consent of his crew following a hurried intercom conference.

With the help of the co-pilot, Second Lieut. Arthur E. Hunter, of Miami, Fla., Capt. Brown managed

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## Price Survey of All Food Stores Due Next Week

A comprehensive price survey of every food store in the Portland OPA district, including Oregon and six southwestern Washington counties, will be undertaken throughout all next week, March 13-18, by the paid staff and volunteers of local war price and rationing boards, Richard G. Montgomery, district director announced Tuesday. All boards will be closed Tuesday and Thursday afternoons except for skeleton staffs, he said, so paid members can participate.

Object of the survey, which will be nation-wide, is not primarily to seek out violators, Montgomery emphasized, but to hold down living costs by making sure merchants understand the price rules and comply with them.

Price committeemen will first check to see that certain specific price lists are properly displayed. Then they will compare ten of the store's selling prices on certain food items with the official OPA ceiling prices to see that prices are in line. All errors and violations will be reported to price panels of local boards for investigation and appropriate action, Montgomery announced. A follow-up survey will be made in April.

Surveys alone will not accomplish 100 percent compliance with price ceilings, he pointed out in urging consumers to check price lists carefully before buying and to report overcharges to price clerks of local boards.

The local price panel is headed by Mrs. D. M. Ward and includes Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mrs. Blaine Ison, Mrs. Fred Ross, Conley Lanham, Roy Quackenbush and Dr. L. D. Tibbles. The board meets the first and third Mondays of each month.

## Girl Scout Troop To Be Formed Here

Looking to the formation of a Girl Scout troop in Heppner, Supt. George A. Corwin has scheduled a meeting for 2:30 p. m. Saturday at the school building. Miss Lucy Holabird, field executive of the Girl Scouts of America, has promised to be present and assist in organizing a troop.

Corwin stated that the boys' troop here was progressing so nicely it was decided to give the girls an opportunity to learn and practice kindred subjects. He urges all girls of scout age to meet Miss Holabird Saturday to learn what scouting is about and what the requirements are for affiliating.

## MOVING STORE

Conley Lanham, proprietor of the local Gamble store, is busy moving his stock of goods from the Peters building to the Masonic building. Moving started Wednesday evening and will be completed as rapidly as a limited force can accomplish the task.

## POTLUCK DINNER

Members of Ruth Chapter O. E. S. will serve a potluck dinner at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, March 16, at the Masonic hall on the occasion of the visit of the grand associate conductress, Mrs. Hal Mc Nair of Ashland. Mrs. McNair will hold a school of instruction at the hall Thursday afternoon.

## TO HOLD MISSION

Starting Sunday, March 12 and continuing to March 17, Archdeacon Neville Blunt will hold a mission at the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopalian, in Pendleton.

## TAKES SON'S PLACE

J. R. Davis, recent arrival here from Grants Pass, has taken his son, Bill Davis's place as filer at the mill of the Heppner Lumber company. Bill has enlisted and is awaiting call. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are living in the Thomson apartments on Court street.

## War on Predatory Animals and Birds Sportsmens Plan

### New Officers Put In at Thursday Night Meeting

War on predatory animals and birds is the declared purpose of the Morrow County Sportsmen's association, following the annual meeting held at the Elks hall in Heppner last Thursday evening. Having pies to increase at this time, when a mistake to permit crows and mag-accepted the belief that it would be gas and rubber shortages make use of cars limited, the association went on record favoring sponsorship of a contest among boys and girls of the county such as has been held in years past.

Plans for the contest will be taken up immediately following the membership drive which was launched Thursday evening when 50 memberships were sold. An effort will be made to bring no less than 200 people into the association for, as Blaine Isom, newly elected president stated, a large membership is important in getting cooperation from the state game commission on pheasant and fish plantings, and added that 75 pairs of mature pheasants were released last fall for breeding purposes along Rhea and Willow creeks and that the first load of fish will be released in the county March 14. C. E. Lockwood of the game commission has promised all legal fish this year and states that many of them will be the kind that grow with each succeeding tale, as the commission is short of help and must release many of the larger fish.

Memberships may be purchased from Bert Mason or Carlton Swanson at Ione, Loyal Parker at Lexington, Blaine Isom, Cliff Conrad or Gilliam & Bisbee at Heppner. The association, through its officers, Blaine Isom, president and Cliff Conrad, secretary, urges "everyone interested in our wildlife to take out a membership and put their dollars to work keeping down the enemies of our game."

## SERVICES FOR FORMER STOCKMAN HELD MONDAY

Funeral services for Robert McCullough, 70, were held at 2 p. m. Monday from the chapel of the Phelps Funeral Home, Archdeacon Neville Blunt officiating. Death came to the retired stockman Saturday at his home in east Heppner.

Robert McCullough was one of three brothers who came from Belfast, Ireland, and engaged in the stock business. He was the last survivor of the trio. One sister, Mrs. Sadie Hulbert of Heppner, and a brother, Thomas, of New Zealand, survive.

## ANNUAL DINNER SCHEDULED

Wednesday evening, March 15, is the date chosen by the American Legion auxiliary to stage the annual dinner in honor of the American Legion. This year's party will be held in the new quarters in the I. O. O. F. building and will be a potluck affair, according to Mrs. Harvey Bauman, auxiliary president. Dinner will be followed by entertainment. All Legionnaires have been extended an invitation to bring their wives, or lady friends, as the case may be.

## RETURNS HOME

W. G. McCarty returned home Wednesday after spending several weeks in Portland receiving medical treatment. He came up with Ralph Jackson who was returning from a business trip to the city. Frank W. Turner also was a passenger in the Jackson car, returning home from several days spent in Portland.

## Interest Lacking in Red Cross Drive

Little interest has been displayed in the Red Cross drive up to date. While other counties are reporting their drives almost over, Morrow county has scarcely started. Approximately \$150 was turned in the first week of the campaign in Heppner and other sections have not reported. It is believed that Ione and Lexington are going ahead, although reports have not been submitted.

Solicitation of the residence section will be carried out within the next two weeks, Mrs. Floyd Adams, chairman of the Heppner residence committee stated Wednesday. In the meantime, Mrs. Adams urges that subscriptions be turned in to district solicitors, or at the bank. Including Mrs. Adams the solicitors are Mrs. K. A. House, Mrs. Cornett Green; Mrs. J. J. Nys, Mrs. Orville Smith and Mrs. Beulah Sherrer.

Blaine Isom, business district chairman for Heppner, stated that he will complete his canvass this week.

## Council Authorizes Auditing of Books

Taking advantage of the presence of an accountant in the community, the city council Monday evening authorized the auditing of the city's books. An accounting will be made from July 1, 1942 to Jan. 1, 1944. The auditor has been working on the county books the past week or two.

Discussion of a clean-up brought an emphatic statement from Mayor Turner, backed by the council, that the city will not provide free transportation for rubbish removed from private property. Use of the city's old Dodge truck, if it is in proper shape, was approved with the suggestion that it be placed at the disposal of someone taking the hauling as a job during the clean-up. But the property owners will have to pay their own hauling bills.

Firechief Blaine Isom stated that there will be no more alley or backyard trash fires after May 1.

Mayor Turner stated that the city will receive \$1565.72 from the highway commission street fund. He proposed that part of the fund be spent in patching and repairing present pavement and that the balance be expended in surfacing the cemetery hill. The council concurred.

## VANCE-TULLIS WEDDINGS

In a wedding ceremony performed at the Methodist parsonage at 8 o'clock p. m. Thursday, March 2, Miss Birdene Vance, daughter of Mrs. Izora Vance, became the bride of Gary Tullis of Ione. Rev. Bennie Howe was the officiating minister, using the double ring ceremony. Members of the immediate families and a few guests witnessed the ceremony.

The bride has been employed in the county agent's office for several years and is an accomplished young woman. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of the lower Rhea creek district, a few miles from Ione.

## GOES TO PORTLAND

Mrs. Sophrona Thompson was a passenger Wednesday morning for Portland. She was to meet her sister from Condon at Arlington and make the trip to the city with her.

Miss Dorothea Wilson, student at the University of Oregon, arrived from Eugene over the week-end to spend the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarty of The Dalles spent Wednesday in Heppner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McCarty.

K. A. House, local manager for the Pacific Power and Light company, is spending the day in Pendleton on business in connection with the company.

## Teacher Salaries Upped 20 Percent By School Board

### Six Places to Be Filled in Grades And High School

With a single stroke of the pen, so to speak, the board of directors of school district No. 1 Monday evening placed the district on a par with districts of comparable size relative to teachers salaries. In other words, current salaries were boosted approximately 20 percent.

Confronted with resignations from the existing force, the board felt compelled to make salaries more attractive. While not all of the teachers resigning here are looking to more lucrative jobs elsewhere, it will be up to the district to replace them and it's a certainty that the job could not be accomplished without elevating the wage scale.

At Monday's meeting contracts were tendered to Mrs. Edna Turner, Mrs. Elizabeth Dix, Miss Lela Peterson, Miss Rose Hoosier, Mrs. Hester Peavy and Everett Smith of the grades and Mrs. Marie Clary, Miss Miriam Moyer, Don Strait of the high school and George A. Corwin, superintendent. Since Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Mrs. Lera Crawford and Miss Frances Weaver of the grade school had announced that they did not intend to return next year, contracts were not sent to them. Contracts were withheld in the case of Norbert Peavy and Ivan Parker due to uncertainty of their draft status.

## Youths Picked Up For Pilfering Gas

Stanley Cox, 17 and Robert Francis, 18, were apprehended Tuesday night in the act of pilfering gas from the pick-up truck of Clarence Moore. Cox's car, a small coupe, was nearby the truck and left standing there when Moore covered the youths with a rifle but failed to back up his threat to shoot. Moore notified Marshal Morgan, who in turn summoned Sheriff John Fuiten and Roger Thomas, state policeman. The youths were rounded up in about 30 minutes and lodged in the county jail.

Cox was given a hearing in Judge Johnson's juvenile court Wednesday morning and given an opportunity to join the navy. The other youth, while not wearing a navy uniform at the time of being picked up, is said to have been wearing one earlier that same evening and the officials are checking up on him.

## MUST HAVE CERTIFICATE

All parties selling trucks must file certificates with the OPA as to models and prices. There is a ceiling price on each model and the seller must state the price charged. Dealers only are permitted to sell warranted trucks. Copies of the certificates are obtainable at the local rationing office.

## VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED AT RATIONING OFFICE

Volunteer help will be needed next week at the rationing office. Paid workers in the office will be on the price survey part of the week, which will call for some assistance, and work of filling out farm truck applications also will start. If you have spare time to devote to this work you are asked to get in touch with Mrs. G. A. Corwin, telephone 854.

In preparation for the price survey, Mrs. Harold Dobyns of Pendleton will be in Heppner this evening to hold a school for members of the price panel, rationing board and office personnel.