

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Park Project May Be Submitted in Post-war Plans

### Immediate Action On Proposal Not Deemed Practical

Plans for a small city park upon which a committee from the chamber of commerce has been working for several weeks were presented to the luncheon forum Monday by Frank Turner, chairman of the committee. A plat of the tract proposed for use as a park was shown the group and an around-the-table expression called for.

It soon developed that there was a pro and anti feeling relative to going ahead with the park idea at this time, although few commitments were made as against a park of some kind. Those in favor of immediate construction pointed to the lack of playground facilities for children and offered the suggestion that the plan be carried out this year to provide facilities of this type. It was argued that cost and labor involved would not be prohibitive and that if taken up immediately the budget committee might be prevailed upon to include a small fund in the next fiscal budget.

Another point of view was expressed that anything calling for extra labor should be postponed until after the war. It was pointed out that this region faces a critical labor shortage for the forthcoming harvest period and that nothing should be done that would place further strain upon the limited labor supply. For that reason it was suggested that the park project should be included in whatever postwar plans the city may have.

Rev. Francis McCormick announced that he has plans for construction of tennis courts on vacant lots at the rear of the Catholic church. It was also reported that the Elks lodge has plans for tennis courts on property recently acquired, which are to the rear of the lodge building. This will make ample playgrounds for the larger school children, if these plans are followed through, yet it was pointed out that nothing is being done for the little tots.

## "R" Coupons Good Only at Bulk Plants

After April 1, 1944 class R coupons, five gallons value, will be invalid for buying gasoline at a filling station. This means that after April 1 only non-highway users who buy their gasoline at bulk storage tanks on their own premises or who have it delivered to their homes may use R coupons. Class E coupons, one gallon value, will continue to be valid for purchase of non-highway gasoline at service stations.

After March 15, 1944 E and R coupons are required to be endorsed prior to a transfer of gasoline in exchange therefor. The ration holder shall write, stamp or print his name and address on the face of each coupon presented separately.

## HERE FROM FARRAGUT

Ph. M 2/c C. C. Dunham is spending a few days here with Mrs. Dunham and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford. He arrived Monday night from San Diego, where he had accompanied a draft of transfers from the Farragut naval training station. He and Mrs. Dunham will return to Coeur d'Alene Saturday.

## SON IS BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson Jr. are parents of a seven pound 15 ounce boy born in Portland March 20. The son has been named Kenneth Eric.

## Governor Names April 16 as "Army" Day

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States did formally designate April 6 as Army Day, and

WHEREAS this day honors America's military men who are fighting so gallantly on all battle fronts of the world,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Earl Snell, Governor of the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 6, 1944, as Army Day in Oregon and call upon the citizens of this great commonwealth to observe the day herein appointed in all ways that will not conflict with the war effort: to fly the flag at home and places of business, to sponsor observances in the schools, the church and home, and places of public meeting, and to stress everywhere the significance of a day that never has had a meaning more profound.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Salem this fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred forty-four.

EARL SNELL  
Governor.

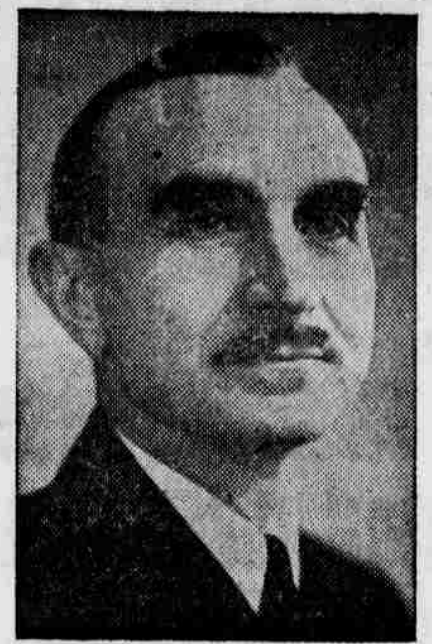
ATTEST:

ROBERT S. FARRELL Jr.  
Secretary of State

## RETURNS FROM COAST

O. Wendell Herbison and family returned Saturday from a trip to western Oregon points which kept them away from home for two weeks. They went to see Mr. Herbison's brother who was on furlough from the South Pacific. They visited in Oakland, Marshfield and Portland.

## Files for Senator . . .



Wayne Morse today filed his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the seat in the United States senate now held by Rufus C. Holman.

Morse, who was on leave as Dean of the University of Oregon school of law, serving as the public member of the War Labor board, wrote a dissenting opinion and resigned when the board bowed to the will of John L. Lewis in the coal case. He also resigned the deanship.

Morse is campaigning against inflation, demands that industry be permitted to accumulate reserves that will allow post-war re-conversion to regular production, demands that government be decentralized, opposes spending for "bureaucratic tom-foolery", insists on a more fair distribution of the tax load, would amend the Wagner act to give employers and workers equal rights, urges that the American farmer be relieved from the sovietizing dictates of the regulation writers, and rejects isolationism as a policy bound to bring on future wars.

Born and educated on a Wisconsin farm, Morse is well-schooled in the problems of stockmen and farmers. He now resides on a small farm near Eugene with his wife and three children.

## And You're Only Asked to Buy War Bonds



U. S. Treasury Department

## Services for Mrs. McLaughlin Held At 10 A. M. Today

Services for Mrs. C. N. McLaughlin who passed away in Pendleton March 20 were held from St. Patrick's Catholic church at 10 o'clock this morning. Rev. Francis McCormick officiating. Mrs. McLaughlin had been seriously ill for several weeks and was taken to a Pendleton hospital for treatment. Rosary was held at the church at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. All members of her family except one son, Pfc. James McLaughlin of the United States Marine corps in the South Pacific, were present at the services.

Mary Louise Doherty was born May 8, 1894, in Heppner to Catherine and James Doherty, pioneer residents of the Blackhorse section. She acquired her education in local schools and in 1915 was married to C. N. "Con" McLaughlin. With her husband she made her home at Lena, where they raised a large family and built up a successful ranch business.

Surviving are the husband, 13 children, Mrs. Edward Rice, Lexington; Dan, GM 3/c, U. S. navy, stationed on the east coast; Mrs. Don Pointer, Lexington; Pfc. James of U. S. Marine corps, in South Pacific; John, S 2/c stationed on the Pacific coast; Pvt. Hugh, U. S. Marine corps at San Diego; Joe and Virginia, twins; Robert, Herbert, Sally Michael and Terry, at home; one grand child, Hank Pointer, Lexington; her mother, Mrs. Catherine Doherty, and four brothers and eight sisters.

## Five Men Leave for Service During Week

Five more men from Morrow county left during the past week for active duty, three for the army and two for the marine corps. They reported for preinduction physical examination March 15.

Joining the marines were Royal B. "Buster" Rands of Boardman and William E. Davis of Heppner. Davis is a registrant of Wheeler county but had been employed at the Heppner Lumber company mill. His wife and two children will reside in Heppner during his period of enlistment. Rands has been a Boardman farmer several years. The men were sent to the San Diego "boot" camp.

The army called John J. Doherty of Ione and William C. Rutledge and Joseph O. Wilson of Irrigon. Doherty was appointed leader of the group.

## RETURNS TO TRAINING CENTER

Pvt. Donald Moulton will return to his army training center Friday after spending a furlough here.

## Weather Man Falls Down on Job Here

While there still is a week to go, the month of March has been some what of a failure as far as moisture is concerned. It is true the weather man has been trying out various brands of precipitation but these have failed to produce much in the way of effective dampness.

The same thing has been true for most of the winter. By comparison with the fall of 1942 and late winter and spring of 1943 it is seen that the "unusual" conditions are over and this section has lapsed back to normal. Figures for March have not been tabulated but Len Gilliam, local weather observer states that March has been a poor month for moisture. January, with 31 of an inch was below normal and February with 1.36 inches was just about normal. An overcast sky at this writing indicates that rain is on the way—if the wind doesn't blow the clouds on over the mountains.

## Junior Play Set for Friday, March 31

Practice on the junior play, "Tip-toe Inn", which has been in progress several weeks, has entered the finishing stage with rehearsals being held nightly. The play is scheduled for production on the evening of Friday, March 31, at the gymnasium auditorium.

A well balanced cast under the direction of Miss Elenita Mardock gives assurance of an evening of delightful entertainment and it is the hope of the entire class that the gymnasium will be crowded on this occasion.

## FINAL DATE NEAR

March 31 is the final date for filing 1943 applications for payment under the Triple A program. Farmers who have not yet done so should sign their applications before that date at the county agent's office.

## IN PORTLAND

B. C. Pinckney, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland, is spending a few days in Portland. He accompanied Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick to the city Wednesday evening.

## BUSINESS CALLER

G. Corfield White, representing the Portland Aurex Co., dealer in vacuum tube hearing aids, was a business visitor in Heppner Wednesday. White is consultant for the company.

## HERE FROM LONG CREEK

Visitors in Heppner Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Musgrave of Long Creek.

## Terrific Blast at Ordnance Depot Rocks Big Area

### Six Persons Die When Munitions Igloo Blows Up

Six persons lost their lives in the terrific blast which destroyed a munitions storage room Tuesday night at the Umatilla ordnance depot some 40 miles northeast of Heppner. The explosion occurred about 9:40 and was heard distinctly by many people in Heppner who chanced to be in the open at that time. Reports from Spokane and Moscow, Ida., indicate that the shock of the blast extended that far, while towns nearer to the scene of the disaster suffered considerable loss in broken windows and bashed doors.

The list of workers lost in the blast included five men and one woman. Their names as listed in The Oregonian were:

Harry Sever, Ordnance, survived by a widow and two children;  
John L. Fraser, Irrigon, survived by widow;

Lance A. Stultz, 40, Hermiston, survived by widow and two children;

Hiram Cook, 26, Hermiston, survived by widow and two children;  
William Sanders, 30 Stanfield, survived by widow and three children; and

Miss Alice Walgamott, 20, Hermiston, formerly of Curtis, Neb., where her mother lives.

Col. A. F. Buyers, commandant at the depot, said there was no fire after the explosion in the underground "igloo" and there was no evidence of sabotage. The blast ripped a huge hole in the ground, but none of the nearby storage facilities was damaged.

The "igloo" was about 50 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet high, used principally for the storage of huge bombs, such as 2000-pound "block-busters" used in aerial bombing. It was the first accident on the huge military installation since it was opened for service in December 1941.

Surprisingly little damage was done to the post, although some doors and windows were blown in by the blast. The "igloos" are widely separated in the loose sandy soil to avoid damage to others in case of an explosion. The reservation covers 15,000 acres.

While there was no official announcement immediately as to the cause of the explosion, workers experienced in handling ammunition said it might have been from a defective bomb. The explosion from one bomb would set off all ammunition in the huge cavern almost simultaneously and those who heard

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## VISITING PARENTS

Billy French is home on "boot" leave from Farragut, spending the time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. French. French and his mother are visiting relatives in Portland for a few days this week.

## HELPING RATION OFFICE

Office practice girls of the high school are helping two periods a day at the ration office, a lift greatly appreciated by the office personnel. The office is busy at present getting truck papers ready for issuance of new stamps.

## MOVE TO HOOD RIVER

The Lincoln Nash family moved to Hood River Friday where Nash will be employed by a concern he worked for before coming to Heppner to work in the Braden-Bell plant.

One thousand five hundred