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Our Men In Service

HUNGRY FOR NEWS

Writing to Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E., Major Marius P. Hanford expressed a desire to hear the news from his former home—when he was Lt. Marius P. Hanford, commander of Heppner camp, CCC. Detained Sardinia, the Major says in part:

Dear brothers: Just a few lines to let you know I am still alive and kicking—mostly kicking . . . I wish some of you would write and give me the low down on the old town, just who is there and who isn't, how the war has affected you. Do you have any soldiers there or nearby and anything else you can think of. I will never forget my pleasant two years with you all and the many friends I found there. It doesn't seem as tho it has been nearly four years since I left, but looking at the calendar I find it is. Give my regards to the old timers and I hope they are faring as well as can be expected in these times. I am getting along fine but miss good old U. S. A. If and when I get back I hope I never leave again.

The Gazette Times is in receipt of the following communication from an Eighth Bomber station in England. A photograph of M. Sgt John Wood accompanied the news item, which accounts for the wording in the opening sentence. (When the armed service publicity department gets to sending mats instead of photos we will be able to print pictures.)

Doing some of the paper work that goes with his job as chief armorer of an English AAF Flying Fortress squadron, M. Sgt John W. Wood checks one of the many items that his department repairs and maintains—a Thompson sub-machine gun. Sgt. Wood's section is one of the key units of the ground crews that play a large part in the successful bombings of Hitler's war machine, for the armament crews keep the forts loaded with bombs and ammunition, and check and service the guns and bombing mechanisms. Born and raised in Ellington, Mo., the 31 year-old sergeant had been living in Enterprise, Ore., prior to his enlistment in the AAF. His wife, Louise Moyer Wood, lives in Heppner.

KAY FERGUSON IN IRELAND

After a lapse of several weeks, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson this week heard from their son Kay. He stated that he is in northern Ireland a beautiful country filled with kindly, neighborly people. Enroute to "the ould sod" he met Cpls Pat and Pete Lennon, brothers of Mrs. Pat Healy, which made the trip a little less lonesome for him.

BLUEJACKET GRADUATES

Recent graduation ceremonies at the Naval Training school located at the Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill., saw Bluejacket Claude Snow, of Heppner, receive the petty officer rate of aviation machinist's mate third class.

The graduate was sent to the specialty school on the basis of his recruit training test scores which indicated aeronautical ability.

GOES OVER SEAS

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders have word that their son, Pvt Paul Sanders of the army air corps, has shipped for overseas duty.

STATIONED IN ENGLAND

Lt. James Farley has written relatives here that he is stationed with the army in England. He is the son of Pete Farley of Boardman.

Town and City Gardeners Urged To Greater Efforts

Farms Have Struck
Saturation Point,
Survey Discloses

It is going to be up to Oregon's town and city gardeners to plant more gardens this year if the state's goal for increased victory garden production is to be reached, says C. D. Conrad, county agent. Surveys made by block leaders and the extension service last fall in representative Oregon counties showed that farms have about reached the saturation point in number of gardens, but that there are still plenty of town families who have not yet undertaken this form of both war and budget aid.

A summary of the spot survey conducted by block leaders in Marion, Jackson and Deschutes counties showed that two out of every 14 families grew a garden before 1942, three grew gardens in 1942, and six out of 14 joined the victory garden parade in 1943. This is considered an excellent increase, but it still leaves plenty of room for gardening expansion this year.

Surveys conducted by the extension service in eight farm communities, on the other hand showed that by 1943 an average of 19 farms out of 21 had gardens.

In the nation as a whole, eight more tons of food were produced in 1943 in the 20,000,000 victory gardens. The national goal for 1944 is 22,000,000 gardens because needs are even greater this year.

A large number of last year's successful gardeners are going to change their proportions of various vegetables this year according to many reports received. Some who canned far more vegetables last year than they have used are planning to adjust their plans accordingly, but any hope that commercial plantings will care for more needs this year than last are not borne out by crop reports, Conrad concluded.

Library to Be Open Two Nights a Week

Beginning Monday evening, April 3, the Heppner Public library will be open two evenings a week, Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9. This was announced at a meeting of the Library association held at the building last Wednesday evening, and presided over by George Corwin, president. It was also stated that Miss Catherine Turner, who assists in the library at the high school, will be the new desk librarian at the Heppner Public library.

Mrs. Blaine Isom, librarian, announced that 36 books had been received by the library since Nov. 20, 1943, six of which were gifts. Twenty of these were adult books and 16 children's.

HERE ON BUSINESS

Bruce Dennis is in Heppner today completing some of the details of a transaction whereby he became owner of Morrow county properties formerly owned and operated by Fred Falconer. Dennis invested heavily in Wallowa county property a few years ago and last fall traded some of it to Fred Falconer for ranch property at Boardman and the Markham ranch west of Heppner farmed by Harold and Howard Evans.

SPRING TERM OPENS

Eastern Oregon College at La Grande opened its spring quarter with nearly 700 students including civilian students in teacher training, junior college and secretarial science; aviation students and U. S. Cadet Corps members.

HOW TO ENDORSE "E" AND "R" GASOLINE RATION COUPONS

Write your name and address
on each block of coupons you
give your dealer



Increased Postal Rates in Effect Since First of the Week

Beginning at 12:01 a. m. Sunday, March 26, a change in postal rates went into effect which is destined to raise more revenue for the department. Briefly, the new schedules are as follows:

First class mail local delivery—Increase from 2 cents to 3 cents per ounce or fraction thereof. No change in rate on post or postal cards.

First class out-of-city mail—No changes in rates.

First class air mail—Increased from 6 to 8 cents per ounce. Air mail rates to and from armed forces outside continental United States still 6 cents per 1/2 ounce.

Second class mail—No change in rates. (Comprises magazines and newspapers mailed by publishers.)

Third class mail—No change in rates. (Comprises printed circulars, folders, catalogues, pricelists, etc.)

Fourth class mail parcel post—Increase of 3 percent over former rates, with a minimum increase of 1 cent per package. Above the minimum increase, fractional cents of the 3 percent increase under the 1/2 cent rate are disregarded; fractions over 1/2 cent are computed as full cent. (See postmaster for the scale.) Same applies to book rate, money orders and registered mail.

Insured and COD mail—All former rates doubled.

Insurance and registry receipt fees—Increased from 3 to 4 cents.

HE THREW WICKED CURVE

Fred Elder, who with Mrs. Elder was here to attend funeral services membered by oldtimers for his for Mrs. Mattie Adkins, is well reknown as a baseball pitcher. Small of stature, he had speed and control seldom matched in these parts. It was his special delight to get the Fitzmaurice boys from Condon at bat and proceed to toss some of his neck grazers in their direction. It was seldom any batter could make a hit on one of those high curves and when they did Fred took it with a grin and wound up for the next batter. He was tops among the high school pitchers of the area and on occasion would step up to the bat and retrieve the game with a two- or three-bagger. He retired from the game while his star was yet bright but that many admirers who would have backed him for a berth in one of the circuits.

ON BUYING TRIP

Mrs. Agnes Curran left Tuesday for Portland to spend the rest of the week buying merchandise for the Curran's Ready-to-Wear shop.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Here to attend their grandmother's funeral Tuesday were Mrs. O. B. Walker of Seattle and Mrs. J. J. Records of Portland.

Double Funeral Held At Church of Christ This Afternoon

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock today from the Church of Christ for Mrs. Owen French and her brother, Abraham Ellis Hiatt, whose deaths occurred about 24 hours apart. Mrs. French passed away Tuesday morning and her brother's death occurred Wednesday morning, both at Pendleton, O. Wendell Herbison, pastor officiated with the Phelps Funeral Home in charge of the French arrangements and the Lawrence Case Mortuary the Hiatt services.

Mary Jane Hiatt was born Feb. 11 1884 on Butter creek. She was the daughter of William E. and Priscilla (Staley) Hiatt, who came from Ames, Iowa in 1883. On Sept. 27, 1907, she became the bride of Owen French and with the exception of about 11 years in Idaho and Wyoming, spent her entire life here.

Abraham Ellis Hiatt was born at Ames, Iowa July 19, 1880. He came to Oregon with his parents at the age of three years. Most of his subsequent life was spent in Oregon where he engaged in the sheep industry. He was married to Minnie Pearson at Colfax, Wash., and to this union was born one son, William A. Hiatt, now serving his country in the navy. Ellis, as he was familiarly known, had been a member of the Methodist church since a small boy. He was a man of exemplary habits and was held in high esteem by those with whom he was associated.

Survivors, besides Mrs. French's husband, include one sister, Mrs. W. M. Beck of Astoria, and three brothers, Emory Hiatt of San Francisco, Delbert Hiatt of Portland and John W. Hiatt of Heppner.

Spring Meeting of Pomona on April 1

Rhea Creek grange will be host to the Pomona grange Saturday, April 1, according to announcement received from Mrs. E. M. Baker, secretary of Morrow county Pomona.

The business meeting will be called at 10 a. m., to be followed by dinner at noon. During the afternoon the business session will be completed, the fifth degree will be given, with the lecturer's program scheduled to start at 3 p. m. The lecturer's program is open to the public and the grange has extended an invitation for all who wish to attend.

Supper will be served at the conclusion of the afternoon program.

IRRIGON HIRES PRINCIPAL

Irrigon school district has signed a contract with Ed Elliott of Union for the position of principal next year. Elliott is coach at Union high school. The other five teachers remain to be hired.

Political Interest Sharper as Filing Limit Draws Near

Candidate List in
County Mostly
Republican So Far

Political interest has been on the upgrade the past week what with the filing by three more candidates for the United States senatorship posts and the virtual completion of filings for county offices. With both senatorial posts to be filled, several prominent men of the state have cast their fedoras into the fray and since each has declared his intention of making a fight for the nomination there may be some fireworks before primary election day calls a halt to campaigning activities.

To date, two republicans and one democrat have filed for the regular senatorial campaign. Senator Rufus Holman will seek to win the primary against Wayne Morse, while Edgar Smith of Portland has filed on the democratic ticket. Thus far, Charles A. Sprague, former governor, and Senator Guy Cordon will slug it out for the honor of being elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Charles L. McNary. Senator Cordon announced his decision the first of the week, while Mr. Sprague entered the race two weeks ago. Sprague has started his campaign with a tour of southern Oregon counties, right in Cordon's home territory.

News regarding the congressional race in the second district is rather vague, except that Lowell Stockman will seek to succeed himself.

Giles French recently completed filing for another hitch in the legislature representing the 22nd district—Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman counties. Henry Peterson got into the race early—having made his filing along in January.

One Morrow county man, Henry Aiken of Heppner, has announced his candidacy for the post of presidential elector on the democratic ticket.

County filings are complete with the exception of two justices of the peace districts. Ione and Lexington have no filings for these jobs. L. D. Neill is out to succeed himself as commissioner; C. J. D. Bauman for sheriff; C. W. Barlow for clerk; Mrs. Lucy Rodgers for school superintendent; Dr. A. D. McMurdo for coroner and J. O. Hager, justice of the Heppner district and A. B. Chaffee, justice of the Boardman district. It was said that P. A. Mollahan was circulating a petition this week for the office of sheriff, but he had not filed prior to press time.

County Clerk Barlow announced this week that his office will be open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. Tuesday, April 18, final registration day, to accommodate those who wish to register. The office will be open the full 12 hours, Barlow states.

A REAL REASON FOR BEING LATE THIS WEEK

If your copy of the Gazette Times arrives later than usual this week we ask your kind indulgence. A breakdown left us without linotype service for several days and it was not until Wednesday afternoon that the machine was put in service again.

Through the kindness of Raymond Crowder of Arlington, we were able to set up several jobs which required linotyping and this relieved some of the anxiety. The broken part was repaired here and the old Merg now looks like it is good for another 20 years.