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Draft List To Be Checked Closely In Coming Weeks

All Available Men To Be Drawn, Says Board Member

Draft list are being gone over with a fine tooth comb and every available prospect's papers are being given a microscopic scanning in an effort to meet the demands for service men, Judge Bert Johnson, member of the local draft board, told members of Heppner chamber of commerce at the weekly luncheon Monday.

The board plays no favorites, the judge declared, and no member may act on any case where a relative or some other cause for doubt is being considered. In case of a near relative of one of the board members, decision is left with a neutral board. This is necessary to protect both the inductee and the board from criticism.

Explaining the ruling on who shall be given deferment, Johnson said there is but one exception made—the party under consideration must be a key man in a critical industry if he is in the age group 18-26. Rejection because of physical defect or handicap is no assurance that a registrant will not be called up again and he is quite certain that in view of the present deficiency in the draft not a few rejectees will be called up for re-examination. Status of farm workers also came in for considerable discussion. His conclusion was that the older men and 4-F group will be faced with the task of carrying on the home front if the quota demanded by the armed services is to be met.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps Passes at Bend

Mrs. A. M. Phelps, former resident of Heppner, was laid to rest at Bend Saturday, April 1, according to information sent here early this week. Death occurred at the St. Charles hospital following a brief illness. Services were held from the Niswonger and Winslow funeral chapel with Rev. R. H. Prentice officiating. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Born in 1865 at Marion, Iowa, Mrs. Phelps was approaching 79 years of age. With her husband and children she came to Heppner in 1905 and made her home here for 25 years. Mr. Phelps engaged in the grocery business most of the time during their residence here.

Surviving, besides the husband are one daughter, Elizabeth Phelps of Vancouver, Wash.; one son Marshall Phelps, of Bend; a sister, Bertha Marshall, of Hawaii, and one grandchild.

SECOND SURVEY REVEALS MINOR INFRACTIONS

A second survey of retail establishments by the price panel found 5 stores conforming and 13 guilty of minor infractions but all agreed to get in line. Monday was spent down Willow creek and Tuesday the panel and chairman of the board visited Boardman and Irrigon.

LEXINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Garden planning should be based on a person's diet, likes and dislikes, County Agent C. D. Conrad told the Lexington 4-H garden club at its meeting Friday afternoon. The club is getting down to business and making a thorough study of problems to be met in laying out, planning and caring for gardens.

The next meeting will be held April 14. There will be reports on insect and rodent control. Each member is to submit a plan of his garden plot.

MAYOR TURNER TELLS OF HEPPNER FLOOD OVER KOIN

Heppner's disastrous flood of June 14, 1903 was the subject of a talk given in Portland Wednesday evening by Mayor J. O. Turner. This talk was one of a series sponsored by the Pacific Power & Light Co. and the Northwestern Electric Co. to acquaint the citizens of Oregon and Washington with their own states, particularly the areas served by the two concerns.

Mayor Turner spoke over station KOIN between 9:30 and 10 p. m. Due to the fact that the G-T radio refused to tune in on the station this newspaper is unable to comment on the talk.

Mrs. Turner accompanied her husband to the city.

P-T. A Schedules Monthly Program

Three speakers have been scheduled by the Parent-Teachers association for the regular monthly meeting to be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday evening, April 12 in the music room at the school. C. D. Conrad will discuss some aspects of the 4-H program in Heppner, John Fuiten will talk on the Boy Scout program, and George A. Corwin will discuss state support for schools.

The nominating committee will report and suggest candidates for office for next year, and the hostesses for the evening, Mrs. John Bergstrom, chairman; Mrs. Harold Hill, Mrs. J. L. Hamlin, Mrs. Earl Blake, Mrs. Archie Padberg and Mrs. Raymond Pettyjohn, will serve refreshments.

Meetings of the P-TA have been well attended to date, there being an average of 50 or more. The association is interested in seeing every parent and friend of education participating in the work.

Maggie Egg Hunt To Be Organized

A meeting to complete organization details for the annual magpie egg hunt will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday April 13 at the Elks hall, announces Blaine Isom, president of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club.

Teams for the hunt will be chosen and information imparted to parents of the participating children relative to conditions governing the campaign. No guns will be used in the hunt, Isom stated.

Churches to Join In Sunrise Service

An Easter sunrise service has been arranged by three of Heppner's churches which will be held at 6:45 a. m. Sunday at the Church of Christ. Participating will be the Church of Christ, the Assembly of God and the Methodist church.

Following the service, breakfast will be served in the dining room in the church basement.

HERE FOR FUNERAL

Mrs. Nora Summers of Spokane, sister of Mrs. C. W. McNamer, arrived this morning to attend funeral services for Mr. McNamer Friday morning. Arriving this afternoon were Mr. McNamer's sister, Mrs. Blanche Moore of Portland, and Mrs. Lucy Butler Nelson, a close friend of Mrs. McNamer's from Skamania, Wash.

NEPHEW DROWNS

Kenneth Blake received word Wednesday of the death by drowning of his brother Merle's 10-year old son Bobbie in Oswego lake. Kenneth and his father, Willard Blake, left this morning for Oswego to attend the funeral.

VISITING RELATIVES

Miss Betty Jean Robinson of Berkeley, Calif., is spending a week here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Tom Wells, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Shannbn, and other relatives. She will leave this weekend to resume her work at Berkeley April 13.

Date for Cleanup Set by Mayor and Council Monday

April 7-14 Time Chosen to Make Town Presentable

Declaring in favor of a general cleanup all over the city, the mayor and council Monday evening set the date for the annual spring removal of rubbish and dirt in general. All citizens have been asked to participate in the movement during the week April 7-14.

In setting the date, the city fathers emphatically stated that the city will not provide free hauling service for this year's cleanup. That has been the practice in the past, but there is a manpower shortage now. There was some discussion about furnishing a truck for some one to drive and haul away trash of property owners, who must pay for the service. It was deemed more advisable for the people to hire the conveyances regularly engaged in general hauling.

Since there are so many drives for war financing, the council is leaving it up to the property owners and tenants to go about the cleanup on their own initiative. It is conceivable that people will clean their own premises but will not be inclined to work on neighboring vacant lots. The city made no provision for taking care of this phase of the cleanup. However, in the interests of safety, some of the hazards will be removed if the fire department has to get out and do it.

Remember—do not pile your trash on the walks or in front of your property to wait for the city wagon to haul it away. Contact one of the delivery wagons for that service. The cost will not be much if you have your stuff ready to go.

Juniors Display Talent in Class Play

No small amount of talent was displayed Friday evening when the junior class of Heppner high school presented the three-act comedy, "Tiptoe Inn." Doubtless many of the several hundred people witnessing the offerings of the young people went to the gym with a feeling that they were doing their duty, only to come away convinced that they would have missed a treat had they stayed at home.

Tiptoe Inn is a clever blending of situations in which each member of the cast becomes "involved". Getting into the mixups and getting out again provided the young actors with vehicles for exercising their talents and many hearty laughs for the audience. It was evident that the cast had taken the coaching of Miss Mardock seriously and in so doing won laurels for themselves.

MADE SHORT VISIT

Lt. Norton King and Mrs. King arrived Saturday, March 25, from Oklahoma, where Norton finished a course in advanced aviation. After spending a day visiting Mrs. King's mother, Mrs. Hilma Anderson, and other relatives, they went to Portland where the young flyer entrained for one of those unknown destinations, presumably an embarkation point. Mrs. King has returned here for the duration, if her husband is on his way across.

BACK IN STATES

Lyle Cox, AMM1c, is back in the states, according to his father, Elbert Cox, who states that his son called him from Alameda, Calif. about a week ago. Lyle's outfit has been shipped back to the continent temporarily. He expects to pay the home folks a visit but could not say just when.

ALEUT VETERAN VISITING PARENTS THIS WEEK

Home for the first time in two years, Lt. Donald Drake is enjoying the privilege of setting his feet under the parental table. Accompanied by Mrs. Drake and their little son, Lt. Drake is spending a week or so at the Ray Drake farm home in Sand Hollow, where the green hills are balm to his eyes but the slightly summerish temperature makes him a bit uncomfortable after about two years spent in Alaska and the Aleutians.

For the past several months Drake was stationed about 10 miles from the camp where Capt. Vawter Parker was based and the two Heppner soldiers visited frequently.

Cub Scout Pack Organized This Week

Boys in the age group 9-11 have been given an opportunity to learn the rudiments of scouting through the organization here this week of a cub scout pack. Sixteen boys have been assigned to the two dens led by Mrs. Florence Green and Mrs. Conley Lanham. Other leaders are Conley Lanham, Orville Smith and Charles Stout. Lauren Corwin and Carl Gabler have been selected by their scoutmaster to serve as chiefs of the two dens.

Many other boys have signified an interest in joining the cubs, according to Kenneth Hickenbottom, assistant scout executive of the Blue Mountain council, who directed the organization work. These youths will be absorbed in the pack as fast as new dens can be organized and they are advised by Scout officials to keep in touch with the cubmaster or the den leaders.

BROTHERS VISIT IN NATION'S METROPOLIS

Mrs. Lera Crawford is in receipt of a letter from her son, Midshipman Hugh Crawford, telling of a week-end spent with his brother, Ensign John Crawford, who came from Boston to New York to visit him. The two Heppner young men dined in the officer's quarters of one of the swankier hotels, made a visit to the top floor of the Empire State building and climaxed the visit by witnessing Paul Robeson's portrayal of Shakespeare's Othello. The boys are urging their mother to go to New York at the time of Hugh's graduation from midshipman's school, and there are signs that she is weakening.

SCOUTING ON UPGRADE IN MORROW COUNTY

Scouting has been definitely on the upgrade in Morrow county during the past year, according to information released this week. This is in reference to Boy Scout work and figures show that whereas there were two troops at the county at the beginning of 1943, one each at Heppner and Lexington, there are now troops at Ione, and Boardman as well, with a Sea Scout Ship at Lexington and a cub pack in Heppner. A total of 89 boys and 18 adult leaders are involved in the program.

In addition to the Boy Scout activities, a large group of girls have been enrolled in Girl Scout work in recent weeks in Heppner.

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TO PRESENT 3-ACT COMEDY

Announcement is made by the Lexington high school that a three-act comedy, "Sadie of the U. S. A.", will be presented at the school auditorium on the evening of April 14. The plot is built around a girl's efforts to break up a spy ring bent upon blowing up the munitions works. The play teems with action, funny lines and hilarious situations. Sponsors of the play guarantee an evening of rare entertainment and more than your money's worth at the extremely popular prices.

Judge Bert Johnson will be the featured speaker at Lexington grange Saturday evening.

Stroke Fatal to C. W. McNamer, Co. Commissioner

Death Comes as County Court Is About to Take Up

A stroke induced by a blood clot caused the death of C. W. McNamer about 10:30 Wednesday morning. The commissioner had entered the county judge's office just prior to the opening of the court session when the attack came. Dr. A. D. McMurdo was called as was Mrs. McNamer, and they worked over the prostrate man for half an hour or more before the end came.

Mr. McNamer's passing was a shock to the community as he had been attending to business affairs and working on his ranch since returning from California. Due to the labor shortage he has been doing the irrigating in his alfalfa field and appeared to be standing up to the task. It was his nature to be busy, to keep in touch with his various interests, and this left him no time for worry over his physical condition.

Services will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday from the Masonic hall. Archdeacon Neville Blunt will officiate. Arrangements are in charge of Phelps Funeral Home. The body will be taken to Forest Grove where final rites and commitment will be held Saturday.

Conrad Wilbur McNamer was born Nov. 29, 1875 to Nehemiah and Nancy Kirts McNamer, near Forest Grove, Oregon. He attended the Forest Grove public schools and Pacific university where he was the first football coach. In 1898, he and his brother struck out for Alaska to make their fortunes in the gold fields. Five years were spent in the north. At one time word reached his people that he and his brother had perished. After waiting for some time and receiving no word to the contrary, the relatives and townspeople conducted memorial services in their honor. Shortly thereafter the brothers landed in Seattle and soon convinced their people that they were very much alive.

In May 1916 Mr. McNamer bought the Ione Meat market and on July 24 of the same year he married Sarah Rodgers at Walla Walla. They made their home at Ione until August 1922 when they moved to Heppner where he continued in the meat business both as a retailer and a buyer and seller. He was also engaged in the sheep business with the late R. A. Thompson and had a partnership with the late Percy Hughes in buying and shipping cattle. He took an active part in civic affairs, was a backer and director of the Heppner Rodeo, and two years ago decided to enter the local political field by running for county commissioner. Any worthy enterprise for the good of Heppner and the county could always count on support from him and in his quiet way he helped many less fortunate in time of their need.

Fraternally, Mr. McNamer was a member of Heppner lodge No 69 A. F. & A. M., the Eastern Star both of Heppner, and held a life membership in Delphian lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Forest Grove.

Survivors are Mrs. McNamer and his sister, Mrs. Blanche Moore of Portland.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Hughes returned Saturday from Portland where they spent a couple of weeks, during which time Hanson underwent a check-up on his physical condition. His friends have been pleased to see him out on the street once more.

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