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Our Men In Service

VISIT RELATIVES

Mr and Mrs. E. E. Gilliam enjoyed a visit Monday night with Mrs. Gilliam's brother, ChiefCS William Merrill Perry, and his son Darrell of Baker. Merrill Perry has recently returned from the far north where he saw 20 months service in the Aleutians.

LUNDELL TRANSFERRED

Mr. and Mrs. Algott Lundell have received word from their son, Pfc James Wallace Lundell, that he has been transferred to Australia from New Guinea. Wallace is with the teletype maintenance division of the signal corps.

ARRIVED MONDAY

Lyle Cox, AMM1c, arrived in Heppner Monday to visit at the home of his father, Elbert S. Cox. Lyle's outfit arrived at a California port a few weeks ago after a long campaign in the South Pacific.

P.-T. A. Posts \$50 Scholarship Fund

Some member of the 1944 graduating class of Heppner high school will receive a \$50 scholarship fund if he or she decides to take up teacher training. This was decided at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher association Wednesday evening when that sum was voted. An alarming decrease in teachers prompted the action.

C. D. Conrad gave a talk on 4-H club work, using slides to illustrate salient points. Supt. George Corwin devoted a few minutes to a discussion of state support for education.

Election of officers resulted in returning the group that has been serving since organization of the local chapter, Mrs. Stephen Thompson, president; Mrs. Harvey Miller, vice president; Mrs. Orville Smith, secretary, and Everett Smith, treasurer.

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT HOLD INSTALLATION

Installation of officers occupied the regular session of the Women of Woodcraft Monday evening at their quarters in the Oddfellows hall. The evening's activities opened with a potluck supper at 6:30 and following the installation ceremonies an hour or so was devoted to playing games.

The following officers were installed by Doris Gaily: Letha Rippee, past guardian neighbor; Melba Quackenbush, guardian neighbor; Sadie Hulbert, adviser; Rosa Howell, clerk; Clara Sprinkel, banker; Letha Archer, magician; Lola Bennett, attendant; Elma Hiatt, captain of the guards; Doris Gaily, musician; Sadie Hulbert, Elma Hiatt and Lola Bennett, managers; Rosa Howell, correspondent, and Anna Brown, flag bearer.

CALLED TO PORTLAND

Mrs. J. G. Cowins and mother, Mrs. George Allyn of Lexington, drove to Portland Saturday in response to word of the serious illness of a brother and son, Lewis Allyn. Lewis fell from a hotel window several weeks ago suffering serious injuries from which he was apparently recovering. His condition was slightly improved when the women left Tuesday.

J. J. WIGHTMAN ILL

J. J. Wightman was brought to town the first of the week from the French place where he had been seriously ill for several days. Preparations are being made to take him to Portland for medical care.

ON BUSINESS TRIP

Edwin Bucknum and father, Ed Bucknum, left today for Portland and Salem on a business mission. Returning Sunday they will bring a niece from Portland to recuperate here from a recent illness.

Former School Head Here Dies in Ohio

News of the death of Hamilton H. Hoffman, former Heppner school superintendent, reached Heppner last week-end. He passed away March 13 at Canal Winchester, Ohio. This news might not have reached here had Heppner lodge No. 358 B. P. O. E not been searching for Mr. Hoffman to apprise him of the fact that he had been elected to honorary life membership in the order.

Hoffman came to Heppner about 1910 as superintendent of schools. He remained here six or seven years, during which time the present school edifice was erected. He was exalted ruler of the Elks lodge three successive terms and was one of the best informed members in this district. His last visit to Heppner was in 1942 and since that time had not kept the lodge informed about his address. Information regarding his death came from a sister residing in Ohio.

Gas Questionnaire Should Be Filled Out

The local office of the OPA has mailed out questionnaires to farmers using non-highway gas and has not been getting the response desired. This is disappointing and adds to the work of the office force, it is stated. This information is necessary in order to complete the estimate for the county's requirements and the board urges all those receiving the blanks to fill out and turn them in as quickly as possible.

There appears nothing complicated about the questionnaire—how many acres do you farm? how many acres in summer fallow? how many acres in wheat? how many in hay, etc. It is pointed out that non-highway gas users will be doing themselves a favor as well as the rationing office by attending to this duty promptly. It is impossible to issue the gas you need without so doing.

ERNEST THORNBURGH

Ernest Thornburgh died this morning at Spokane, according to information contained in a message sent to relatives at Heppner. He had been ill for some time and the illness reached a critical stage during the past week. His cousin, James Moyer, who returned Wednesday from Spokane, reported that there was no hope for his recovery.

Deceased was a native of Lexington.

MAKES EXCELLENT GRADES

Mrs. Floyd Adams was fairly walking on air today. She had received word that her daughter Clara Belle, made five A's and one B in the recent mid-term examinations at Oregon State college where she is majoring in secretarial science. Naturally, she is an honor student.

VISITING IN PORTLAND

Mrs. E. E. Gilliam, Mrs. Charles Vaughn and Mrs. Leo Perry left Wednesday morning for Portland to spend a week or 10 days.

RETURN HOME

Mrs. Ed Burchell and baby daughter returned to Heppner Saturday from Pendleton. Her sister, Mrs. Allen Daggett, and baby are expected home Saturday, her husband having shipped out.

SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Wright took their two daughters to Pendleton Tuesday for medical advice. The girls have had scarlet fever and whooping cough during the winter, from which they have not recovered satisfactorily.

GUEST OF SISTER

Mrs. Roy Johnson of Pendleton was a guest the first of the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Chris Brown. Mrs. Johnson returned to her home today.

Hardest Fighting Ahead, Senator Holman Declares

Ordnance Workers Urged to Keep Up Splendid Record

Monday was "T-flag" day at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, when several hundred workers and numerous invited guests assembled to witness the raising of the flag presented by the United States treasury in recognition of the depot's co-operation in the war savings plan. More than 90 percent of the workers, 95 to be exact, are investing 12 percent of their earnings; it was revealed by Col. A. S. Byers, commandant at the depot.

The program, starting at 3:45, included music by the Hermiston high school band, group singing of "God Bless America," "War Bonds and Oregon," an address by Elwain H. Greenwood, representing the Oregon War Finance committee; "War Bonds and the Nation," United States Senator Rufus C. Holman; introduction of McCaw hospital service men; presentation of service flag by Major Walter L. Roche, war bond officer, Ninth Service command; acceptance by Col. A. S. Byers; raising of flag, and "Star Spangled Banner," by the band. The program was broadcast through the facilities of Station KWRC, Pendleton.

Senator Holman, principal guest speaker, and member of the senate military affairs committee and of the appropriations committee, stated that he was representing "not only the senate and committee, but the entire congress. I've come here to praise you and to extend to you the thanks of the Federal congress. Your dollars make it possible to supply the men and equipment to carry on the war." But he warned that we have just begun to fight and that casualties up to the present will be light compared to what will be suffered when the big offensive really opens up. The committee estimated losses will run to 100,000 a month and that the manpower budget as drawn up plans for 1,000,000 men as replacements for the year ending June 30, 1944.

The senator said we have stopped being pushed around and have stepped forward enough to gain a toehold, but we have not yet begun to fight as we will know the war in the next twelve months. He warned that it is a terrible mistake to be lulled into a feeling of security that victory is already in the bag. He noted that it has only been within the last year that the western part of the country has not been exposed to bombing.

Judge Carl Chambers of Umatilla county was master of ceremonies.

LEXINGTON GRANGE TO STAGE CLEAN-UP SUNDAY

Members of Lexington grange will gather at the hall Sunday noon to participate in a potluck dinner, after which they will seize rakes, shovels and any other needed tools and set about cleaning up the grounds.

It is expected that there will be a good turnout as the committee works on the theory that many hands make light work.

PIONEER SHEEPMAN DIES

Word was received in Heppner this morning of the death of Oscar Schafer of Monument. He passed away Wednesday and funeral services will be held at Monument Friday. He was a pioneer sheepman of that section.

Mrs. Virgil Hatfield and baby son from Portland are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hatfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Instone.

Family Experiences Misfortunes of War

War still is what Sherman termed it back in the Civil war days. At least that is the opinion of a Heppner family. Cleo Gardner, called up for his physical examination, reported at Seattle, taking his family to Yakima to visit relatives for a day or so. All returned home Thursday and prepared to break up housekeeping for the duration. They sold their home Saturday to Vernon Prock, shipped some of the household goods to California and otherwise prepared to move in the week or two between the examination and induction. Monday the draft board notified Cleo that he is not to be inducted now because he is 32 years old.

Further complications arose. Mrs. Gardner came down with scarlet fever and she and their two little girls who had the disease earlier, are now in quarantine at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alma Perkins. Things being as they are, Gardner and his two little boys are leaving today for California, with Chico as as their destination.

Grange Asks Return To Standard Time

By Marjorie Baker
Morrow county Pomona grange was held at Rhea creek grange hall on April 1 with a good attendance. During the business meeting four resolutions were adopted. One recommended that farm gas and fuel rationing be handled by the farm transportation committee. Another resolution recommended changes in the slaughtering of livestock. It recommended that Oregon return to Standard time. Recommendations were also made regarding the sale of surplus military goods.

A very interesting program was presented by the lecturer, Alice Anderson. Judge Bert Johnson gave a talk on the selective service. County Agent C. D. Conrad gave latest developments in the agricultural field and Henry Baker gave enlightening facts regarding gas rationing. Skits were presented by Greenfield and Willows granges and musical numbers were given by Rhea creek grange.

Rhea creek grange exemplified the Fifth degree to 14 candidates. The next Pomona will be held at Willows grange on July 1.

Runnion Auctions Set for Saturday

Official opening of the Runnion Sales Yard in Heppner is scheduled for Saturday, beginning at 1:30 p. m. Rain or shine the sale will go on, Runnion announces for he has comfortable quarters to accommodate a good sized crowd.

Listings indicate that there will be ample livestock and equipment on hand to meet the requirements of almost any buyer. Frank S. Parker will be on hand to inspect brands, while Runnion will cry the sales and Harry Dinges will act as clerk.

FLORENCE-GILMAN

Mary Eleanor Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Florence, and Dean Gilman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilman, were united in marriage Monday, April 10, at Lewiston, Idaho. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 p. m. Mrs. Rodney Thomson, sister of the groom, who drove north to meet her husband, on boot leave from Camp Farragut, drove to Lewiston to attend the wedding and she and her husband accompanied the newlyweds home. They will make their home in Heppner. Dean has been busy passing out the cigars.

TAKING VACATION

Miss Leta Humphreys left today for Chicago and other points east on a three-weeks vacation. It is expected she will visit Lt. Rose Liebbrand in Indiana while away.

Three-Day Drive For Scout Funds To Start Monday

County Asked to Aid in Financing Council Activities

Everything is in readiness for the annual three-day campaign to raise funds for the Blue Mountain Scout council. This drive is in charge of Blaine E. Isom, local finance chairman, and will be launched first thing Monday morning, April 17 and continue through Wednesday. Heretofore only Heppner has been canvassed for funds but this year, with the addition of troops at Ione and Boardman, the entire county will be solicited to raise this district's share of the \$13,500 budget.

Membership in the Boy Scouts of America has more than doubled in the county during the past year. To day there are 95 boys enrolled in four troops, one Sea Scout Ship and one Cub Pack. It is the goal of the Scout leaders to again double membership during the coming year. This growth undoubtedly has been due to the concerted efforts of local leaders and the Blue Mountain Council executive staff, now totaling three men. An executive has spent one week each month in the area organizing, training leaders and planning activities for the Scouts. Kenneth Hickenbottom is the assistant Scout executive assigned to this territory.

Scout leaders are aiming to complete organization of the entire long-span program of Scouting during the next year. Under this program a boy will join the Cubs at the age of nine and carry on in this home-centered activity until he is 12, when he will join the Scout troop. Three years of extensive work and fun in the troop will qualify him to become a member of the Senior Scouts, either as an Air Scout, an Explorer or a Sea Scout. At present in the county there is one Senior unit and one Cub Pack. As soon as books and other materials are available, other Packs and Senior units will be organized.

A Court of Honor, a camporee, a newspaper salvage campaign and two camps are included in the immediate plans of Morrow county Scouts. They will participate in a wastepaper salvage campaign the last of April. A camporee, with all troops participating, will be held at McCaleb's cabin on Willow creek early in May. This will be an event open to the public and the Scouts will participate on a competitive basis. Firemaking, signalling, first aid, and commando tactics will be featured events. The Court of Honor will be held at the camporee.

The Cubs in Heppner, under the leadership of Father Francis McCormick will continue to meet during the summer and will have several summertime activities and outings.

TWO TEACHERS ADDED TO LOCAL GRADE STAFF

Supt. George Corwin announced today that two grade teachers had signed contracts to teach in the local school next year. Mrs. Phoebe Romine, who is at present employed in the Lexington school, and Mrs. Ruby Linn, Irrigon teacher, have signified their intention of joining the Heppner staff.

Corwin is on a hunt for a principal and one teacher for the high school. He would prefer a principal-coach but if a good principal can be obtained some other arrangement will be made regarding the coaching job.

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