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Our Men In Service

JOINS NAVY

Rod L. Ekleberry, formerly of Ione, was recently inducted into the navy at Portland.

NOW IN ASTORIA

Ted Peterson, Petty Officer 2c, is now stationed at Tongue Point base near Astoria, according to his father, Henry Peterson, who was a Heppner business visitor Monday. Ted spent a year or more in Texas before being transferred.

RETURNS TO CAMP

Jackson Holt left Sunday for Colorado where he has been in training for several months. He spent a furlough here visiting his mother, Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cantwell.

HERE FROM MISSOURI

Henry Aiken Jr., known to family and friends as "Dub", is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken, coming from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He recently finished a course at Kansas State college and was transferred to Fort Leonard Wood along with 1000 other trainees.

HERE ON FURLough

After serving 18 months with the army on Kodiak Island, 2nd Lt. John E. Hayes has returned to the states and is at present visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thompson. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Jean Hayes. Mrs. Thompson is their aunt.

INJURY RETARDS INDUCTION

James C. Lovgren, scheduled to report for duty in the army April 13 has been granted indefinite deferment due to a serious injury received shortly prior to the induction date. Kenneth L. Robertson of Boardman was inducted on April 13, while Robert O. Smith of the same place reported April 25 for immediate induction and was assigned as an air cadet. He is the son of Paul Smith of Boardman.

Music Groups to Present Extravaganza

Friday, May 5 is the date selected by the music departments of the Heppner schools for presentation of a song and dance extravaganza and "Hear America Singing", a program designed to replace the annual school music festival which has been dropped for the duration. This is the first time a musical event of this nature has been presented in the local school.

It is a development of America's music through the depiction of characteristic songs and dances from each period of the nation's evolution. With a modern family's day dreams and a radio program the audience will be carried back to the first Thanksgiving. Then starting forward on the strains of a colonial minuet, the listener joins some negro laborers in a favorite spiritual. Entering into an Ozark folk dance he sings and dances through the Civil War, the Gay Nineties, the west's beginning, early California with its Spanish atmosphere, lifting light opera to the bravado of the first World War, and finally back to our own time of brave people trying to crush fear with song.

There will be no charge for the performance, which will be held at the high school gymnasium.

LENA WAS OMITTED

In submitting his report to the Gazette Times last week, Rev. Bernie Howe, chairman of the Morrow county Red Cross chapter, inadvertently failed to enumerate the Lena district contribution. This section, with Mrs. Mabel Hughes as chairman, raised \$93 towards the American Red Cross war fund.

Imposing Sum to Be on Hand for Post-War Projects

Federal, State and Municipal Funds Reina Marshaled

Public works projects for the post-war era in Oregon now represent an estimated value of \$317,000,000. These projects will cover several years until private industry has been readjusted to peacetime production. What private industry will do is largely a secret, for there is a disposition not to discuss plans and thereby notify competitors, but it is assumed that industry can account for \$200,000,000. Such is the report of Governor Earl Snell's postwar re-adjustment and development commission.

As catalogued by the commission, federal projects represent \$233,280,000; state projects, \$68,920,000; county projects \$13,160,00; city projects, \$1,370,000.

Federal projects authorized and tentative include navigation, flood control, power, irrigation and grazing. These are the postwar shelf prepared by congress. State projects range from immediate construction to gradual expansion or rehabilitation of existing institutions.

Of Oregon's 36 counties, 19 have not filed their projects but the 17 that have present a formidable showing. This is also true of the municipalities although only 20 in the state have listed projects. The absentees are studying their problems and attempting to decide what projects are most needed in the county or municipality. Some of the delay is due to the fact that not all communities have registered engineers to prepare estimates of cost and blueprints.

It is not expected that the 190 municipalities in Oregon will each have projects, yet a majority will and the 36 counties also, as the counties must submit their plans to the state highway commission.

The public works is at best only a stop-gap to serve until private enterprise can absorb the load of unemployment. To date every county has reported that it can finance itself 100 percent without federal assistance, although if the federal government is prepared to help, the county will not accept a loan of more than 50 percent and will not surrender control.

Counties propose to take care of their own residents with their projects and are basing the public works program on their estimated prospective needs.

ON TRIP TO RENO

Mrs. Mabel Hughes and her sister, Mrs. Bertrand Warren of Walla Walla, left Tuesday for Reno, Nev., where Mrs. Hughes is scheduled to attend a synod of the Pacific area of the Episcopal church. Enroute south, Mrs. Hughes will meet with women's auxiliaries of the several churches in her capacity as president of the women's service league of the Eastern Oregon diocese.

CALL FOR PRACTICE

Members of the Heppner Women's Choral club are urged to be at the high school gym for rehearsal promptly at 7 p. m. next Tuesday night. The concert date is set for Tuesday night, May 9 at which time the chorus will make its first public appearance and it is hoped a large crowd will be present to hear them. Miss Marylou Ferguson will be guest soloist with the group.

BUSINESS VISITOR

T. R. Murdock, successful stock rancher of the Spray country, was transacting business in Heppner Wednesday.

Boy Scout Paper Drive Saturday Headliner

Arrangements have been completed for the Boy Scout paper salvage drive which will open Saturday morning and be closed as fast as facilities will permit. Three trucks have been secured for picking up the bundles of newspapers and magazines which later in the day will be hauled by truck to Stanfield and loaded on a railway car.

All persons participating in the drive are asked to tie the papers and magazines in bundles, or to box them in cartons, and place them on the front walk where they may be readily picked up. This is not a waste paper drive; neither is it a

garbage collecting campaign. The government wants old newspapers and magazines only at this time and any other material will not be gathered by the Scouts.

People residing in the country are urged to participate in the drive and are asked to bring their bundles to the county fair pavilion where it is to be loaded onto a truck and hauled to Stanfield.

Collections will be conducted at Lexington and Ione and contributions from the surrounding areas will be welcomed. Each town is working singly but all will ship collections to the main line where a carload is being made up.

Schools Looking For Teachers to Close Up Ranks

School boards and superintendents are still wrestling with the problem of filling their teaching ranks, states County Superintendent Lucy E. Rodgers. There is no smug satisfaction apparent in any of the schools over the prospect of having complete teacher lists, although most of the schools have but one or two vacancies to fill.

Most recent gap in the teacher ranks was the resignation of Supt. F. W. Harter of Boardman, who has entered the United States civil service. He is in Seattle at present vice, presumably in recruiting serving a 27-day training course. A successor has not been chosen.

The Lexington school board has signed a contract with Mrs. Bethel Taylor as superintendent. Mrs. Taylor formerly taught at Lexington and in recent years has been in the high school at Mollala.

Horace G. Holcomb has signed a contract to superintend the Ione system next year. Holcomb came to Ione in midyear. Two high school positions remain to be filled there.

At Heppner, Supt. George Corwin is still seeking a high school principal and one other instructor. The district is offering attractive salaries for these positions but so far there have been no takers.

Band Dance on Slate for April 29

Saturday night, April 29, is the date selected by the Heppner school band for presenting the annual band dance, proceeds from which will be used to buy uniforms and instruments after the war. The Elks hall will be used and the Men About Town have been retained to furnish the music.

As added attractions, the May queen and princesses, chosen by the student body from the senior class will be announced and majorettes will present a twirling routine. Weather permitting, the band will parade up and down Main street at 6:30 p. m. Saturday evening.

JOHN WIGHTMAN BETTER

J. J. Wightman is recovering from a major operation to which he submitted in Portland last week. This word was brought home by his daughter, Mrs. Claude Graham and Mrs. D. M. Ward, who accompanied him to the city and remained until his condition warranted their returning. Mrs. Wightman remained in Portland to be with her husband.

TO PRESENT PUPILS

Mrs. J. O. Turner has selected Saturday evening April 29 as the date for her annual recital when she will present her piano pupils at her home. Mrs. Turner has a fine class and each will contribute to the evening's program and parents and friends are anticipating the event with pleasure.

Politics Coming To Fore as Primary Date Approaches

Sprague, Holman Sentiment Leading In this Section

A noticeable pick-up in political sentiment has been apparent in recent days and as the date of the primary election draws closer there is more evidence of definite declaration for certain candidates. No political scraps have developed but most of the voters have settled on the candidates they will support and are asserting their beliefs in order to find out how the other fellow stands.

A definite trend towards Holman and Sprague for United States senators has been noted the past few days, with expressions favoring their nomination and election heard in every direction. Voters refuse to believe the campaign slurs hurled at Holman and prefer to keep a senior senator on the job rather than putting two new ones in at the same time.

Former Governor Sprague, on a visit to eastern Oregon this week, may not visit Morrow county but his strength is increasing daily and there are signs that he will poll a strong vote here. Voters feel they know him while Mr. Cordon has never visited the district and has had little to do with state affairs. Sprague is viewed as the outstanding candidate for the office and will receive active support from his admirers.

There appears to be little stir in democratic ranks over the senatorial race. Edgar Smith appears to be the popular favorite in the race to unseat Holman and nothing has been heard of the other race.

Coming down to the local political front, there seems to be no one available for the unexpired term of the late C. W. McNamer. One tried and true citizen politely refused to allow his name to be mentioned when approached on the subject and so far as is known there are no volunteers for the job. Voters may write in their preference, so there is no telling who will get the nomination.

Delivery of the ballots was made the first of the week and Clerk C. W. Barlow has been mailing out absentee ballots to service people and war workers. Several service men home on leave and furlough not the soldiers and sailors in distant places will respond remains to be seen.

Runnion to Stage Sale on May 6

V. R. "Bob" Runnion has set May 6 as the date of his second auction sale to be held at the sales yard in north Heppner. The first sale, held April 15, proved a success in bringing buyers and sellers together and Runnion plans to carry on until harvest time. Following the harvest he will resume the sales in the fall.

Livestock is a feature of the yard sales and for the coming event more than 150 head of cattle will be on the block. Work horses and saddle horses and some farm equipment are being offered. Information relative to stock certification may be found in Runnion's advertisement on another page in this issue of the Gazette Times.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Leonard Schwarz submitted to a major surgical operation at The Dalles Tuesday and is reported on the high road to recovery. Mrs. Schwarz accompanied him to The Dalles and will remain with him until he is able to leave the hospital.