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Our Men In Service

CAPT. ALFRED IN CHINA

From somewhere in China Capt. Frank C. Alfred writes that while he is enjoying the surroundings in this land half way around the world from Oregon, he yearns to get a glimpse of the Morrow county wheat fields and the Blue mountains. Judge Bert Johnson received the letter from the erstwhile county prosecutor and in due time Alfred will get one of those book-length reviews of the news for which the judge is becoming justly famous among service men. Alfred said he is particularly interested in the Chinese method of farming which is quite different to the method employed in this section.

Another soldier friend of Judge Johnson's, Larry Ritchie, writes that he has been transferred to another branch of the service and that he thinks he will like it. The judge recently mailed him an encyclopedia of Morrow county doings and a lot of sports items by airmail, the cost of which aided materially in reducing the postal deficit.

NOW ON COAST

Marine Private Ellen Nelson of Lexington recently reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Barbara, Calif.

The Marine woman received a four-week course at the motor transport school at Camp Lejeune, N. C., and is qualified to repair and drive motor vehicles from jeeps and station wagons to light delivery trucks. Taking over her new duties will enable her to release a male Marine mechanic or driver for active combat duty.

Private Nelson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson of Lexington.

IN RADIO SCHOOL

T. Sgt. William Clayton Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orian Wright of Heppner, who has been in the Marshalls and Gilbert Islands for several months, has been transferred to the Hawaiian Islands for advanced radio training. Clayton is a radio technician. He writes that he is catching up on his ice cream eating. He had four days vacation before entering school and enjoyed seeing the sights and places of interest.

ON EMBARKATION LEAVE

Norman Nelson of the Seabees is spending an embarkation leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson of Lexington. A CB 1c, Norman has been in the service since 1942 and has seen quite a slice of this troubled old sphere. He has recently completed advanced instruction at Camp Parks and will report back there Wednesday.

RELIGIOUS VACATION SCHOOL TO HOLD ANOTHER WEEK

Religious vacation school for the children of St. Patrick's parish got under way Monday. So far 42 children have been registered and more are expected to attend before the end of the week. It will close June 9.

Sister Lucida, superior of the academy at Wasco, Calif., and Sister Philomena Joseph are the sisters in charge. This is the second year for ing down Sunday returning Tuesday Sister Lucida to return. Helping the sisters with the school are Marguerite Glavey, Patricia Kenney, Kathleen Daly and Kathleen Sherman. Mrs. Rose Francis is helping out at the parish house while summer school lasts.

UNION MISSIONARY MEETING

Heppner union missionary society will meet at the Methodist church at 2:30 p. m. Friday June 9. The Methodist women's society will omit the June meeting.

Young Graduates Told to Prepare For Times Ahead

Departing from the usual type of commencement address, Dr. N. H. Comish discussed world conditions as the prospect facing the graduates of 1944. As professor of business administration at the University of Oregon he is well qualified to discuss economic affairs and he brought home a realistic picture that was understandable by young and old alike.

An era already highly specialized has been made almost universally so through demands arising out of the war, Dr. Comish pointed out. He admonished the young people to study present day conditions and to prepare themselves adequately to meet the keen competition not only during the war but in the peace to come.

The speaker did not attempt to paint a dark picture, nor did he speak glowingly of the future. He faced facts squarely, balancing the weak spots against the strong. In passing he expressed the opinion that this country could never carry on under a program of isolation and that we must hold our position in the van of the family of nations.

Norbert Peavy played the processional, Principal Ivan Parker introduced the speaker and presented the awards, Superintendent George Corwin presented the class and Miss Leta Humphreys passed out the diplomas. Archdeacon Neville Blunt gave the invocation. Two numbers were sung by the high school girls chorus under the direction of Mrs. Fred Hoskins.

Scholarships were awarded Loma Mae Jones and Louise Green, both of whom will attend Eastern Oregon College of Education to take up teacher training; and to Marjorie Sims, who was one of 200 high school graduates in the state to receive the Oregon State college scholarship. Miss Sims also was accorded a place on the honor plaque as the one considered the outstanding member of the class by the faculty and her classmates.

All Restrictions On Slaughter of Farm Stock Lifted

All restrictions on farm slaughter of livestock and delivery of meat to off-farm customers were lifted Tuesday, according to Lewis A. Nichols, office of distribution, WFA, Pendleton, Ore.

The action was taken by the war foods administration, Nichols said, to facilitate movement of heavy supplies of livestock now on farms into consumer channels. Direct delivery of meat from the farm to neighboring communities is expected to help the farmer, and improve rural meat supplies.

Farmers were previously required to obtain permits to slaughter and deliver livestock to persons not living on the farm. Restrictions on slaughter and delivery of hogs were revoked some time ago, but until now continued in force for all other livestock. Tuesday's action is made effective through amendment 15 to war food order No. 75, Nichols stated.

Sheep Moving Out Of Local Yards

A special train of 21 double deck cars of sheep left the Heppner yards Wednesday for points east. One lot of 14 cars was shipped by Justus brothers to Baker for summer range.

The other seven cars were purchased by James Farley of Arlington for Culp & Sons and were shipped to Pescadero, Ida. for feeding.

The Justus shipment was made up of ewes and lambs.

Grass Fire Burns Over Large Area in Northern Morrow

Monahan Sheep singed in Blaze; Damage Extensive

A fire starting on the west end of the bombing range in northern Morrow county Saturday burned two days sweeping across the width of the bombing range up to Butter creek before it halted. The blaze is reported to have been started by a plane although it is not stated whether it was due to backfire or if it was a bomber practicing over the field.

So long as the fire stayed on the bombing range little damage was done; but it broke over in spots and wreaked considerable havoc. A band of ewes and lambs pasturing in the vicinity of Castle Rock and belonging to Frank Monahan suffered the most damage. The fire overtook the flock and swept over it, singeing the animals, leaving many dead and others in pitiful condition. According to County Agent Conrad, who visited the scene early this week Monahan's loss will run into thousands of dollars. He reported many lambs with heads swollen to twice normal size and ewes with scorched flesh—all helpless and many of them doomed. Many were already dead. Many ewes will be without lambs and lambs without mothers. This was the band of twin lambs.

Some farm buildings also were reported lost in the fire, although definite information regarding the properties was lacking this morning. Reports from Boardman indicate that residents along the south side of the project were considerably alarmed over the nearness of the fire to their holdings.

Harold Anderson Passes Suddenly

Death came Sunday to Harold Anderson, 40, Eight Mile farmer. He had been ill a few days but his condition was not known to be serious.

Services were held at 3 o'clock p. m. Tuesday from the Heppner Church of Christ, Rev. Cecil Warner of Hermiston officiating in the absence of the pastor, O. Wendell Herbison. Interment was made in Heppner Masonic cemetery. Mrs. Ture Peterson and Mrs. Ruby Roberts of Ione sang and pall bearers were Charles Becket, Walter Becket, Floyd Worden Raymond Lundell, Elmer Palmer and Alfred Bergstrom.

Harold Anderson was born in Ione May 10, 1904, the son of Charles and Nellie Akers Anderson. He was married to Arlena Redding, Dec. 25, 1934 at Hood River. To this union were born three children, Adelia, Nancy and Carol, who with their mother survive. Other survivors are the invalid mother and a brother, Erwin. Deceased was a member of Rhea Creek grange.

Out of town relatives and friends coming for the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anderson of The Dalles and Fred Akers of Hamilton, uncles and aunt; Dale Akers, Hamilton, Mrs. Maxine Kingsley, Mrs. Opal Pommerring, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kohler, Elton Parman RT1c, Seattle, Mrs. Blanche Ranson, Freewater, cousins; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Walla Walla and Mrs. Kate Parman, Freewater, aunts; a niece, Miss Carolyn Sparks; Shirley Ransom, Freewater, Mr. and Mrs. Armin Wylon, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker, Stanfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Castle and children of Redding, Calif.

Miss Esther Bergstrom returned home Wednesday evening after a 10-day visit in Portland.

Goodly Number of Visitors Coming For C-H Meeting Friday

Between 35 and 40 visitors will be in Heppner Friday to attend the monthly meeting of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council. Definite information that at least that many representatives from several counties in the district has been received by the Morrow county council chairman, Mrs. R. I. Thompson.

From Walla Walla will come ten people, including an officer and two patients from McCaw General hospital and Miss Janet Caldwell, head of recreation at the hospital. Listed so far from other points are five representatives each from Pomeroy and Dayton, Wash., and Pendleton. Pasco, La Grande and Baker have not reported the numbers in their delegations. These are all county committee members.

Morrow county people are urged to attend the afternoon meeting and get first hand information relative to the work being done by the camp and hospital units and the needs of the hospital patients. The meetings will be held in the Elks hall, the business session in the morning and the afternoon session at 2 o'clock.

Luncheon Group Learns OPA Facts

Lifting of ration points on meats and other recent OPA rulings were discussed Monday noon by Mrs. Frances Dobyms of Pendleton, field officer for the counties of Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler succeeding Harley Richardson in this area.

Mrs. Dobyms took up the several branches of OPA service, giving the latest information on produce prices, fuel oil supplies, gasoline and tires. Easing on meat rationing she explained, was to give farmers and stockmen an opportunity to dispose of surplus stock. When this is done it is likely that restrictions will be restored, although on a more moderate basis. There is no promise of easing up on the gasoline situation and the speaker urged strictest observance of the driving regulations. Fuel oil will be handled as last year, she stated.

P. W. Mahoney told the luncheon club about the forth coming war bond campaign and George Corwin urged preparation and printing of handy folders descriptive of Heppner and vicinity.

MORE RECRUITS LEAVE FOR ARMED SERVICES

Uncle Sam's fighting blood was enriched by three Morrow county young men who left Heppner May 25 to enter naval training, James H. Driscoll, James M. Estes and Evan L. Rill.

Four men left May 29 for induction into the army. These included Bruce M. Lindsay and Ray P. Patterson of Heppner, William A. Gollyhorn of Irrigon and Richard Lorenzen, a transfer from Bremerton, Wash.

PAY SHORT VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Githens of Berkeley, Calif. were Heppner visitors from Thursday to Sunday. They came to take their daughter, Mrs. Lera Crawford, to Berkeley where she will make her home, having given up her teaching job in the Heppner school. Mrs. Crawford will leave Berkeley June 11 for New York where her son Hugh will graduate from the midshipman school at Columbia university. She will stop in Boston enroute to visit another son, Ensign John Crawford. Hugh may return to Berkeley with his mother to spend his graduation leave.

VISIT LA GRANDE

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall drove to La Grande Monday night to consult an ear specialist Tuesday.

Outdoor Program Scheduled to Open 5th War Loan Drive

Band From McCaw Hospital, War Vets Coming to Assist

Plans are under way for opening the Fifth War Loan campaign with an outdoor program the evening of June 10, according to announcement by P. W. Mahoney, Morrow county war bond sales chairman. If the weather permits there will be a band concert and speeches at one of the Main street intersections, following somewhat the order of procedure for the Second War Loan drive about a year ago.

A 25-piece band from McCaw General hospital at Walla Walla will be the musical attraction for the rally, while two officers and four enlisted men, all veterans with plenty of overseas service, will be the speakers. It will be a daylight program, starting at 7 p. m. Should weather be unfavorable the program will be given in the Elks hall, Mahoney stated.

Morrow county's quota of the Fifth War Loan is \$356,000, of which \$167,000 will be offered in Series E bonds. Other individual issues amount to \$115,000, while corporation quota is \$74,000.

"This is a big quota for our county and it will require our best efforts and cooperation to meet it," Mahoney stated. "It is a little out of line with our population as shown in the OPA census. Whereas original figures were based upon a population of better than 4,000 the OPA census shows little better than 3,500 persons in the county at the present time.

In the last two drives the county went over the top by 40 percent. The Third War Loan drive, opened with an auction sale that brought in \$152,000 and the Fourth War Loan, coming along during the winter, were comparatively easy since the county had experienced the greatest production season on record. At this time of year with crops not far enough developed in determine what the outcome may be, and with money reserves running low, the prospect of selling \$356,000 worth of bonds is none too bright. But it will be done, Mahoney and his bond committee declare.

Farm Bureau to Hold Open Meeting Monday Evening

Arrangements have been made by the Morrow County Farm Bureau to hold an open meeting Monday evening, June 5, at the Lexington grange hall, according to announcement by George Peck, president and Oscar Peterson, secretary.

It is the desire of the bureau to acquaint not only those directly interested in agriculture but all citizens of the county in the objectives of the Farm Bureau federation. To do this it was decided to hold an open meeting and let the citizens hear first hand what the bureau is doing and plans to do.

Mac Hoke, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, will be on hand as will Sam Hunter, membership chairman, and others from Umatilla county.

Peck and Peterson indicated that already some 60 farmers had taken membership in the new county unit and that a strong organization here is assured. They will be glad to see a good turnout of business men as well as farmers and to add a bit of social touch to the meeting have arranged to serve ice cream, cookies and coffee following the meeting which opens at 8 o'clock.