

Heppner Gazette Times

Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, June 29, 1944

Volume 61, Number 14

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PUBLIC AUDITORIUM
PORTLAND, ORE.

Heppner Business Houses to Remain Closed Over Fourth Labor Supply Fair As Grain Harvest In County Nears

Majority to Take Advantage of 3-day Week-end Lay-off

Thirty business houses of Heppner have signified their intention to remain closed over the Fourth of July, 26 of them from Saturday night to Wednesday morning, two of them Monday and Tuesday only and two of them Tuesday only. Of the latter four McAtee's and Scotty's will be open Sunday but the latter four McAtee's and closed Monday and Tuesday, and the Heppner Cafe and the Elkhorn Restaurant will close Tuesday only.

The three-day closing is being made to permit employer and employee alike a brief vacation, since the manpower shortage has curtailed leaves from work. It will be the last opportunity before starting of the grain harvest for a general holiday and will permit those who can to take a long-postponed trip, to catch up on their fishing, or perhaps do a little yard cleaning and work in the garden.

It is possible that the nearby mountains will attract a goodly number and in this respect local officials state that the forest is at its best right now. "I hope the people will avail themselves of this opportunity to spend a day or two in the mountains," stated Ranger Fred Wehmeyer. "They are at their best now and I believe many people will be surprised at what they will find. Of course, there is the usual word of caution about fire. That danger is ever present and we must always be on guard, especially now when there is a critical shortage of manpower and a corresponding shortage of lumber. Every precaution must be taken to prevent timber fires for we can't get enough fire fighters without drawing on the logging crews and when we do that we slow down the production of lumber which is so vital to the prosecution of the war. More crating and wooden box material is being used now than ever before and the flow of lumber to shipping centers must not be retarded. I hope users of the forest will bear these important facts in mind and be good foresters," he concluded.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS

Mrs. Ida Fell and Mrs. Eller Brock of Pendleton were Saturday night guests of Mrs. Josie Jones, the three ladies attending the outdoor services and picnic dinner at Sunday the home of Mrs. Percy Hughes on

Some Help From Outside Reported By Labor Office

Labor is not plentiful in the sense that farmers may hire at will, but needs are being fairly well supplied, according to R. B. Rice, in charge of the farm labor office in Heppner. A few men are drifting in from the outside and more are expected by the time grain cutting gets under way, which will probably be about July 10.

A great many jobs are being filled by grade school youngsters, both boys and girls, Rice stated. This help, augmented by hands from the outside will probably constitute the harvest force, since most youths of high school age and up have left the county for military service.

Wages paid in 1943 are prevailing this season and in the main are being accepted. One combine operator is asking a scale, considerably above that being offered but without call so far.

Yield prospects have improved in the past week or two and while there is nothing in sight to compare with the three previous seasons, reports indicate good production in most sections of the county. Some grain growers state that the wheat has outgrown the weeds and the stands look much better than a few weeks ago. Estimates as high as 25 bushels are reported from some districts but in the main the yield will run from 30 bushels down, in the opinion of those who have given the current crop some study. Showers earlier in the month and continued cool weather have combined to fill the heads and expand the yield.

County Sends Nine Men During Month

Nine Morrow county young men left during the month of June to join the armed forces. Of these, five entered the navy and four the army.

Claude W. Drake, on regular call from the navy, left June 13. A group of Heppner youths, after requesting immediate induction, left June 22 for active duty with the navy. Included were Walter J. Skuzeski, James G. Barratt, Patrick R. O'Brien and Marshall Lovgren.

Leaving on June 27 for active duty with the army were Herbert D. Schunk, Robert M. Hoskins, Robert B. Crowell and Johnnie C. Jackson.

Effects of Trashy Fallow on Wheat Observed by Farmers

The effects of trashy fallow on stand, quality and possible yield of wheat was observed first hand by about 25 farmers on the Frank Anderson farm at a short evening tour June 21.

The particular piece of ground under observation was a 35 acre tillage trial conducted by Joe Belver. A duck foot type of implement, of the soil conservation serhad been used for both plowing and some of the cultivation which left all of the 1942 crop of stubble on the surface of the soil.

The wheat on this trial is better than most of the wheat around, which, according to Belanger, is due probably more to the type of seeding implement than to the fact that the stubble was left on the surface. Because of the heavy amount of stubble, a deep furrow type of drill had to be used to clear the trash away which at the

same time placed the wheat down in the moisture where it came up quickly and made a better start than seedlings next to it made with a regular type drill.

It is not Belanger's contention that everyone should switch to the type of equipment that he is using on the trial, even if this equipment was available. He feels that farmers should be pretty sure of the type of equipment they need before they make a change.

Similar trials are being carried on in other Columbia Basin counties also in Morrow county on the Louis Bergevin and Lee Beckner farms. Another such trial has also been started on the Frank Anderson farm making it possible for those with wind and water erosion problems to observe the effects of utilizing the stubble to the fullest extent for erosion control.

Bond Sales Reach 70 Percent County Quota

Morrow county citizens will have to rally around the next few days if the \$356,000, Fifth War Loan quota is to go over the top. To date, with only nine days of the campaign left, approximately 70 per cent of the quota has been taken—and this by a comparatively few buyers, bond officials state. Unless there is a decided pick-up in purchases over this week-end the committee will feel compelled to launch a house-to-house canvass, and it is strongly desired to avoid this step inasmuch as everybody is busy and it is somewhat of an imposition on solicitors to ask them to take the field.

The last check-up, made Wednesday showed \$260,269 had been invested in the government securities. This leaves more than \$90,000

to be raised before July 8 if Morrow is to be counted among the counties of the state attaining the quota during the campaign period.

The Star theater bond premiere attracted upwards of 130 purchasers Tuesday evening. A complete return on the evening's business has not been submitted but it is thought to have represented modest sales largely. The audience felt well repaid by the program—the Abbott & Costello film, "Hit the Ice" and the vocal numbers by Mrs. Clyde Dunham, accompanied by Marylou Ferguson.

Chairman P. W. Mahoney wishes to call attention to prospective purchasers that the Tax Series C bonds will not be on sale after July 8. This is the type that may be used to apply on paying federal taxes.

County Committee Provides Articles For Pasco Station

This is a report of facts brought back from Pasco naval station by a group of committee members who visited there as guests of the Red Cross field director and through the kindness of Mrs. Fred Mankin in using her car.

"Pasco air station is an operational base for the carrier arm of the fleet. Almost 50 percent of the men stationed there have returned from active sea duty to take further training and refresher courses. Naturally their families rush there to greet them and stay for their retention there. Many of these families are living under poor living conditions even paying \$60 a month for basement rooms.

"There seems to be nothing the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council or county committees can do about the miserable housing conditions but a few things have been done by our local group to make life a bit easier for the enlisted men. We sent three unfinished desks for a recreation room in one barracks; bought curtain material which our local Red Cross production unit will make; an ironing board and cover; smoking stands; two foot stools, many more are needed; and a carpet sweeper. A portable phonograph was sent by Mrs. Linnie Loudan of Condon. We sent a check to buy new records and part of them will go to the Waves as they have a Victrola but just two records.

PASTOR RETURNED

Mrs. George Corwin returned the first of the week from Portland where she attended the conference of the Columbia district of the Methodist church. She brought word that Rev. Bennie Howe has been returned to the pastorate of the Heppner church for another year. Rev. Howe and Mrs. Howe and their daughter, Mrs. Don Romine, are enjoying a vacation in western Oregon this week.

ATTENDED CHURCH PICNIC

Mrs. Cora Phelps of Pendleton Mrs. Vira Rechlin of La Grande and Mrs. Phelps' granddaughter, Marcielle Miller of Idaho, attended the outdoor church services and picnic at the home of Mrs. Percy Hughes on Little Buttercreek Sunday.

AUDITOR HERE

D. W. Glasgow, former manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., is in the county this week auditing the books of the concern. Glasgow makes his home in Spokane.

PICNIC POSTPONED

Due to the triple holiday the Eastern Star picnic scheduled for Sunday has been postponed.

Teacher List Filled In Heppner School

With the hiring of three teachers this week the positions are all filled in the Heppner school, according to Supt. George Corwin, who made the statement without crossing his fingers. He is confident that school will open in the fall with a full compliment of teachers and hopes he will be able to turn his attention to other matters pertaining to the school for a few weeks.

Mrs. Helen Esudello has been elected as commercial teacher in the high school. She taught at Alsea last year and comes highly recommended.

Mrs. Hettie Rhodes who taught last year at Dufur, has been elected to teach English. She, too, is a

teacher of a number of years experience. The fourth grade position, made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. William Davis, will be taught by Miss Elsie Jenny from Benchland, Mont.

SISTER DIES IN PORTLAND

Mrs. D. M. Ward received word Saturday of the passing of her sister Mrs. Eudora Anderson, whose death occurred on that day. Services were held Monday and interment was made in the Rose City cemetery in Portland with the Rose City chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in charge. Mrs. Anderson is survived by eight children, three sisters and one brother, Chance Wilson of Monument. Mrs. Ward was unable to attend her sister's funeral.

RETURNS FROM MONTANA

Conley Lanham, owner of the local Gamble Store, returned this morning from Montana where he was called by the illness of his mother who is now improved.

Don Winslow of the Navy
By
Lt. Comdr. Frank Martinek

DON WINSLOW SAYS

LET'S BUY 5TH WAR LOAN BONDS TO BOMB THE ENEMY, AND GIVE BALM TO OUR FIGHTING MEN!



South Heppner Home Destroyed In Midnight Fire

Bennett Residence Reduced to Ashes; Very Little Saved

Fire which apparently was started by defective wiring completely destroyed the home of Mrs. Ellen Bennett and her son Irve Bennett last night. The home was located in south Heppner, outside of the city limits and beyond the city water line. The fire department responded, taking the grass fire fighting equipment which aided materially in preventing spread of blaze to neighboring residences and property.

Irve Bennett was awakened by the smell of smoke and got up to see where it was coming from. He discovered fire playing around the electric light wiring in the front room and going to the rear of the house discovered that the whole roof was ablaze. He called his mother who got up and went to the phone to notify the operator to call the fire department. Irve managed to save his pocketbook, a suit of clothes and an overcoat but his mother left the house with nothing more than her night gown and a robe which Irve picked up as they were leaving. Neighbors aroused by the calls for help rushed in and carried out a refrigerator and a few other articles before the entire structure was in flames. Other neighbors rushed to the assistance of Mrs. Bennett who is past 92 years of age, and aided her until her other son, Ed Bennett arrived with his car and took her to his home.

Family and friends were busy today making a new wardrobe for Mrs. Bennett, who, despite her advanced years, is withstanding the shock quite well.

The alarm was turned in around 1 a. m.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers returned Tuesday from Seattle where she spent several weeks helping take care of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Buchanan, who has been seriously ill but was improving before Mrs. Rodgers left.

Mrs. Turner Gravely Ill in Portland

Report comes from St. Vincent's hospital in Portland that Mrs. F. W. Turner submitted to a major operation Wednesday morning and is in a serious condition. She received a blood transfusion yesterday afternoon.

Up to press time this afternoon no further word has come and friends and relatives alike are hoping for a cheering report very soon.

Mr. Turner and Howard Swick, Mrs. Turner's nephew are in the city with her.

Canning Club Needs Additional Members

A group of girls met with Mrs. C. C. Dunham, 4-H club activities director, Wednesday evening in the county agent's office and formed a canning club. Merlene Miller was chosen president; Carol Miller, vice president; Beverly Yocum, secretary, and Shirley Yocum, reporter.

An effort is being made to interest more girls of the community in this project. Division I canning, which requires only 25 quarts of fruit of two varieties. Girls interested should contact any of the officers or Mrs. Dunham, phone 882.

FATHER SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. Nellie Anderson, proprietor of Nell's Beauty Shop, was called to Portland the past week-end by the serious illness of her father.