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County Receives Share of School Support Money

Sums Allotted to Several Districts By County Supt.

Morrow county's share in the state school support fund which has just been turned over to the several counties is \$21,827.73 for the year 1944, according to Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent. Mrs. Rodgers has been working on the district apportionments and is ready to turn over the allotments. The total is less this year than last when the amount was \$24,195.

Under the apportionment plan, based at approximately 17 cents per capita, Heppner district, No. 1, will receive \$7,061.51. District No. 10, Irrigon will draw 2,716.19 of the fund; No. 12, Lexington, \$1,920.91, and No. 35 Ione, \$3,043.98. Figures for Boardman had not been completed when the report was made. Figures for the other districts of the county were not submitted, the balance of \$6,385.14 going to non-high school units and Boardman.

The funds are made available to the schools from a state income tax fund in excess of \$5,000,000.

Mrs. Hughes' Brother On Air Program

Mrs. Joe Hughes received a letter the first of the week from her brother, William Bassett, stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., stating that he will sing over the Blue network Saturday. He will be one of the soloists with the Wayne King orchestra which will broadcast at 2 p. m., Chicago time, or between 11 and 12 coast time.

Bassett recently was transferred from the intelligence division to become a chaplain's assistant because of his musical ability. He has been made director of the Camp Crowder male chorus.

LT. JACK FORSYTHE HOME FROM EUROPEAN CAMPAIGN

Lt. Jack Forsythe, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ione is home from the European area, arriving from Portland Wednesday. He was met at Arlington by his wife and parents.

Lt. Forsythe was inducted in Jackson county in 1942, took his basic training at a Texas camp, was later transferred to the northwest, taking polishing off work at Ephrata, Walla Walla and Redmond. He left the latter point in the fall of 1943 for an undisclosed destination and it was not long until he was overseas. Upon completion of the specified number of missions over Germany and western Europe he was assigned to the courier command, in which he has served several months. He will be with his family until Aug. 24 when he will report at Santa Monica, Calif., for a new assignment.

VACATIONING HERE

Miss Sibyl Howell is spending a week's vacation in Heppner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell. Sibyl works for the Kaiser company and recently had an opportunity to take a test ride on one of the big flat tops turned out at the Portland plant. One of Sibyl's duties is to prepare a column for the company paper, The Bos'n's Whistle.

HERE FROM PENDLETON

Mrs. Frances Dobyns of Pendleton, field director for the OPA, paid an official visit to the local rationing office Tuesday. Mrs. Dobyns was accompanied by Mrs. Fred E. Farrior who took advantage of the opportunity to visit her former Heppner neighbors for a few hours.

Runaway Pickup Causes Death of Faithful Canine

Faithfulness of a dog sometimes is not always rewarded. Such was the case this week when a runaway pickup in which the family dog was riding wound up in a wreck and the faithful canine was transferred from this troubled world to a happy hunting ground not bedeviled with income taxes and rationing.

It all happened when Mrs. Louis Cason decided to go to the garden. The spot where the Casons live in the vicinity of Parker's Mill, is not exactly level. The garden is located some distance from the house and Mrs. Cason decided to drive the pickup over and bring back a supply of produce. There was a gate to open and while she was attending to that chore the pickup chose to go on without her. As it brushed past it struck her, rendering her helpless to stop it. The truck moved on down the grade picking up momentum by the foot. At the bottom of the grade it rammed the bank and folded up, one might say.

Mrs. Cason was not seriously injured but the pickup is in a sorry state. Perhaps the keenest hurt was the loss of the dog, although dogs are more easily replaceable right now than pickups.

New Home Service Shop Opens Here

Add to the newest business additions in Heppner the Heppner Home Service, located in the Braden-Bell building where the Green Hardware store formerly operated. The new enterprise is being installed by Walter S. Ready who states that as fast as materials can be obtained he will be in position to offer complete service for home and home appliance repairs.

Included in the list of services offered are refrigeration repair and service, household appliance repair, interior decorating, paint supplies, Maytag washer sales and service, as well as other makes, and starter, generator and magneto repair service.

Ready and a helper are busy today straightening up the room. He will go to Portland for supplies and expects go be set up with a general stock by the first of the week.

The new man and his family will reside at the Frank Rumble home where they have taken the entire upper floor and are making it into an apartment. Ready stated that he will also convert a suite of rooms on the lower floor of the residence for the Rumbles which will be made available to another tenant.

GOES TO CAMP LEMOORE

Pvt. Willard Blake left Wednesday for Lemoore, Calif. after spending about a week here with his wife and little daughter, Beverley Lucille, and other relatives: It was his privilege Saturday to witness the christening of his daughter, with Archdeacon Neville Blunt performing the rites and Mrs. Alva Jones and Mrs. Fred Parrish serving as godmothers and Lowell Ashbaugh as godfather. Pvt. Blake will find another Heppner soldier at Camp Lemoore, Don Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones, who recently was transferred from a Texas camp.

GO TO WALLOWA LAKE

Four Heppner boys left Wednesday morning for Weston to join a contingent of Boy Scouts headed for Wallowa lake where they will spend the next 10 days in Scout camp. Going from Heppner were Bobbie Bennett, Francis Plumondore, LeRoy McFerrin and Carl Thorpe.

PVT ALSTOTT HOME

Among armed service people spending furloughs at home this week is Pvt. Robt. D. Alstott Jr. He received his first training at Camp Roberts and will next report at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Small Factory Makes Valuable Contribution to Commercial Development of Community

One of the best illustrations of doing a big business on a small scale is to be found in the operation of the Heppner Box Factory, located across the track and a little south of the Union Pacific depot. The little sheet iron covered building is a beehive of industry 16 of the 24 hours each six work days of the week, contributing its share to the prosecution of the war and helping make Heppner a stronger town commercially.

The Heppner Box Factory is the result of the foresight of three young business men, Orville Smith and P. W. Mahoney of Heppner and Leonard Kraft of Portland. All ready engaged in the manufacture of lumber at the Heppner Lumber company plant, they realized the benefits to the operators as well as to the community of turning out more finished products. Hence, installation of the planing mill in conjunction with the sawmill. The cry for box shooks caused them to make a second venture into manufactured products and lacking more commodious housing they leased the freight building and installed a cut-off rig.

Starting out on a one-shift basis the first of the year the little plant offered employment to a crew of six men. Later, putting on a second shift, the force was increased to 12 men, which in itself is no fancy payroll but 12 more than were engaged in the industry before.

The fine texture of Morrow county ponderosa pine compares favorably with that of the Bend, Klamath and Lake county pine.

VOLUNTARY ENLISTMENT IN NAVY INCREASED

A material increase in the number of voluntary enlistments in the navy which may be accepted in this district was made public today by Mrs. Grace Turner who is liaison officer for Morrow county.

The enlarged quota considerably increases the chances for qualified applicants to be accepted for enlistment. No indication was received as to whether the increased quota will be maintained so those desiring naval service are advised to act immediately.

The new quota permits voluntary enlistment of youths 17 and not yet 18 and men between the ages of 38 and 50½ years.

the local manufacturers state, and while most of their output is taken by ordnance plants in the midwest it is their hope and expectation that there will be a ready demand for the local box shooks in the fruit raising sections of the northwest when the material can be diverted for that use.

At present the plant is engaged in turning out 105 m.m. and 90 m.m. shooks; some bomb cases, the 20-pound fragmentary and 100-pound chemical types, and a small amount of pear ends worked up out of short ends. Approximately 30,000 feet of lumber daily is required for the operation.

In addition to the Heppner plant, the company is operating a six-men plant at Reith.

Loaded Grain Truck Destroyed by Fire

Quick response by neigl Lora prevented what might have been a serious field fire at the A. E. Stefani place south of Ione Wednesday. A grain truck, owned and operated by Arthur Stefani, Jr. caught fire and was destroyed but the crew and neighbors were able to prevent spread of the flames to surrounding stubble and grain.

Lack of wind at the time also contributed somewhat to the success in saving the field.

Young Stefani had just left the field with a load of grain and had reached the highway when the fire was discovered. That the grain and grass over which he drove did not catch fire is something of a miracle and later when the gasoline tank exploded there was good cause for fields on either side of the highway to be destroyed. Mrs. Stefani saw the explosion from the house more than one-half mile distant and spread the alarm by telephone. Help came promptly and a disaster was averted.

Frank W. Turner went to Portland Sunday and returned Monday bringing Mrs. Turner home from the hospital. Mrs. Turner withstood the trip nicely although very tired upon reaching home. She will require a few days rest before receiving callers. Mrs. Helen Curran Green accompanied Mrs. Turner and is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Curran.

Permanent List Of Servicemen's Names Proposed

Project Advocaged At C.-C. Luncheon Viewed With Favor

If a proposal submitted Monday to the luncheon forum of the chamber of commerce is carried out all persons in the armed services from Morrow county will have their names inscribed on a permanent roster to be placed in a prominent location to be decided upon by the proper authorities.

The proposal was made by "Bud" Winters who has offered to paint the names if others will assist in procuring materials and erecting the roster board. Winters' idea is that not one cent of profit should accrue to anyone, that the entire project be put through on a voluntary basis, materials, labor and the like.

While there was not time to take the proposal up for discussion at the luncheon meeting, several people have expressed an interest in it and a desire to assist. First thought was to erect a roster board in some prominent spot down town but since it is a county project it appears more feasible to place it on the courthouse grounds. The most likely spot is at the southwest corner of the building. That end of the basement is not occupied by anything that would suffer from having the outside view obstructed, and besides there is a walk on that side of the building.

Judge Bert Johnson said he could see no objection to erecting the board in front of the court house and would be agreeable to it if the commissioners held the same attitude.

Visitors at the Monday luncheon were James Driscoll and James Estes, home on boot leave from the U. S. Naval training base at San Diego. They spoke highly of the training course and assured their hearers that the country has every reason to be proud of the greatest navy the world has ever known.

Chairman John H. Fuiten read a highly illuminating article on juvenile delinquency by J. Edgar Hoover.

ENGRAF'S BUY McCALIB HOUSE ON NORTH COURT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkraf, new arrivals from Fossil, have purchased the W. L. McCaleb house on north Court street and will occupy the place as soon as it is made vacant. They were here Wednesday enroute to Portland and closed the deal.

While in Portland Mr. Engkraf will assemble the equipment for installing a tire recapping plant in Heppner. They are planning on leasing the Lundell service station but if unable to obtain that have an offer from Mr. McCaleb on the former bakery room in his building on West Willow street. While here Wednesday they stated they expect to get set up by the first of the week.

HOME ON LEAVE

Two of Uncle Sams bluejackets who took their boot training at San Diego are home this week, James Driscoll and James Estes, both of whom are enjoying the short stay with their families. The boys were guests of the chamber of commerce at Monday's luncheon and Driscoll was a busy papa looking after his two children, both of whom insisted on sitting on his lap while he ate and sharing the food with him. Driscoll has been employed in the mail service during his stay at San Diego. Leaves terminate the first of the week and the two navy men will start south Friday evening.

HIS NAME WAS



Army Signal Corps Photo
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