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News From The Boys at The Front

SAILOR GIVES IMPRESSIONS OF EASTERN UNITED STATES

Nolan N. Turner Y3c, recently wrote his father, Monroe Turner, and other members of the family about a trip from Norfolk, Va. to Washington, D. C. The letter is full of historic interest and we are privileged to pass it on to our readers.

"Will write you a nice rosy letter this evening while on duty at the hotel. . . . It is quiet and peaceful here, with the band playing nearby. It is getting awfully noisy at the barracks, we have so many new men coming and going there all the time.

Will start with my trip to D. C. as that is about the only event that has broken the monotony here for a long while. I made good connections on the way in by bus. Started from here at 1:30 p. m. and arrived in D. C. at 8:40 p. m. Saturday. Had a seat all the way in and really enjoyed the scenery. This country doesn't seem to be overly prosperous. The farms don't look anything like they do around Boise, or in the Willamette valley. I guess the soil wasn't too good to start with and is getting pretty badly worn out. Corn, peanuts, tobacco and small vegetables are pretty common crops. The country is rolling and has strips of timber all through it. There are lots of oak, hickory, walnut sycamore, etc. here and some of it is being cut for lumber. I saw no beautiful streams as I had expected, nor did I see any ducks or wild life.

We went through Richmond on the way in. It is the capital of Virginia and a pretty good looking town. However, these old towns have a lot of tumble-down shacks with darkies sticking out of every nook and cranny. About all I noticed in Richmond was the factories and warehouses of two big tobacco companies. Of course, there are lots of things to see there if you have the time. We also went thru Fredericksburgh and Alexandria.

The first part of Washington that I saw was the Washington Monument. It sure is a landmark. Puled into the stage depot and Bob Officer was there to meet me in a few minutes. (Bob Officer is a fellow I used to duck hunt with in Burns. He is now in the army.) We had a lunch and then went down to the USO to see about a room for the night. They sent us out to a private apartment house about three miles from downtown Washington. It was a nice room though, and the fellow who had the apartment was friendly. We didn't go downtown that evening, but talked in our room until about 2 o'clock. We had a lot of fun comparing notes and making cracks about the other fellow's branch of the service. Bob is in the infantry and does plenty of marching with full pack. He made me shudder when he said he had just completed a 30-mile hike the other day.

We didn't know it at the time, but there was an army air base near the apartment, so next morning we were awakened at 6 a. m. as usual by the bugler on the loud speaker system. You just can't beat this old game. We didn't sleep much after that and drifted downtown at about 9 a. m. Bob had been in Washington several times before as he is stationed only about 12 miles out, so he showed me around. We went up into the Washington Monument first, and boy, I tell you 550 feet is a long way up. I was really amazed at the size of the monument. From the windows at the top you could see every part of Washington. However, there was strictly no photographing.

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Service Station Heads Real Estate Deals of Week

Claude Cox Buys Property Housing Recapping Shop

Purchase of the Lundell service station at the corner of May and Chase streets by W. Claude Cox, Heppner creameryman, highlighted the realty transactions of the week. Cox bought the property from Norton Lundell as an investment, it being already occupied by the OK Rubber Welders shop operated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkraf, who also have reopened the station for gas and oil service.

There has been no small amount of scurrying around for houses during the week, with at least two places changing hands. Arnold Ebert, new Morrow county agricultural agent, this week purchased from V. R. Runnoin the residence property on south Chase street at present occupied by the Runnions. Ebert will move his family to Heppner as soon as the Runnions are able to move into their property recently acquired from R. E. Thomas. Ebert's family has remained in Fossil pending housing arrangements here and he has spent the week-ends there carrying on county agent work until his successor takes over.

Another residence changed hands this week when Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkham of Camp 5 purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grabbill the house on West Baltimore street occupied by Mrs. W. P. Mahoney and her daughter Mrs. C. J. Espy, Jr., who now are house hunting. It is understood the Kirkhams want to move to town as soon as they can get possession.

Several other deals are in the making, so it is reported, some of which may be completed before the end of the week. Rumors have been heard that several Camp 5 families are seeking winter quarters in town but have been discouraged by the lack of living quarters. The same holds for farm families who are interested in placing their children in school.

Missourians to Stage Picnic on Rhea Creek

Plans have been completed for a picnic to be held Sunday, Aug. 20, near the school house at the forks of the canyon on Rhea creek. The affair is being sponsored by Missourians residing within the county and while it is primarily a Missouri picnic the people from the "Show Me" state are extending an invitation to people from all other states to attend and participate in the program and basket lunch.

Come out and spend a pleasant day getting acquainted and visiting the Missourians say.

RETURN FROM COAST

Mrs. Percy Hughes and grandsons, Allen and Jimmy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hughes, respectively, returned Wednesday evening of last week from Cannon Beach where they spent two weeks. Mrs. Hughes' sister, Mrs. Bertrand Warren of Walla Walla, also was there with her two grandsons, Nat and Micky Vale of Spokane. Larry Luther of Milton, Mrs. Hughes' other grandson was a member of the group and the two grandmothers conducted a regular boys' camp for two weeks.

GUEST FROM PASCO

Wayne Hanlon, of Pasco is visiting his friend Bobby Jones this week. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Hanlon, are expected here this week-end to take their son home.

Cattle, Sheep, Lumber Shipments Keep Branch Traffic at High Level

There may have been a few people who were fearful that the Union Pacific intended to take up the rails on the old Heppner branch but there is nothing in freight traffic figures to warrant such fears. Right now and for months past business has been good along the 45-mile spur and there is no indication that there will be a let-up for many months to come, although tired personnel would appreciate a slackening long enough for them to take at least brief vacations.

Taking the month of August as an example, we find that from Heppner the local freight has hauled out 30 carloads of sheep, nine loads of cattle, 46 loads of lumber and an average of two carloads of wheat a day from one warehouse and a total of five carloads from the other up to and including Aug. 14. This makes 114 carloads at the half-month mark. Whether or not this average will run for the rest of the

month could not be foretold by Agent Floyd Tolleson, but he was of the opinion that the total would run close to the mark established in August 1943 when 210 carloads left the local depot.

By comparison, the 210 carloads are broken down as follows: Sheep, 56; cattle, 16; wheat 48 (old crop shipped out to make room for bumper new crop); barley, 10; peas one, and lumber 53. It is readily seen that lumber is the only product on the increase and which will make a bid to match the 1944 record with that of 1943. With the exception of the Kerr Gifford warehouse, storage space is ample for this year's wheat crop. It is expected that the current crop will not start moving in earnest until some time later.

Stock and wheat shipments from other stations on the branch go to make up a train approaching the main line length ere the local freight reaches Heppner Junction.

Information on Surplus War Goods Available Here

B. C. Pinckney, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National bank of Portland, this week announced that a department has been organized in the First National bank to disperse information regarding surplus war goods offered for sale by the federal government.

Those persons who may have a desire to buy a training plane or any other bit of surplus war property from the federal government can now get information on how to go about it from Pinckney. E. F. Slade, vice president of the First National bank in Portland, will head the new department in the Portland head office of the bank and will clear requests from the bank's branches throughout the state. The department has been set up at the request of the surplus war properties administration.

MOVING TO HEPPNER

Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Mitchell and daughter Lorene of Joseph are scheduled to arrive in Heppner sometime next week to make their home at the Frank S. Parker ranch. Mr. Mitchell will take over the operation of the place. Mrs. Mitchell has been employed to teach the fifth grade in the Heppner school.

HAVE BABY BOY

A 7 1/4 pound baby boy was born Friday, Aug. 11 to Pfc and Mrs. Delphia Goff at the home of the mother's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Noble. The father was home on furlough and has been granted an 8-day extension. The baby has been named Noble Thomas Goff.

UP FROM PORTLAND

Lowell Ashbaugh spent a few days here this week coming up from Portland where he is employed.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE HEPPNER FOREST SERVICE

Boyd Rasmussen, staff official from the Pendleton forest office in charge of timber operations on the Umatilla National Forest is visiting the various sales on the Heppner district inspecting selective cutting, residual stands, timber stand improvements and slash hazard reductions.

Kinzua Pine Mills company have about completed another link in their highway. A small stretch of five miles will be oiled and then the road will be complete from Wineland lake to Opal butte.

The huckleberry crop is sparse here as elsewhere. The late frosts wreaked vengeance on the poten-

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Move for Housing Project Launched Tuesday Evening

Effort to Secure 25 or More Units Objective of Group

Faced with a serious housing shortage which may directly affect critical industry located here, citizens of Heppner took initial steps Tuesday evening to secure authority for launching a housing project. Decision to renew the effort to acquire more housing was reached Monday when Orville Smith, manager of the Heppner Lumber company, outlined the needs and pointed out the serious situation confronting the community and the mill operations in particular in a talk to the chamber of commerce forum luncheon.

Following the luncheon, President B. C. Pinckney asked members of a former housing committee to meet at the bank Tuesday evening at which time a plan was outlined to the group by V. W. McCormack, Pendleton contractor who is completing a housing project at Pilot Rock. Having been interested in several such projects he was able to advise on procedure and his counsel will be followed by the persons intrusted with the job of contacting the government bureaus in charge of housing and wartime materials.

Smith told his hearers Monday that the Heppner Lumber company now employs 140 people and has an annual payroll of approximately \$800,000. Since starting here in 1939 the company has brought in 86 families from outside, it requiring that many to make up the difference between local labor and what was needed. Since 1939 not more than 12 new houses have been built and these were largely for local people aside from mill employees. Every available house and apartment has been taken and everybody knows how active the real estate market has been of late, Smith stated. He declared that unless something is done immediately the mill stands to lose several of its key employes which will directly affect production and in its small way affect the war effort inasmuch as virtually all of the output of the concern goes into war use.

When this story was repeated to McCormack and John Odell of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company who accompanied him here from Pendleton, they expressed the opinion that the town's demand for a housing project was fully justified.

At Tuesday's meeting P. W. Mahoney and Orville Smith were named to contact the housing authority and obtain the necessary priority to proceed with the project.

Arthur Campbell was a guest of the luncheon forum and gave a few sidelights in connection with his job with the Commercial Solvents corporation of Terre Haute, Ind. As his job has to do with war industry there was little he could divulge except to say that it claims his best chemical knowledge and is the most interesting work he has taken up since becoming a chemist.

FIVE ACCEPTED

Five young men from Morrow county have been accepted for military duty and await induction call. Elroy Martin and Elmer Piper of Lexington, Garnet Ashbaugh, Heppner and Maynard Hogeland and William Allen, Irrigon comprise the group.

IN IDAHO

Blaine Isom is spending the week in northern Idaho making insurance adjustments on hay losses.

Loan Program on Wheat in Operation

County Agent Arnold Ebert stated this week that although the demand for wheat loans has not been active the AAA program still is in effect. All farmers are eligible to participate and up to the first of the week approximately 100,000 bushels had been obligated.

Increasing interest has been noted since it has become known that the basic loan price is \$1.35 at Heppner. In addition, seven cents is added for farm storage, putting the local price above the market figure. Farm storage grain must be in the bins 30 days before a loan can be made, Ebert explained.

Compared with loans a year ago the present amount of grain under loan is scarcely more than a fraction of that pledged at that time, the agent stated. With the conclusion of harvest he looks for a stepping up in the program.

Ted Smith of Ione has been placed in charge of this division of the AAA set-up and he and his family contemplate moving to Heppner as soon as living quarters can be obtained.

Grand Master of I. O. O. F. Pays Visit

A special meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodges of the county was held in Heppner Monday evening, at which time the grand master, Ralph L. Russell of Roseburg, paid an official visit. A feature of the grand master's visit was an inspection of the Heppner and grand lodges' farm property on Heppner hill, farmed by Frank E. Parker. He expressed himself well pleased with the condition of the place and a strong personal aversion to disposing of it, as has been suggested.

Russell, who is a cousin of Mrs. Emma Evans, is a printer and has been employed on the Roseburg News-Review for many years.

TO MOVE SOON

Al Troedson, in town the past week, stated that he and Mrs. Troedson expect to take up their residence in Heppner about the middle of September. Al has only been farming Morrow county soil for 60 years but concluded he would retire before he got too familiar with the soil.

VISIT SOUTHERN OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. George Gertsen spent the past week in Central Point visiting Mrs. Gertsen's daughter and family, the C. W. Anshorns. They were accompanied to and from Bend by Mrs. Ada Cason who spent the time with her daughter, Muriel Aiken.