

News From The Boys at The Front

ORRIN W. BISBEE NOW STAFF SERGEANT

San Francisco, Calif.—It's now Staff Sergeant Orrin W. Bisbee.

Promotion of the Heppner, Ore. native son has been announced by Headquarters Fourth Air Force where he is on duty as an administrative specialist.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee of Heppner. Prior to his army service the sergeant was an analytical specialist with the Standard Oil company of California. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Stanford university.

AT CAMP ROBERTS

Pvt John J. Lane is training with an infantry battalion at Camp Roberts, Calif., according to information received this week. John was a member of a recent class of draftees from Morrow county.

DRIVE TO PENDLETON

Lt. (jg) John H. Barrie and wife and children drove to Pendleton one day last week where they met his parents from Washington and spent the day. Lt. Barrie is commander of a PC boat and has made several jaunts into the Pacific area. He left the fore part of the week to report for duty.

ON BOOT LEAVE

Claude Drake, A. S., is spending his boot leave at home. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake, drove to Pendleton Tuesday to meet him. Claude took his boot training at Farragut.

LEAVING FOR SOUTH

Mrs. Edwn Dick and little son Ladd Edwin are preparing to drive to San Francisco where husband and father Edwin, S 1/c, is in training. They recently returned from Spokane where they spent several months while Mr. Dick was in training at Farragut.

MODERATOR HERE

Rev. E. R. Snider of Irrigon, pastor of the Pentecostal church at that place, was a Heppner visitor Friday. He also is moderator of the church for this district.

RETURNS TO PORTLAND

Ted Blake, who spent the summer in the county working for Leo Gorger, returned Sunday to his home in Portland.

DRIVE TO PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom and children left this morning for Portland to spend several days while their daughter Marilyn is fitted to new glasses. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bergstrom's mother, Mrs. Charles Osmin, and Frank Anderson.

GOES TO PASO ROBLES

Mrs. Lavern Hams left Sunday for Paso Robles where she will work at the airbase where her husband is in training. Mrs. Jim Hams is taking care of the baby during the mother's absence.

NOW IN ARMY

James Kenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny and Wilbur Worden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden, have been assigned to an undisclosed army training camp for active service, according to information received this week at the office of the Morrow county selective service board Vernon Anis, formerly of Heppner but registered from a southern state, also has been assigned to training camp.

ON BUSINESS TRIP

C. L. Hodge spent several days in Portland this week on business.

Scenes Depicting Industrial Life of County in Demand

Have you pictures of your farm—grain fields in process of being harvested, herds of cattle, bands of sheep, etc.—taken in the last year or two which you would be willing to lend to the Morrow county court? Or are there lumbering scenes or other forest pictures revealing the county's now extensive timber industry available. If so, the court would like a few of them.

Judge Bert Johnson announced Monday that Morrow county has taken a page in the national magazine published in the interest of county courts and that it is the purpose of the local court to make this advertising as effective as possible. Pictures save many words and tell a more graphic story. If you want to help make your county better known to the country at large you can make a valuable contribution lending some pictures. They can be left at the Gazette Times office.

Judge Sentences Negro Prisoners

Pleas of guilty were entered Wednesday morning by the three negro youths held in the Morrow county jail on a charge of larceny of automobiles, and Judge Calvin L. Sweek passed sentences committing two of the boys to the state prison and turned the third boy over to Judge Bert Johnson for disposal of the case under the juvenile law. Johnson is endeavoring to get the youth accepted for military service.

Chester Laverne Burke, 19, said to have been the chief culprit, was given a term of three years. Floyd Arnold Glasby, 18, drew a one-year term.

Matthew Robinson, 17, is still in jail here pending the outcome of Judge Johnson's efforts to get him in the army.

Sheriff John Fuiten and State Policeman Ed Albert left this morning for Salem with Burke and Glasby.

Judge Sweek disposed of several birth certificate applications during his short visit.

County Supt. Lucy Rodgers and Mrs. Don Romine and Mrs. Ladd Sherman of Lexington are spending the week in La Grande attending a refresher course for grade teachers at Eastern Oregon College of Education.

1600-Acre Fire Brought Under Control Yesterday

Large Crew of Men Battles Flames For Three Days

A grass and brush fire which was battled by a large force of men for three days was brought under control Wednesday afternoon and by late evening most of the fire fighters had returned to their respective jobs, leaving a skeleton crew of 10 men to guard against further outbreaks. The burn was in northeastern Wheeler county and was started by an electric storm which hit that section Monday afternoon.

Lightning struck near the Wheeler Point lookout. Mrs. Carl McDaniel, observer, caught the time at 1:13 p. m. and had her report in to headquarters by 1:15 p. m. This enabled Ranger Fred Wehmeyer and his crew to get organized in short order and forest workers and nearby timber and mill workers were soon on the fire line. By Tuesday morning recruits were sent out from town and upwards of 250 men were on the job. At one stage of the fire 160 men were on the line at one time and are credited with saving valuable stands of timber. Main loss included grazing land and 700 sacks of wheat burned on the Griffith ranch which

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Two More Houses Sold During Week

The real estate market tapered off a little this week, with two residence transactions reported thus far. Early in the week P. W. Mahoney purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Don Strait the small residence property on west Center street. Mahoney made the purchase to provide residence for his mother, Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, and sister, Mrs. C. J. Espy Jr., who at present occupy part of the house on west Baltimore street recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirkham.

Ted Smith of Ione completed a deal Wednesday for the purchase of the residence property of Mrs. S. a. McNamer. The Smiths will take possession Sept 1. He is the new AAA manager in the county agent's office.

Mrs. McNamer has taken a suite in the Jones apartments.

Shaving Has Its Good Points in South Pacific Area

A man with a broken leg can enjoy shaving himself under such favorable conditions as that recently experienced by Francis Bailey, soldier son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey of Heppner. Francis is some where in the South Pacific where he has been hospitalized with a broken leg sustained July 2. His parents received a letter from him Wednesday telling of a hospital experience but revealing nothing regarding the manner in which he received the fractured member.

Jack Benney and his troupe of entertainers were visiting the area. Jack had been in and visited the boys in Francis's ward. After a bit the captain came in and told Francis he had better shave. The young soldier was complying with the suggestion when the door opened and in walked Martha Tilton. He was in a 50-50 condition—half shaved and half lathered. The radio star told him he needed supervision and proceeded to supervise. Then it was decided that such an important task should be photographed, with the result that Bailey and Miss Tilton were "shot" looking into the mirror together.

Francis says the boys get a thrill out of the professional entertainer but that perhaps not many of them get the kind of attention he enjoyed.

New County Nurse Due September 1

Morrow county, without the services of a county health nurse since June 1, when Mrs. Roger Thomas resigned, will again be numbered among the counties enjoying this service when Miss Margaret Gillis takes over the duties of the office Sept. 1. Miss Gillis accompanied by Alene Dyer, head of the division of public health nurses, visited Heppner Aug. 18 when arrangements were made for her to take up her work here.

Miss Gillis has been public health nurse in Polk county for the past eight years.

In the absence of Commissioners L. D. Neill and J. G. Barratt, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Mrs. George Gertsen acted on the conference board with Judge Bert Johnson.

GUEST AT SANDERS HOME

Miss Bobbie Wicks of Portland arrived Monday night to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders. She will assist in the Heppner Bakery until the opening of school.

For Entire County Told by Barratt Need of Hospital

Time to Finance Building Now, Says Luncheon Speaker

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE NAMED BY PRESIDENT PINCKNEY

President B. C. Pinckney of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Wednesday named the following persons as a steering committee to ascertain the need of a hospital, obtain figures on possible costs and other information needed to present the project to the people of the county: Judge Bert Johnson; Lee Beckner, Ione district; Mayor J. O. Turner, Heppner; Ralph Jackson, Lexington district; County Supt. Lucy E. Rodgers; County Commissioner J. G. Barratt; Jack Gorham, Boardman district; A. C. Houghton, Irrigon district; P. W. Mahoney, Heppner, and Mrs. Percy Hughes, Lena district.

Need of a hospital and how the county can finance construction, equipping and maintenance of such an institution formed the basis of a talk at Monday's luncheon of the chamber of commerce by J. G. Barratt, who, as a member of the county court presented that body's views as well as his personal thoughts Barratt had been asked to present some impressions by the county court and offered the hospital as the most pressing need of the moment.

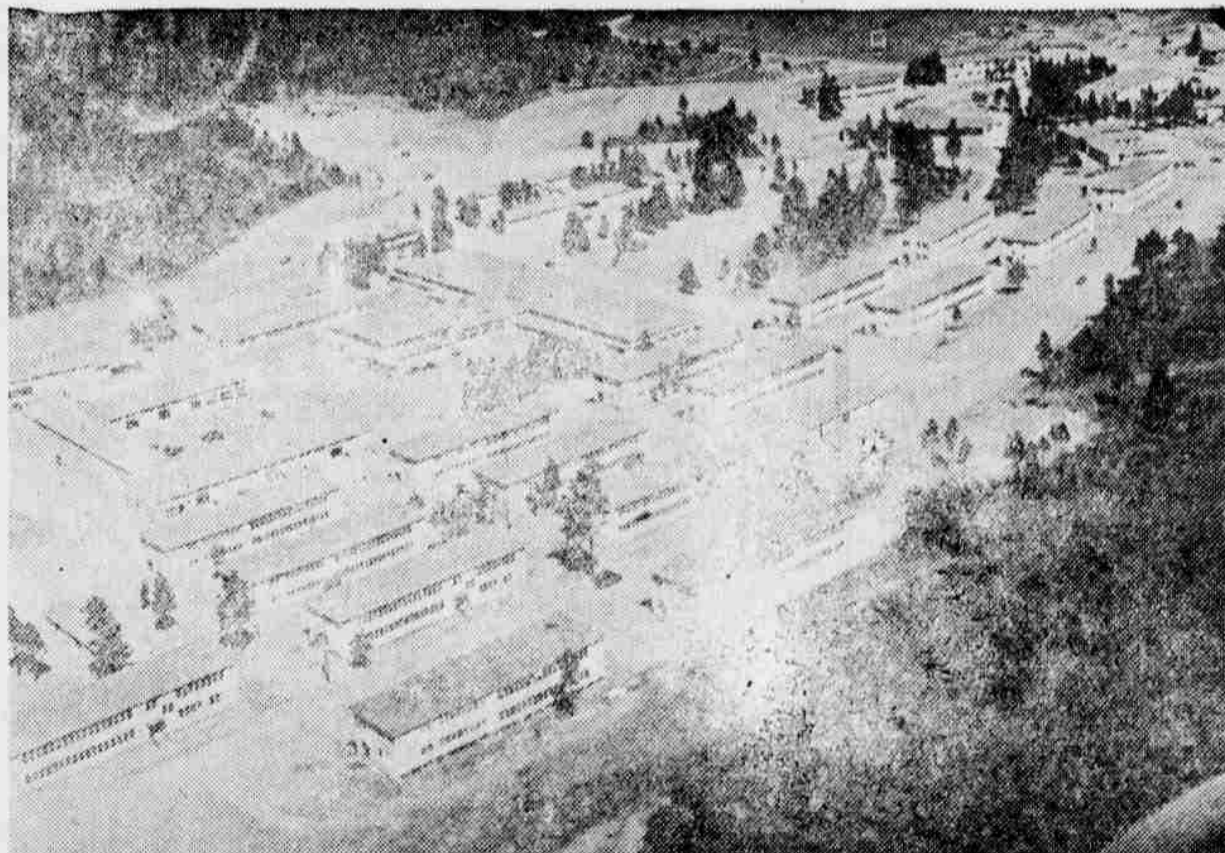
The speaker stated there was very little need of devoting time to discussion of the need of the hospital, for that is apparent to anyone who has given it some thought. What the court is concerned about is the matter of getting the machinery in motion for securing the hospital. The court has investigated the possibility of a county financed building and finds there is nothing in the way of proceeding in that direction if it is the will of the majority of voters within the county. To ascertain that sentiment it will be necessary to place the matter before the electorate at the fall election, either on the regular ballot by petition or by a special election.

"When the proposal was made four years ago county and individual finances were not in so favorable condition as they are today," Barratt stated. "Money is more plentiful, indebtedness has been greatly reduced, and property valuation has increased from some \$9,000,000 to \$10,385,000. A special levy of one mill for a period of four or five years should supply ample funds to build and operate a county-owned hospital.

It was pointed out that the county now has 79 people who are taken care of under the welfare set-up. Some of these people have had to be taken to hospitals outside of the county for medical attention. With facilities the local hospital would offer they would be cared for at home. That is one phase; on the other hand accommodations for the people who are able to pay for hospital services, not only within the county but from neighboring counties lacking such facilities, should place the enterprise on a paying basis.

While no definite building site is under consideration, Barratt stated that property situated just south of the court house offered specific advantages inasmuch as the two properties could be operated more or less as a unit. A central heating plant could serve both buildings; the county has its own water system, and in addition there is a beautiful little park already developed at the rear of the court

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This is an air view of the newly-opened Marine Corp rehabilitation center near Klamath Falls, rest haven for thousands of Leatherneck veterans of Pacific warfare. Men suffering from tropical ailments are treated here until restored to full vigor and fitness. First of its kind in the nation's history, the center is still growing and will accommodate more than 5,000 Marines when completed. It is commanded by Colonel Bernard Dubel.