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Desire for Airport Seen in Post-War Plane Expansion

Air Freight and Passenger Service Likely Activity

That Heppner and other towns of the county should look forward to airport development in near future, pending on the end of hostilities, was urged by two guest speakers at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon. The speakers, R. E. Laumeister of Pendleton and Larry Moore of The Dalles, has been invited to the luncheon by the newly appointed of commerce, Orville Smith, P. W. airport committee of the chamber Mahoney and Walter Ready.

Laumeister cited steps necessary to obtain recognition by the government as well as pointing out the direct benefits to the community obtaining from ownership and operation of a modern airport. As soon as transport and passenger lines can be formed following the war there will be need of airports at every town, he stated. Perhaps not every town will become a port of call by such lines but it will be handy to have a good landing field in case something goes wrong and a ship is forced to land. Laumeister also called attention to the advantage of a local field from standpoint of a training center for young pilots. It will be necessary to have a competent trainer in charge of the field or have arrangements with a nearby training center to provide an instructor for two or three days a week, he said.

Larry Moore of The Dalles flew to Heppner to attend the meeting but by the time he found a suitable landing field the luncheon hour was nearly over. The group remained to meet him and hear a brief talk along the lines followed by Laumeister.

At the suggestion of Walter Ready, a group accompanied Laumeister and Moore on an inspection trip of prospective sites in the vicinity of Heppner. One ideal site was put down as number one and two or three others were placed on the consideration list. An effort will be made to contact the owner of the number one site to see if it can be bought or leased. The visitors, both experienced flying men, as well as Ready, a pilot of many years standing, were agreed that the site in question is as good as may be found near any town.

Several guests were introduced at the luncheon including Mr. Laumeister and Larry Moore, Miss Margaret F. Gillis, new county nurse, Rev. Walter Duff, evangelist holding meetings at the Methodist church this week, and Oral Wright, Hodge Chevrolet Co. mechanic and plane enthusiast.

Teacher Reception Sponsored by P-TA

Under sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher association, a reception to the teachers of the Heppner schools will be held Wednesday evening, Sept. 20, at the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church. A cordial invitation to the general public has been extended and it is the hope of those in charge of the affair that all interested in the welfare of the school—parents, taxpayers of the district, friends of education—avail themselves of this opportunity to meet the teachers, listen to the program, and discuss school affairs.

Miss Leta Humphreys is general chairman; Mrs. Conley Lanham is in charge of program arrangements; Mrs. Kenneth House, decorations; Mrs. Harry Van Horn, invitations; Mrs. E. O. Ferguson, solicitor of refreshments, and Mrs. Claude Graham, clean-up committee.

War Chest Drive Officially Opens Friday, Sept. 15

Official opening of the drive to raise Morrow county's quota of the National War Chest has been set for Friday, Sept. 15 by Blaine E. Isom, county committee chairman. While a few subscriptions have been coming in, the regular campaign will not open until tomorrow.

Some dissatisfaction has appeared among donors to the war chest fund last year because they believed they were giving once for almost all of the various agencies of relief. That was the purpose of the war chest but some of the relief agencies continued to send solicitors out as in previous years, while others filled the mails with literature.

For the benefit of those who wish to contribute to this one central fund, the list of national and state agencies coming under the war chest is published herewith. Give once for all of these:

National War Fund; USO (United Service Organizations); United Seamen's Service; War Prisoners' Aid; Belgian War Relief society; British War Relief society; French Relief fund; Friends of Luxembourg; Greek War Relief Association; Norwegian Relief; Polish War Relief; Queen Wilhelmina fund; Russian War Relief; United China Relief; United Czechoslovak Relief; United Yugoslav Relief; Refugee Relief Trustees, and U. S. Committee Care of European Children.

Oregon State-Wide Child Caring Agencies: Waverly Baby Home; Boys and Girls Aid Society; Catholic Charities; Childrens Farm Home Oregon Protective Society—Albertina Kerr Nursery, Louise Home; Salvation Army—White Shield Home, Wemme Home; Volunteers of America—Mothers' and Childrens' home.

In Morrow county, the Blue Mountain Council of Boy Scouts of America has been added to the list of Oregon agencies.

Runnion to Open Sale Season 20th

Resumption of auction sales at the Runnion sales yard in north Heppner has been announced by V. R. (Bob) Runnion, auctioneer, with the first sale scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20. This will be a general auction and Runnion states that he has a bunch of high class stuff to offer prospective buyers.

The sale will open at 10:30 a. m. to dispose of all items exclusive of livestock. Beginning at 1:30 p. m. Runnion will offer the livestock which consists of 150 head of cattle, several work horses and saddle horses.

Those interested in the sale are advised that the date was changed to Wednesday to avoid interference with livestock shipping, which usually occurs on Saturday. Runnion believes the Wednesday sales will prove popular when once the public becomes accustomed to the idea.

Mortgage Burning Slated for Sunday

Retiring of the church debt will be marked by special services at St. Patrick's Catholic church Sunday morning. Breakfast will follow nine o'clock mass, after which the parishioners will witness the burning of the \$24,000 mortgage pledged on the handsome church edifice built three years ago.

Special observance of Catechetical day will be held at the morning service.

"SCOTTY'S" STILL CLOSED

Although Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall have returned from their vacation "Scotty's" will have to remain closed a few days longer. A condenser motor burned out during their absence and pending repairs to it the front door will be locked. In the meantime some rearranging of equipment is taking place.

V-Day Proclamation

By Mayor J. O. Turner

It has been frequently conjectured that unconditional surrender of the Nazi forces may be expected any day, and that such information, when officially received, will occasion a jubilant celebration in this country, and,

As it has been agreed by and between the merchants and business men of Heppner that in the event the official notice of such surrender should be received prior to 6:00 o'clock p. m. of any day, that all business houses will close immediately for the remainder of that day and regularly open for business the following morning; in the event such news is received at night, then all business houses will remain closed all of the following day and open for business the following morning; in the event that such information is received on Sunday, all business houses will open for business as usual on the following Monday.

No information will be accepted as final, on this occasion, except that which shall have come from the headquarters of General Eisenhower.

Announcement of official information will be given in Heppner by one long blast of the fire siren on direct current. It will not be misunderstood.

All citizens are urged to refrain from all hazardous, dangerous or unmanly conduct, and it must be remembered that all riotous, dangerous conduct and excessive drunkenness will not be tolerated. Cessation of hostilities in the European area may be a good cause of celebration to those whose loved ones are in that area, but don't forget, your neighbor's husband or sons may be in the Pacific area and some will die tomorrow. Your neighbor will not feel so jubilant.

As a suggestion, it would be a fitting attitude, whether you be Christian, Agnostic or Atheist, when this V-day is announced, if you would go into the presence of your God—just once—and offer up your thanks to Him for the victory. At the same time breathe a prayer for the boys in the Pacific; that that conflict may also come to a speedy victorious conclusion. And while sentence to your prayer, that this thing called Global War may never, never, NEVER happen again.

you are in the mood, add another

Forest Officials Welcome Change to Cooler Weather

Local forest officials are breathing easier since Wednesday morning when a drop in temperature and overcast skies gave promise of relief to the tense situation which has prevailed for several months and has been particularly disturbing the past few weeks. Warm, dry weather such as has prevailed in this area could easily mean a disastrous fire if one got started in the timber.

Fortunately, fires have not been numerous this season and those started in this district have been brought under control with the minimum of loss.

A small fire starting in a wood camp just over the line in Wheeler county called out equipment Saturday. Main loss was the wood saw and seven cords of wood. The blaze was extinguished after spreading over 2.01 acres.

While the national forest service has been quite fortunate, it is a different story with the state forest department at present. A valuable tract of timber in the Waterman district south of Spray is the scene of a fire which already has destroyed a considerable body of merchantable timber. At last reports the fire was spreading, burning towards Baldy mountain.

Legion Auxiliary Opens Fall Season

Convening in the first meeting of the fall season, the American Legion auxiliary enjoyed an unusually interesting program at the hall Monday evening, according to the order's reporter.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers furnished the highlight of the program with a talk on the Constitution, digressing for a time to discuss post-war problems.

Mrs. Alta Brown, the new president, reported on the convention held in Portland during August.

Twelve members were present and the hostesses, Mrs. Harvey served refreshments at the close of Bauman and Mrs. Earl Evans, the meeting.

Mrs. Luke Bibby is recovering from an operation performed in Pendleton the past week. Her mother, Mrs. Sophrona Thompson, accompanied her to Pendleton and returned home Friday. Mrs. Earl Bryant and children who came to stay with their grandfather during Mrs. Thompson's absence, returned home Monday.

Reece Burkenbine has advised his family that he recently was raised in rank to Chief Commissary Steward in the navy. This is his third advancement since entering the service, going this time from the rank of Petty Officer 1c. Reece had better look out or he might come home an admiral.

Jack Edmondson and Joe Hughes Jr. were hosts last night at a wienie party given in honor of Howard Petyjohn, who left today with a group of young men to enter active duty. The party was given at the Durward Tash home.

Rachel Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cox, who has been sick much of the time this summer, is recuperating at home following an appendectomy performed last week at The Dalles.

Nelson Bailey spent a day and a half of a 10-day furlough at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey. Nelson has been in training in Texas.

12 YOUNG MEN LEAVE LEAVE FOR TRAINING DUTY

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School Population Shows Increase in Early Registration

Growth in High School Surprise To Authorities

Surprise was expressed by Supt. George Corwin Wednesday morning when a check-up of registrations at the Heppner high school revealed a healthy increase in attendance. It had been Corwin's contention that the high school population probably would be less this year, in view of the number armed services, yet figures reveal an increase over the 1943 enrollment.

Largest factor in the high school increase is the freshmen enrollment. A total of 38 "frosh" took up the work in the first week. The sophomore class is not far behind with 31, and the enrollment drops off as the grades run higher, the juniors rating 19 and the seniors 15. There is a possibility that the total attendance may be raised in succeeding weeks. This total of 103 is for those actually in class work. Corwin stated that two or three more had come in but were not fully matriculated. He gave the full count as 106, which equals the total attendance of last year and bests the highest full attendance mark by 13 students.

This increase may be attributed to the fact that 14 students from neighboring districts have enrolled here—eight from No. 35 and six from No. 12.

Out of 57 boys in the high school, 35 have turned out for football, which is encouraging to Coach Leonard Pate who will have his first opportunity to apply mid-western style football to a western squad.

Three grade rooms are at the overflow stage. The first has 44, second 43 and fourth 43. The other rooms have about normal attendance, the total enrollment to date being 295.

Republicans Form Dewey 50001 Club

A group of citizens of republican faith met Wednesday evening in the city council room and formed a "50001 Club" for the purpose of advancing the cause of the Dewey-Bricker ticket in the November election. County Chairman J. J. Nys presided and was made chairman of the new club, which is an activity group within the county organization. Henry Peterson was chosen vice-chairman, W. O. Dix treasurer and J. O. Turner secretary.

An effort is being made to enroll members in the club by this weekend and if a solicitor has not called on you prior to receiving this issue of the Gazette Times, fill out the coupon on the back page of the paper, enclose your offering with it and mail to Mr. Dix at once. The state 50001 club has asked for a list from each county which will be shown Mr. Dewey on the occasion of his visit in Portland next Tuesday.

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