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## News From Hilmuth Herman's The Boys at "Sleepy" County's The Front Champion Steer

### ST SGT McROBERTS AWARDED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Mrs. Grace Turner, clerk of the Morrow county draft board, has received a letter from St. Sgt. John McRoberts stating that he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross while in action recently in the southwest Pacific. McRoberts was wounded and hospitalized for a time but is back with his outfit.

Hearing of his injury, Mrs. Turner wrote McRoberts to find out what his condition was and in his reply he informed her of the award.

This is the first honor of this nature coming to a Morrow county man in the present war.

He was also awarded the combat expert infantry medal.

### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Sgt. Richard Hayes arrived the first of the week from Fort Lewis, Wash. to spend 21 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hayes, and other members of the family. He has spent 30 months in the southwest Pacific, most of the time he is spending today at Ordnance in New Guinea. With his parents visiting his brother Homer, special police at the big munitions depot.

### HOME ON FURLOUGH

Jimmy Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Johnson, is spending a furlough here with his parents.

### SGT AIKEN VETERAN OF NUMEROUS CAMPAIGNS

Mediterranean Theater of Operations — "Invasion Incorporated" — could well be the name tacked on to the veteran Troop Carrier group to which S/Sgt Joe Aiken is assigned. For during its 27 months overseas the organization commanded by Col. John Cerny, Harrison, Ida, has participated in the invasions of north Africa, Sicily, Italy and southern France in addition to rendering distinguished service in the China-Burma-India theater of operations.

While not a member of the combat crew that flies the big twin-engine C-47 transport planes of his group, Sgt Aiken in the performance of his duties as a personnel classifications specialist in group headquarters plays an important part in helping troop carrier command carry out its important missions, which include the dropping of paratroopers, towing airborne troops evacuating wounded, carrying personnel, ammunitions and equipment.

Sgt Aiken is the wearer of the North-African-European theatre ribbon with four campaign stars the American Defense ribbon and the good conduct medal.

### MET UNEXPECTEDLY

No prearranged meeting could have been executed more accurately than that which happened week. Sgt. Eugene Doherty was enroute home from Camp Chaffee, to two Morrow county men last Ark. and his nephew, Dan Mc Laughlin was coming from New York. They met in Cheyenne, Wyo., and made the balance of the trip home together.

### STATE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE REQUIRED

Certificate of war endorsement is no longer sufficient in obtaining T rations for fleet owners, states P. A. Mollahan, chairman of the Morrow county war production board. These tickets must now bear state registration and license or fleet name and address.

During the week 43 more A books were issued, bringing the total to date for the county of 969. The list is not complete, according to rationing office personnel.

## Close Competition Features Annual 4-H Stock Show

Eliminating Jean Rauch's choice Shorthorn steer by a close margin, Hilmuth Herman's Hereford steer, "Sleepy" was acclaimed grand champion, winner in the Morrow county 4-H Beef club show in Heppner Monday. The Shorthorn was a beauty and it was only after Judge Frank Hackler had summed up the fine points of each animal that he awarded the championship to the Hereford.

Awarding the grand champion ribbon came after all animals at the show had been judged. Ribbons were awarded in showmanship, Shorthorns, Light Herefords, heavy beef and grand champion.

Lewis Carlson, lone placed first in showmanship; Ingrid Herman, Lexington, second; Ida Lee Chapel, Good Canon, third; Audrey Majeske, Lexington, fourth, and Hilmuth Herman, fifth.

Shorthorns: Jean Rauch, first, Audrey Majeske, second.

Light Herefords: Fritz Cutsforth, first; Patty Majeske, second; Ingrid Herman, third; Faye Cutsforth, fourth; Vesta Cutsforth, fifth, Lorene Mitchell, sixth, and John Mollahan, seventh.

Heavy beef: Hilmuth Herman, first; Jean Rauch, second; Lewis Carlson, third, and Ida Lee Chapel, fourth.

Immediately following the judging 11 head of the prize animals were loaded on a truck and taken to Portland for exhibition and sale at the Portland Livestock show, wartime substitute for the Pacific International Livestock exposition. County Agent Arnold Ebert, Mrs. G. Herman and children Hilmuth and Ingrid, and Faye, Vesta and Orville Jr. (Fritz) Cutsforth drove to Portland to attend the show.

Hilmuth Herman probably had no idea of becoming a stock exhibitor when he accompanied his parents to Morrow county less than two years ago. The family came from Chicago and rented the Harvey Bauman farm south of Lexington. The children joined in the 4-H and started in being stockraisers. Hilmuth's first effort at exhibiting a beef animal was a success, taking first place at the Portland show last year. His champion steer this year should get him recognition at the larger show.

## Heppner Crushes Pendleton 38 to 0

Stinging under the 7-0 defeat handed them the previous week, Coach Leonard Pate's Mustang group ran wild over Pendleton high Saturday afternoon, running up a score of 38 to 0. It was a combination of Ulrich and Edmondson as a scoring team which kept the Pendleton sophomore-junior squad bewildered, each of the fast Heppner boys accounting for three touchdowns.

Pendleton threatened twice, but each time was unable to pierce the stubborn Heppner defense.

Coach Pate will take his fighting herd to Hermiston this week-end where it is not expected the going will be as smooth as it was at Pendleton. Hermiston's strength is not known but the project boys can always be counted upon to deliver a good game.

### GIRL SCOUTS MEET

Mrs. Merle Miller's group of Girl Scouts met Saturday afternoon at the home of their troop mother, Mrs. R. L. Bengt. This group is sponsored by the Rebekah lodge.

## G O P's Outnumber Democrats 5 to 3 Registration Shows

Republican registration in Morrow county has an advantage of about five to three over Democratic registration, latest figures from the office of County Clerk C. W. Barlow disclose. There are 1234 eligible Republican voters compared with 758 of the Democratic faith. In addition there are 105 service men cards, only a few of which designate party preference, they not being obliged to do so under the Oregon soldier voting law.

Broken down into precincts, the registration shows the party line-ups as follows: Alpine—Republican 13, Democrat 10, others 2; Boardman—Rep. 97, Dem. 139, others 13; Cecil—Rep. 39, Dem. 16, others 1; Eightmile—Rep. 33, Dem. 22, others 1; Gooseberry—Rep. 21, Dem. 7, others 1; Hardman—Rep. 53, Dem. 20, others 9; Ione—Rep. 170, Dem. 99, others 14; Irrigon—Rep. 67, Dem. 59, others 8; Lena, Rep. 37, Dem. 8; Lexington—Rep. 126, Dem. 68, others 7; North Heppner Rep. 303, Dem. 155, others 25; Pipe City—Rep. 14, Dem. 8, others 1; South Heppner—Rep. 261, Dem. 147, others 23. Totals—Republicans, 1,234, Democrats 758, others 105.

Several soldier ballots have been received, some coming from distant fronts. A number of the service men home on furlough and leave have done their voting before returning to the service.

## Mrs. Ward Graves Dies at Hermiston

Funeral services for Mrs. Ward Graves, 59, were held Monday at Hermiston. Mrs. Graves passed away at the Hermiston hospital after an illness of three weeks, being brought there from her home in Portland.

The Graves family came to the county in 1921, locating first below Ione and later moving to a farm on Social ridge. In later years Mr. and Mrs. Graves moved to Portland where they acquired an apartment house.

Mrs. Graves, whose maiden name was True Evelth, was born at Hayden, Ind. 59 years ago. She survived by the husband, four sons, Henry Graves, Sparta; Shelby Graves, Eugene; George Graves, Pendleton and John Graves, Hermiston; two daughters, Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Lexington and Edith Graves, Portland, and 17 grand children.

Mr. Graves will remain at the Cutsforth home for awhile.

### EBERT SPEAKER OF C OF C LUNCHEON GROUP MONDAY

Origin and development of the 4-H club movement was discussed briefly by Arnold Ebert, Morrow county agricultural agent, at the weekly luncheon of the Heppner chamber of commerce. It was Morrow county 4-H club stock show day and President Pinckney considered it a good time for the members to learn more about this organization that trains the youngsters to be self-sustaining.

Ebert introduced Frank Hackler, assistant agent of Umatilla county located at Hermiston, who was here Monday to judge the 4-H stock show.

The lightest attendance in months was registered Monday due to out-of-town engagements of several members—and the unfinished business of reducing the buck population in the mountains.

### EASTERN STAR

Initiation will be the order of the evening at Ruth chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Friday evening. All members are urged by the worthy matron, Mrs. Claude Graham, to be present.

### TYPEWRITER DONATED ALMOST AS SOON AS PAPER OFF PRESS

Ink on last week's edition of the Gazette Times was scarcely more than dry when Elbert Cox decided to donate the typewriter asked for at McCaw General hospital in Walla Walla. "I figured I could get along without a machine if it would help those boys keep in touch with their relatives and friends." Cox stated in turning the typewriter over to this office. The machine is a standard make instead of a portable but can be fixed to use just as handily as a portable.

If we had a bunch of bananas or a bowl of cherries we would gladly present either to Mr. Cox for his patriotic attitude. In lieu of the fruit we will make it up in words—Thanks a lot, Elbert.

## Area Convention of Rebekahs Set for Friday, October 20

Sans Souci Rebekah lodge of Heppner will play host to Rebekahs of the area Friday, Oct. 20, when delegates and visitors from the Lexington, Ione and Morgan lodges of Morrow county and the Dayville and Fossil lodges of Grant and Wheeler counties will assemble at the I. O. O. F. hall in the 23rd annual convention of the district. Mrs. Ethel Bailey, president of the Rebekah state assembly, will pay her official visit at this time.

The afternoon session will open at 1:30 o'clock, with the following district officers in the chairs: Mrs. Harvey Bauman, Sans Souci, chairman; Mrs. Adolph Majeske, Holly, vice chairman; Mrs. Lee Howell, Sans Souci, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Bunch Grass, warden; Mrs. Ted McMillan, Holly, conductress; Mrs. Frank Hurlbert, Sans Souci, chaplain; Mrs. J. A. Troedson, Sapphire, outside guardian; Mrs. Tom Wells, Sans Souci, musician; Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Bunch Grass, LSNG; Mrs. Ethel Bailey, Rebekah assembly, RSNG; Mrs. George Peck, Holly; RSVG and Mrs. Harold Hill, Sans Souci, LSVG.

An invitation to all Rebekahs to attend the convention has been extended by the district officers, who look forward to a profitable meeting.

## Launching of Ship Is Gala Occasion

A ship launching has a social atmosphere as well as a serious mien, in the opinion of two Heppner women who had the privilege of attending the christening of the Fon du Lac in Portland Thursday of last week. There are luncheons and dinners, sightseeing excursions and other attentions to say nothing of beautiful bouquets of roses.

Mrs. B. C. Pinckney and Mrs. Orville Smith were guests at the launching as representatives of Morrow county. Mr. Pinckney, as one of the chairmen, was unable to go to the city, as was P. W. Mahoney, E bond chairman, and the ladies were the sole representatives from the county.

Three counties, Sherman, Grant and Morrow were honored at the launching by virtue of being the three top counties in the fifth war loan. Sherman, not only leader in Oregon but in the nation, was given top billing and it was Mrs. Giles French's honor to break the bottle of champagne over the prow of the Fon du Lac, while Mrs. J. C. Dixon of John Day and Mrs. Pinckney stood by like princesses, as it were.

Sherman and Grant counties had sizable delegations at the launching but Morrow county had to make up in quality what it lacked in numbers. Pictures were taken of the three county groups.

## Heppner Placed in Housing Shortage Area by N H Agency

### Unlimited Number Conversions Made Possible by Order

A press release from the National Housing agency headquarters in Portland bears the tidings that Heppner has been determined eligible for an unlimited number of residential conversion priorities. This announcement follows a recent visit here by representatives of the agency in response to a request from the town that something be done to relieve housing shortage, and was made by George W. Coplen, regional representative of the NHA. This action is in accordance with the recent announcement of the War Production board and the National Housing agency that such priorities would be made available in areas where NHA determines that housing shortages are causing extreme hardship.

Apartment houses and other existing dwelling units may now be remodeled or converted to provide smaller housing units. Applications for permission to convert or remodel structures should be filed with the Federal Housing administration, a constituent unit of NHA, 515 Platt Building, Portland 5. The applicant will be permitted use of materials contained in the War Housing critical list and the rents charged will be under OPA regulations. Occupancy will not be limited to war workers.

Need for providing additional living units for general occupancy in congested areas long has been recognized but little could be done about it until materials needed to construct housing for war workers could be released.

Local dealers and others interested in securing more housing facilities had not been apprised of the ruling up to Wednesday noon, except the information contained herein. However, Orville Smith reported that the Heppner Lumber company had received a list of building and other wartime materials which may now be obtained through prescribed procedure from the government and thought this may have some connection with the conversion order.

While discussing the housing situation, Smith stated that the lumber company is completing plans for converting some of the CCC buildings into living quarters, making 10 units to accommodate mill employees.

### P-TA RESUMES WORK IN FIRST FALL GATHERING

Heppner Parent-Teacher association resumed work Wednesday evening in a meeting held in the music room of the high school. There was a business meeting to open the evening's program. Mrs. O. E. Ferguson reported on the proposed recreation hall for the community's young people, stating that the committee had not yet been able to secure suitable quarters. The P-TA is sponsoring a movement to provide a center of activity for the youth of high school age.

A short musical program was presented by Miss Rose Hoosier, in charge for the evening, consisting of a vocal selection by Mrs. C. C. Dunham and piano duets by Mrs. J. O. Turner and Marylou Ferguson. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.