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## News From Grazing District The Boys at Burn Seeded to The Front Grass Past Week

### BILL BIDDLE Co-PILOT ON LONG LIBERATOR FLIGHT

Headquarters 13th AAF, Southwest Pacific—Second Lieutenant Bill Biddle was one of the co-pilots of the 13th AAF "Long Rangers" who struck at the vital aviation gas production center at Balikpapan, in eastern Borneo.

In the first daylight strike AAF heavy bomber XXXX "The Long Rangers" Liberators carried on their history of making the longest range flights against new Japanese targets.

Recorded as the longest flight ever made by Liberators in formation, this crack outfit struck at Pandansari Refinery, containing the greater portion of the Japanese aviation fuel production facilities in that area, and at the paraffin refining base nearby. The formation knocked out the important power plant, started a huge fire with smoke rising to 6,000 feet in addition to numerous smaller fires, and planted two direct hits on a 1,000-ton cargo ship at a pier nearby.

From 25 to 30 Zeros attacked the Liberators in eager passes that went straight through the formation. Anti-aircraft fire was the worst since the early days of Guadalcanal from whence the "Long Rangers" made their first history in the Pacific warfare.

Lt. Biddle's mother, Mrs. Lela Brown, resides at Ione, Oregon.

### Anniversaries to Be Observed Nov. 8

Mrs. Tom Wells will hold open house Wednesday, Nov. 8 at her home on Church street, on the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Shannon, and the 25th anniversary of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hudson. The hours will be from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and from 7 to 9 in the evening. Friends are cordially invited to call at either time.

Samuel H. Shannon and Margaret E. Cooley were married Nov. 8, 1894 at the country home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooley, near Luterne, Mo., with many guests present. The following day the bride and groom journeyed to Seymour, Iowa, where a wedding reception, or "infare" dinner, was given at the country home of the groom's parents, and where the bride was introduced to the Shannon family and friends.

They began their housekeeping at Seymour but later moved to Missouri where they made their home and reared their family. They came west in 1928 and settled in Oregon where they have made a home and a new circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson were married Nov. 8, 1919 in Mercer, Mo. and made their home at Ravenna, Mo. until coming to Oregon in 1928, where they too are happy in the state of their adoption.

Due to war conditions the older grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Shannon are far removed as is their son-in-law, Tom Wells, but their many friends will welcome the opportunity to felicitate the golden-weds.

### PEAVYS LEAVING

Norbert Peavy has been elected to teach in the Washington high school in Portland and will move his family to the city about Nov. 10. Mrs. Peavy has tendered her resignation to the Heppner school board to take effect by that time. They have purchased a home near Laurelhurst park and are offering their Heppner property for sale.

### SILVERTON DOCTOR HERE

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. McCannel of Silverton are temporary Heppner residents while the doctor is assisting Dr. A. D. McMurdo through a busy period.

### Plane Employed in Broadcasting Rye And Other Crops

An important project was completed the past week-end in which all land coming under the Morrow county grazing district exclusive of the army bombing range was seeded to grass with the expectation that feeding conditions will be reestablished in the area where grass fires burned so extensively the past season.

Under the supervision of S. R. Bennett, district grazer and Arnold Ebert, Morrow county agent, and with the aid of a Stinson two-place plane piloted by L. D. Shurtleff of Baker, the job was accomplished in a matter of days. Original plans contemplated use of some army equipment, but when this failed to show up it was decided to employ a plane.

Approximately 10,000 acres were seeded to chemise, using one-half of a pound of seed to the acre. Crested wheat was used on 3,000 acres, requiring two pounds to the acre. Common rye was used extensively, being broadcast in strips running north and south to provide vegetation control over sand blows. Rye also was sown in solid blocks by ranchers who furnished their own seed, hoping to increase the carrying capacity of the burned over ranges. It is expected the rye will reduce cheat grass in the area and remove much of the fire hazard.

Some 80,000 acres in Morrow county outside of the bombing range were covered by fire. Some of this was grazing division land, some railroad and privately owned land and the balance Morrow county grazing unit range.

### Evangelistic Team Coming Sunday

A series of evangelistic meetings will open Sunday at the Church of Christ conducted by Willie W. White, evangelist, assisted by Clifford Snyder, singer and chalk talk specialist. White has been state evangelist for the Ninety and Nine men's brotherhood of the Churches of Christ in Oregon. Snyder is associate pastor of the Mallory Avenue Christian church in Portland.

The team will conduct a booster club with a meeting each afternoon, Tuesday through Friday, for children of school age. Services will be conducted each night except Monday, opening with five minutes of music at 7:40.

### CONCERT SERIES ASSURED

Sale of 1100 season tickets was concluded the past week and announcement was made the first of this week that the artist series will be presented at Pendleton during the winter months. Enough funds were raised to provide for six appearances which include the Don Cossack chorus, Pierre Luboshutz and Genia Nemenoff, duo pianists; Louis Kaufman, violinist; Vivian della Chiesa, dramatic soprano; Jan Smeterlin, pianist, and Mario Berini, tenor. A substantial number of tickets were sold in Heppner. The first concert will be in December.

### BENEFIT PARTY PROFITABLE

Close to \$50 was taken in by the American Legion auxiliary at a card party held in the Legion hall Monday evening. Prizes in pinochle were won by Roy Orwick and Mrs. Edna Turner. High scores in bridge were won by Mrs. Conley Lanham and Mrs. Harriet Mahoney. Decorations emblematic of the navy were employed commemorating the navy month, October.

### COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY

Regular monthly meeting of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council will be held in Pendleton Friday, morning and afternoon. Several veterans from McCaw General at Walla Walla will be on the program in the afternoon, to which the public is invited.

### Truck Wrecked on Heppner Hill Grade

Fred Lorenzen Jr. narrowly escaped serious injury or possible death Saturday afternoon when the lumber truck he was driving got out of control on the Heppner hill grade south of town and wound up a wreck. Lorenzen was bringing a load of 5000 feet of bridge plank to town from Reed's mill when the accident happened.

The driver had shifted from compound low and while trying to negotiate the next gear the brakes would not hold the huge load and the truck started rolling. Realizing his predicament, Lorenzen set the steering wheel to turn the truck into the bank and jumped to safety, although somewhat shaken up. The impact of the truck against the bank broke the binding chains and lumber began to fly up the hill side. When the vehicle came to a full stop what was left of the load shifted ahead, pushing the rear of the cab over the steering wheel. Running gears were thrown badly out of line and tires were broken.

The machine has been brought to from the insurance company relative the Rosewall garage where word tive to salvage is being awaited.

### Condon Plays Here Friday Afternoon

Due to a change in schedule the Heppner Mustangs will play the Condon Blue Devils at the Rodeo field, Friday, Nov. 3. Game time, 2:30 p. m.

This game, originally scheduled to be played at Condon, will be the only game Heppner and Condon play this year. Following this Condon fracas, only one game remains on the Mustang slate: the annual grudge battle with the Hermiston Bulldogs on Nov. 11.

### Purple Heart Award Made Posthumously

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann have been notified by the war department that their son Paul, killed in action during the early days of the French invasion, has been given a posthumous award of the Purple Heart.

Details concerning the manner in which Paul was killed have been lacking and Mr. and Mrs. Rietmann hope the story will be told when the medal arrives.

### Farrell Clarifies Voting Practices

Registered voters may vote for either party candidates at the coming general election, and their vote is absolutely secret, it was announced today by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell as election officer.

Misinformation and misunderstandings have caused some confusion in the minds of many Oregon voters, Farrell said.

"Any voter, duly registered in Oregon, be he democrat or republican, may vote for candidates of the opposite ticket, either individually or as a whole," he emphasized.

"Split ticket voting is perfectly permissible in the election on Nov. 7." Use of the Australian ballot method of voting assures absolute secrecy at the polls and registrants need have no fear that any person can ever find out how or for whom they have voted.

### WOOLGROWERS AUXILIARY

All members of the Woolgrowers auxiliary are urged to attend the regular meeting at the Lucas Place which will open with a no-host luncheon at 1:15 p. m. Friday, Nov. 3. An interesting program has been arranged, announces Mrs. L. D. Neill, president.

### MISSIONARY TO SPEAK

Miss Thelma Engleman, returned missionary from Africa, will be the speaker at a meeting of the missionary society of Valby Lutheran church which will be held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12 at the Herbert Ekstrom home south of Ione (on the Lee Beckner place.) Tea will be served and friends of the society are invited to attend.

### Despondent Man Takes Own Life

Funeral services for Owen French, 67, are being held at 2 o'clock today from the Church of Christ. Interment will be made in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home.

Despondent over the death of his wife last March 28, Mr. French took his life Sunday night, Oct. 29. The body was found hanging from a rafter in his woodshed.

Deceased was the last male member of a family known to Heppner and vicinity for a long number of years. Three sisters survive, as well as nephews and nieces.

### Hyslop Memorial Campaign Slated

The Morrow county committee in charge of obtaining contributions to the G. R. Hyslop Agricultural Research memorial will soon begin an active campaign to obtain this county's share in the proposed \$200,000 permanent endowment, planned by the friends of the late head of the plant industries department at Oregon State college, announces Stephen Thompson, county chairman.

Preliminary work has already been completed with the setting up of the county group consisting also of John Krebs, Cecil; Louis Bergevin, Ione; George N. Peck, Lexington; Victor Rietmann, Ione; Alfred Nelson Jr., Lexington; O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington; Wm. J. Doherty, Lexington; Henry Peterson, Ione; Frank Anderson, Heppner; Russell Moore, Heppner; Howard Cleveland, Heppner; Earl Blake, Heppner and Russell Miller, Boardman. Active work in raising the fund launched last year was purposely delayed until after harvest here and throughout the state.

### P-TA Executive Committee Meets

An executive meeting of the Heppner Parent Teacher association was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Steven Thompson, president. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith, Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Mrs. Harvey Miller, Mrs. Oscar Rippee, Mrs. B. E. Isom, Mrs. Tress McClintock, and George Corwin.

The group selected room representatives for the year, took a subscription to the National Parent-Teacher magazine to be placed in the Heppner Public library, decided to publish a year book, and appropriated funds for an advertisement backing the proposed constitutional amendment known as the school bill.

The recreational committee announced it was sponsoring a Halloween frolic for high school students the evening of Oct. 31.

### INSTALLS NEW RANGE

Harvey White, proprietor of the Heppner Cafe, is as proud as a boy with his first pair of red-topped boots. Reason—he is now doing his cooking on a gas range instead of the old coal stoker in use at the cafe for many years. The new range was installed the first of the week and Harvey had the old range put out in front thinking perhaps the Halloween pranksters might cart it off, but no dice. More than likely had they done anything with it they would have put it back in the cafe.

### School Carnival Great Financial Success

Proof that the people are hungry for entertainment is found in the report of the Lexington school carnival held at the I. O. O. F. hall in Lexington Saturday night. A total of \$505 and some cents was taken in at the affair, with a net profit of more than \$400.

A corps of cooks and servers were busy in the kitchen and dining room during the evening and the several booths were never lacking for customers. The teachers in charge and the young people assisting kept the affair well in hand all evening, so that everybody had a good time. The evening closed with dancing.

### Tax Expert Cons Ballot Measures At Farm Meeting

#### F. H. Young Urges Study of Proposals Before Voting

A substantial number of farm folk and townspeople assembled at the Oddfellows hall in Heppner Monday evening to listen to a discussion of the several measures on the ballot by F. H. Young, manager of Oregon Business and Tax Research. In addition to the Morrow county people, a group was present from Umatilla county including Austin Landreth, city superintendent of schools at Pendleton, W. E. King, county school superintendent, Sam Hunter of Milton, C. L. Jamison and Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Cooper of Pendleton.

Briefly, Young spoke in favor of the bank bill; assumed a neutral attitude on the county manager bill and the proposed constitutional amendment providing loans to war veterans; spoke favorably of the amendment to authorize legislative regulation of voting privilege forfeiture; couldn't see how the state could pay more than \$4,000,000 for education of returned veterans out of a fund of \$210,000 provided in proposed two-tenths of a mill tax; spoke strongly against so-called Townsend sales tax—\$60 at 60; favors a sales tax for general purposes; favors Yes on Burke bill, which he says is a moral issue, and puts thumbs down on the constitutional amendment increasing state tax fund for public school support.

Young devoted considerable time in outlining the latter measure, assuring his hearers that he is not opposed to advancement in our school system but that after studying the measure from all angles he thought there would be more new taxes than offset and that it is up to the people to decide whether or not they want to assume more tax burden.

Austin Landreth took a few minutes to refute some of Young's argument and made a strong plea for the people to support the measure and help place Oregon in the top flight of educational minded states.

C. L. Jamison announced the forthcoming state convention of the Farm Bureau to be held at the Columbia Gorge hotel, Hood River, Nov. 17 and 18.

### Grazing Area Fire Control Considered

A group of grazing officials, representatives of the highway department and railroad company, and stockmen of Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties met at the court house in Heppner Friday to devise plans for combating grass fires which have become a menace to grazing conditions on light soil areas of the district.

The highway commission will be asked if it is not possible to seed crested wheat strips along the high way right of way to form a fire break and provide more protection against highway started fires. It was revealed that the division of grazing will send heavy equipment early in the spring to put in some main roads and lateral fire breaks, army has informed the division of grazing that fire guards will be put in around the bombing range, leaving a 1000-foot strip around the area to provide fire protection.

E. B. Aldrich of Pendleton represented the highway commission, Mr. Pratt of the Union Pacific railroad, division of grazing, Cal Monroe, Gilliam county agent, Frank Hackler, assistant agent of Umatilla county and Arnold Ebert of Morrow county were officials at the meeting.

### C-C SCHEDULES TALKS

At Monday's luncheon of the chamber of commerce President B. C. Pinckney announced that he had arranged with Jos. J. Nys and Mayor J. O. Turner to discuss the measures to be voted upon at Tuesday's election.