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Roads, Hospital County's Offering For Postwar Work

Roads South of Heppner in Line For Improvement

Morrow county will be prepared to offer two types of employment to returning veterans, Judge Bert Johnson told members of the Heppner chamber of commerce at the weekly luncheon Monday noon. One of these will be road improvement, the other the county hospital, a tax for which was voted at the recent general election.

Discussing the road situation, Judge Johnson said that the two main projects the county court has in mind are the road up Willow creek and including the Coal Mine hill, and the highway between Ruggs and Hardman. Both of these roads have needed attention for some time and with the heavy hauling of logs and lumber which doubtless will continue over a period of years, it is necessary to locate better grades and build heavier surfaces. The Hardman hill grade already has the OK of the state highway department but like other highways throughout the state must wait until men and materials are more plentiful.

These are not the only roads calling for improvement in the county but were cited by the judge as the two leading projects.

Referring to the hospital Judge Johnson said the court was not in favor of securing federal aid to finance its construction. He said it was the practice of the government to want to take over where ever federal funds are appropriated and that Morrow county is able to build its own hospital and in so doing will keep the control as well. If need for the institution becomes pressing before the war is ended, the court will devise some other means of financing it.

Jury Acquits Man Of Sodomy Count

A jury hearing the case of the State of Oregon vs Bert Thornburg brought in a verdict of not guilty Monday in a one-day session of circuit court. Thornburg was charged with sodomy but evidence introduced failed to substantiate the state's case. District Attorney P. W. Mahoney presented the state's side and Thornburg was represented by Peterson and Watts of Umatilla county.

Judge Calvin L. Sweek granted two divorces and issued some birth certificates while here. Jane Brown was granted a divorce from Thomas E. Brown and given her maiden name, Jane Collins. Margaret J. White was granted a divorce from Jared White and awarded the custody of their two minor children. Birth certificates were issued to Phoebe Ann Bartholomew, Dora Ellen Moore and Marion Charles Finch.

CAPT. LAWRENCE HOME

After an absence of 16 months, Capt. Richard C. Lawrence, "Doc" to you, is home on 30-day furlough. Mrs. Lawrence and daughters met him Tuesday night in Pendleton. He has been hospitalized in Texas since returning to the States from England.

IN CORVALLIS

County Agent Arnold Ebert left Sunday morning for Corvallis to attend the annual conference of extension workers which runs throughout the week.

News From The Boys at The Front

BILL BIDDLE RAISED TO RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT

Still going up—that's the record of Lt. Bill Biddle, son of Mrs. Vernon Brown of Ione, who received the news in a letter from him dated Nov. 27.

Mrs. Brown has re-written the impersonal part of the letter and it is as follows:

Tojo has been bothering us quite a bit lately. He comes around pretty regular and ruins a whole night's sleep at a time. Last night about five or six of us had the wonderful experience of sleeping under a bulldozer with a lot of other insects, etc.

Well, if it doesn't indicate anything else, at least I'm beginning to realize I've been overseas awhile, now that I have been given a crew of my own and am getting promoted to first lieutenant. The count has also been increased to 26 missions, but I won't feel too good 'til I get my orders to come back to the States.

Just came back from a foxhole. Tojo (speak of the devil) just came over and dropped a few. We had to cut the generator that we rigged up to run our radio and lights, so I'm going to finish this by flashlight.

We've been seeing some farms and more civilized country lately. Looks good for a change.

I saw the article about Ray Turner in the Gazette Times. I'll bet Grace is proud.

M SGT STANLEY WAY

Master Sgt Stanley Way, who died in action Nov. 19, 1944 was born at Newberg, Ore. Aug 20, 1919, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Way of Lexington. Stanley grew to manhood in Lexington, where he graduated from high school. He was among those called in the first draft from Morrow county and had worked up to the rank of master sergeant in the Service Department Tank corps. The family has received no details connected with his death, the brief message giving only the information that he was killed in action on Nov. 19.

BROTHER WOUNDED

Mrs. D. A. Wilson received word today that her brother, Pvt Maurice J. Elder, was slightly wounded in action on Leyte Nov. 25. The information was contained in a wire from the government. Maurice is in a tank destroyer division.

BROTHERS MEET IN HAWAII

HAWAII—Separated four and a half years by the fortunes of war, the Cox brothers, Bernard and Le Moin, of Heppner, Oregon, were reunited here recently through the efforts of the American Red Cross.

Assistant Field Director Stewart Strong made it all possible, and to the Cox boys the event was a red letter day.

"Why, I hardly knew the kid brother, he'd grown so," exclaimed Warrant Officer LeMoin Cox, US-MCR; the "kid brother". AMM 1/c Bernard L. Cox, USNR, though youngest of the three Cox brothers to enter the service, has outgrown the others and now stands a bit over six feet in height.

Gunnery Sergeant Nalbro B. Cox, the other brother, was killed during the New Georgia campaign.

Effecting the reunion of relatives and friends in the service, is but one of many services rendered by African Red Cross workers overseas, but it is a highly important one from the standpoint of morale.

One of the busiest Red Cross locator offices in the world is that at

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Programs Herald Approach of Xmas Holiday Season

Various Groups Staging Annual Observances

Christmas still is 12 days away from the time this is written and while there is no show of old-time interest in the occasion, events are shaping up to prove that the people of a war-torn world have not forgotten the event which heralded "Peace on earth, good will toward all men."

In this locality Christmas programs have become the order. Beginning with the American Legion auxiliary party at the H. A. Cohn home Monday evening other events of that nature listed for this week and next include the P-TA program at the high school Wednesday evening; the annual Christmas party of the Rebekahs Friday evening; a Christmas tree and program scheduled by Rhea Creek grange for Saturday evening. The Methodist junior and senior choirs have a service of anthems and hymns announced for Sunday evening. Following these programs, the next event scheduled locally is the annual Christmas program at the school, which will be held the evening of Dec. 20.

An exchange of gifts and a child welfare shower featured the Legion auxiliary party, at which Mrs. K. K. Blake, Mrs. L. E. Dick and Mrs. E. E. Gilliam were hostesses. Preceding the business session, Sally Cohn, Genevieve Cox, Nancy Ferguson and Nancy Adams, Brownies whose mothers are auxiliary members, sang two songs, "Away in a Manger" and "Holy Night," and Carolyn and Marjorie Bauman sang "White Christmas."

Three Christmas carols and the Brahms Lullaby by the Women's Choral club added the Christmas touch to the P-TA program Wednesday evening. A talk by Father Francis McCormick and a quiz contest between four fathers and four sons were the other features of the program.

A gift exchange will be part of the Rhea Creek grange program Saturday evening.

Under the direction of Mrs. Don Romine, Miss Rose Hoosier and Everett Smith, the following program will be given in the school auditorium Wednesday evening.

Processional, Angels on High, high school girls.

Scripture reading and prayer. Choral Response, upper chorus. Overture, Senior band.

Star of the East, Jean Turner. O Little Town of Bethlehem, all. Away in a Manger, Primary. French Carol, 5th and 6th grades. The First Noel, all.

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, all. Shepherds Hurried to Bethlehem, upper chorus.

We Three Kings, upper chorus. He Is Sleeping, Primary chorus. Oh, Come All Ye Faithful, all. Joy to the World, high school girls.

Silent Night, upper chorus and sextet.

This program will be open to the public. Time, 8 p. m.

REBEKAH SOCIAL NIGHT

Social night will be observed by Sans Souci Rebekah lodge Friday evening, Dec. 15. All Rebekahs, Oddfellows, and Rebekahs' husbands have been invited. Pinocle and Chinese checkers will provide the diversion for the evening. The annual Christmas tree and gift exchange will be held and refreshments will be served later in the evening, according to the noble grand, Della Davidson.

Lodge Dinner and Installation Set For Monday Night

Preparations are under way for the annual installation ceremonies put on jointly by the Masonic bodies and Eastern Star, date for which this year will be Monday night, Dec. 18, at the Masonic hall. A banquet, with turkey as the piece de resistance, will be the first order of the evening, serving starting at 6 o'clock, and officers and committees in charge are urging Masons and Stars to attend the banquet. The installation ceremonies will be open to the public.

Elective officers to be filled by the Star include worthy matron, Mrs. A. C. Ball; worthy patron, Ray McAlister; associate matron, Mrs. William Barkla; associate patron, Harley Anderson; conductress, Mrs. Tom Wells; associate conductress, Mrs. K. A. House; secretary, Mrs. Frank S. Parker; and treasurer, Mrs. Edna Turner.

Heppner lodge No. 69 A. F. & A. M. will install the following elective officers: Worshipful master John Lane; senior warden, Loyal M. Parker; junior warden, Gordon Banker; secretary, Ray McAlister; and treasurer, Frank S. Parker.

The Royal Arch will install officers for the ensuing year at this ceremonial.

Mustangs to Play Boardman Friday

Heppner school gymnasium will be the scene of the opening game of the current league season of basketball when the Boardman Yellowjackets come to grips with the Heppner Hi Mustangs, Friday evening. Play will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Both teams have shown good form in earlier games, with Boardman holding the edge in scoring. Heppner defeated Fossil Dec. 5 by a comfortable margin only to have Boardman win from Fossil by a considerably bigger score. In the jamboree at Umatilla on Dec. 8, Heppner first string took first place while the second squad, not scheduled to participate, entered the competition and came off with third place honors.

The Mustangs have a season schedule of 16 games. Two of them are history, Fossil and the jamboree, and the remainder includes meetings with Boardman, Dec. 15; Condon, Jan. 5; Ione, Jan. 9; Irrigon, Jan. 12; Fossil, Jan. 16; Umatilla, Jan. 19; Lexington, Jan. 23; Condon, Jan. 26; Arlington, Jan. 30; Boardman, Feb. 2; Ione, Feb. 6; Irrigon, Feb. 8; Umatilla, Feb. 13, and on Feb. 16 a doubleheader with Arlington and Lexington here.

A new league set-up has been arranged this year including Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Boardman, Irrigon and Umatilla. The winning team will enter the tournament at John Day for a try at state tournament.

AT McCaw GENERAL

Don Romine, wounded in action in northern Italy is under treatment at McCaw General hospital in Walla Walla. Mrs. Romine and her father, Rev. Bennie Howe, drove to Walla Walla Monday evening to see him. Romine received a badly shattered arm when a German bullet tore through the muscle and on into his chest, there striking the corner of the metal cover of the New Testament carried in his blouse pocket. This deflected the course of the bullet which lodged in his left shoulder. He was a sharpshooter—one of those boys who goes in ahead of the other forces to clear out enemy nests. Pfc Romine expects to have a 10-day furlough from the hospital very soon.

Bond Quota Has Over-subscription Of 21 Per Cent

\$363,000 Raised With Three Days Of Drive to Go

Temperatures below freezing the past week have not kept the big thermometer at the First National bank corner from registering gradually increasing temperatures—not exactly recording warmer weather but presaging a hotter time for the Leinies and the Japs. For Morrow county has again gone over the top oversubscribing the 6th war loan by 21 percent on figures as of Wednesday. With three days to go before the campaign officially ends there is a possibility that these figures will be increased.

In addition to purchases coming regularly under the 6th war loan campaign, bonds bought in November and December will be counted in up to the time December purchases are reported to the Federal Reserve bank in San Francisco. While it is realized that the bulk of the bonds have been bought, bond officials believe there will be a noticeable change when the December sales have been turned in.

As in drives past, a large share of the bonds were bought by a comparatively small number of people. In other words, people with money to invest accounted for most of the quota. That is a natural situation in a non-industrial center and counties of small population. It is the belief of the war finance committee that many more E bonds could be bought in Morrow county, inasmuch as the total issue here has been taken by 641 buyers. This is 86 less than the number represented in the fifth war loan campaign. However, it is pointed out that there are many more bond holders than buyers for the reason that in many instances a father may buy a bond for each member of his family. In spite of this fact, bond officials hold to the belief that upwards of 1500 purchasers are available in the county if all would make the effort to buy at least one bond.

Legion Auxiliary Sells \$8,275 in Bonds

During the business meeting of the Legion auxiliary Monday evening, it was announced that the group was credited with the sale of \$8,275 in bonds up to that date. Next activity of the auxiliary will be a salvage drive on New Year's day, according to Mrs. Harvey Bauman, war activities chairman.

The committee for the Eddie Cantor program reported gifts valued at \$37.75 sent to headquarters in Portland to be distributed to veterans in the hospital at Astoria. The unit also is sending records for service men's hospitals. During December, clothing and toys have been sent to the child welfare in Portland and boxes of Christmas cards for use of men in the Roseburg hospital. Besides, the women have made wheel chair jackets.

Mrs. C. P. Brown gave a report of the district conference held in Pendleton Dec. 4, which she and Mrs. Richard Wells attended.

CALLED TO ENTERPRISE

Mrs. Hubert Gaily was called to Enterprise Monday by the death of her husband's mother, Mrs. G. M. Gaily. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodge took Mrs. Gaily and they picked Hubert up at Pendleton, where he had come from Farragut. Funeral services were held at Enterprise today. Hubert has a few days leave which he will spend here before reporting back to Farragut for a new assignment.