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## News From The Boys at The Front

### SNAKE CHARMING POOR WAY TO EARN LIVING THINKS HEPPNER SOLDIER

Pfc Wade Bothwell, writing from somewhere in India, tells his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Bothwell, some of the highlights of life in India from the viewpoint of a soldier. The letter was mailed Jan. 6 which shows that mail transport is functioning nicely.

American Military Hospital  
January 5, 1945

Dear folks:

My address is changed again. I guess this will be the last change for awhile anyway.

Not too much to do around here but go to shows at night. We have athletic equipment and can play volley ball, ping-pong, football etc. I am sending you a couple of rupees, Indian money. It is the kind of money we use here. Worth approximately \$30. When we get back we won't know how to use American money.

I saw a couple of snake charmers the other day. They had six or seven cobras and a few other snakes. The snakes would sit up and strike at them. I can think of a lot of better ways of making a living.

We had a pretty good Christmas dinner—canned turkey with dressing, cranberries, and the Red Cross gave us some candy and cigarettes. Was there snow there for Christmas?

### HEADED OVERSEAS

Paul A. Doolittle AMM3c apparently is enroute to an overseas destination since his mail now goes care of postmaster. The Gazette Times will supply him with Heppner news at the request of his mother, Mrs. Lester Doolittle, who was in town early this week moving and disposing of goods stored in their former residence property recently purchased by Cliff Doherty from Blaine Elliott.

### EN ROUTE HERE

Glenn Fell is enroute here to spend part of a leave from Beaufort, S. C. where he has been in training. He stopped in Portland to visit his parents a few days. This word was brought by Albert Edwards who has been at the same center and is home on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Edwards of Lexington.

## Mustangs Drop to Second Position

Heppner high school's Mustangs dropped the first league game of the season in an encounter Friday night with the Umatilla Vikings on the latter's floor. Final score of one of the hottest casaba sessions of the season was 35-33.

Umatilla scored the first basket but Heppner soon took the initiative and at a time during the opening period held a lead of 13 to 4. Umatilla raised the score to 8 which made the score 13-8 at the end of the period. It stood 16-15 in favor of the Vikings at the end of the half. This lead was advanced to 20-15 in the third quarter, only to have Heppner come back and edge in a one-point advantage as the period ended.

Spectators and officials stated that the second half of the game was the best they had seen this year. It was a see-saw throughout and finally culminated in Umatilla getting a three-point lead, 35-32, reduced to 35-33 in the last seconds of play when Parrish converted a foul.

## 10-Year Rainfall 12.54 Inches in Gooseberry Area

An average of 12.54 inches of rainfall has visited the Gooseberry section during the past 10 years, figures submitted by V. L. Carlson, weather observer of that district, reveal. This represents the period Carlson has been recording the precipitation and the figures are practically the same as those recorded in the Heppner district.

According to the record some dry years were experienced, the past two seasons being not too favorable while on the other hand some wet years were seen. In 1935 the gauge showed 11.31 inches; 1936, 9.88; 1937 15.74; 1938, 11.85; 1939, 7.25; 1940, 16.55; 1941, 15.14; 1942, 18.44; 1943, 9.60; 1944, 9.58, for a total of 125.34 inches, or a 10-year average of 12.54.

Complete figures for January 1945 have not been computed in this area. Len Gilliam stated Tuesday that rainfall up to this week has been approximately 1.50 inches in Heppner. Since the rains were quite general it is assumed that that figure will speak for most of the county.

Farmers are not complaining. They report the ground moistened as far down as 18 inches in some districts and this, they say, looks favorable to a good crop.

## Farm Production Goals Conference Set for January 30

Morrow county's 1945 farm production goals conference will be held in Heppner on Jan. 30, it was announced today by Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee.

Recommendations for maintaining continued high levels of production from county farms and ranches in keeping with state goals and the nation's need for food will be made by county farm leaders and farm agency representatives at the all-day meeting. Plans will be developed for acquainting each farmer in the county with national requirements so he may make any desired adjustments in his 1945 operations.

Those attending the meeting will include all county and community committeemen, commodity group presidents, county farm organization heads, FSA committeemen and county war board members.

Representatives of the OSC Extension service and the state AAA office will discuss state and national goals and food requirements, price support provisions and the outlook for farm labor, transportation, supplies, equipment and other facilities needed for the farm production job.

### LEAVING FOR PORTLAND

Frank W. Turner planned to leave today for Portland and from there to Seattle to take the Raymond Huddleston family to catch a boat for their home in Valdez, Alaska. The Huddlestons took the Turner car to Portland on the first lap of their journey and Frank will return home in it.

### GO TO PENDLETON

Pednesday evening 18 young people from the Heppner Church of Christ attended a meeting of the Columbia Basin Christian Endeavor union at the Christian church in Pendleton. A banquet preceded the meeting. There were 133 in attendance.

### ATTEND PORTLAND MEETING

Mrs. Harry Tamblin went to Portland Wednesday to attend a conference of OPA clerks and executives from the district under the jurisdiction of Mrs. Harold Dobyns of Pendleton.

## Schools of County Confronted With Teacher Shortage

### Appeal Being Made For Recruits From Ex-Teacher Ranks

Unless former teachers come to the rescue some schools of the county may have to remain closed in the fall. That is the contention of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent who is this week making a special appeal to former teachers to register at her office that she may prepare a list to submit to the several school boards of the county.

School boards are already wrestling with the problem of filling staffs for next year. It is stated there will be several vacancies in the Heppner school, a matter that is causing officials to scratch their heads, for it was enough of a worry to complete the ranks last year and with the situation throughout the state and nation growing daily worse there is nothing to indicate that the forthcoming ordeal will be less painful.

The suggestion has been made that some of the districts may find it convenient to arrange a temporary consolidation particularly with reference to high school. It is argued that in this way students will be given the advantage of a standard high school with teachers specializing on certain subjects rather than a small faculty handling numerous classes. To what extent this proposal may be considered depends upon the scarcity of high school teachers.

In another section of this issue will be found an advertisement from the office of county school superintendent setting forth in brief the teacher situation as now confronting that office as well as the districts. Mrs. Rodgers feels sure there must be a number perhaps many, former teachers who, rather than see the schools suffer, would come out of seclusion and go on the active list once more. Since there are no teachers looking for jobs, she is urging that these inactive teachers register at her office at once. There must be some certified teachers not otherwise employed, except as housewives, who have had sufficient experience to make them readily available. There may be others eligible to certification, and Mrs. Rodgers asks that they also register.

A blank has been included in the advertisement for the convenience of those living out of town. By filling this out and mailing it at once to the superintendent's office you will be opening the way for doing a valuable service to your community during this time of toil and trouble.

## Fire in Basement Does Little Damage

Fire in the basement under the Elkhorn restaurant was quickly checked by the fire department Sunday evening. The blaze was discovered in time to prevent spread of the flames, with the result that little damage was inflicted, other than charring the woodwork down stairs. It was put under control without resorting to use of the high pressure water system.

Tenants of the building and near by structures were on the anxious seat until it was found that the fire was confined to one end of the basement. Several jars of fruit syrups were destroyed but aside from that little damage was done.

### Tenantsnug

Although the restaurant was smoked up, patrons did not flee the building and cooks and waitresses went on with meal serving as usual.

### BOYS IN WARD 46 NEED TYPEWRITER

Who has a portable typewriter that is not being used or is not essential to carrying on a business? If there is such a machine in these parts, the owner or owners should contact Mrs. Ralph Thompson, chairman of the Morrow county unit of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council, or a member of the committee in your immediate neighborhood or the Gazette Times office.

Boys whose hands have been paralyzed from injuries in battle and are unable to write can peck out letters on a typewriter. There are several of these lads in ward 46 at McCaw General hospital and they are crying for a typewriter. An old Corona will do if nothing more modern is available.

Ward 46 is the one sponsored Heppner lodge No 358, B. P. O. E.

## Women Urged to Take Part in Work at Red Cross Room

An appeal is being made to the women of the community to take a more active part in the work of the Red Cross, particularly with reference to the sewing room which is located in the Oddfellows building and is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week. There has been no lack of response to other war time activities but it seems that only a handful of women have been carrying on this essential work, and they feel that many more would participate if they understood more fully what is being done.

This is not a hard job, but a pleasant one, say the women who have been carrying on. Heppner has a large quota of sewing to complete and it is asked that every woman or girl who can spare a few hours any Tuesday or Thursday come in and assist. If you know little about sewing it is a grand opportunity to learn. You will have good company and a happy feeling that you are doing your part.

The room is open on Tuesday evenings to give the working women an opportunity to help. Mrs. E. O. Ferguson is chairman of the Heppner Red Cross sewing and extends an invitation to all to come.

Work being done includes convalescent jackets, layettes, housewives, bathrobes, slippers, and knitting of all kinds.

## High School Puts Out Printed Paper

Heppner high school's paper, The Hehisch, appeared in printed form Monday, the first time in the history of its publication that it has been printed from linotype slugs. At least it is the first time in the current seven years that it has been issued as a newspaper. The original Hehisch was the yearbook started back in the days when the late Spencer Crawford was a high school lad and the combination of the first two letters from the three words Heppner high school provided the name product of his fertile brain.

Marylou Ferguson is editor of the Hehisch, Colleen Miller, assistant editor, and Louise Cerven, business manager. In addition there is a large staff covering different departments. Principal Leonard Pate is the adviser.

The ambitious business manager just about sold the town out on advertising but he was told to get as much as he could to help defray expenses and he did his job well.

The Hehisch is being printed at The Gazette Times office. There will be four more issues before school closes.

## Snell Proclaims Jan. 29 Infantile Paralysis Day

### Hard Fight Ahead To Curb Disease, Governor States

Urging full cooperation of the people of Oregon in the annual fund raising appeal of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Governor Earl Snell today directed attention to Monday, Jan. 29, as Infantile Paralysis Day in this state.

In a letter to Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, state appeal chairman, the governor pointed out that he was aware the annual totals of polio cases have been among the heaviest in history during the past several years, and that thousands of patients may be expected in 1945, some of them for years after.

"Lives broken by infantile paralysis are among our greatest tragedies," the governor said. "The help we can give now will contribute mightily to the rehabilitation of thousands of these boys and girls so they may live and enjoy normal lives. At the same time, we will be furthering valuable research to the great general good."

Commending the work of Dr. Hedlund's organization in behalf of the March of Dimes campaign over the state, Governor Snell added: "It is a pleasure indeed to have this opportunity to participate in the splendid program that you are carrying on for Oregon."

According to Charles B. Cox, county chairman, Morrow county is entering the final week of the campaign with the prospect of meeting the quota. He has deposited March of Dimes boxes in several business houses and response has been good. He urges the people to contribute generously that this county may again do its part in helping place Oregon in the van of all states in the Union.

While there will be no President's ball, the Elks lodge is giving a private dance Saturday evening the funds from which will be diverted to the polio campaign. The lodge has asked for donations as well as admission charge.

(The Gazette Times erroneously stated that Harry Duvall was chairman of the current campaign. Mr. Duvall is finance chairman of the county organization. Charles B. Cox is the appeal chairman.)

## Seven Boys Leave Tuesday for Navy

Seven Morrow county boys, all just old enough to volunteer for service, left Heppner Tuesday for Spokane for final examinations to enter the navy. Five of them passed the examinations Wednesday and are enroute to San Diego for training. The other two will arrive home this evening.

Three of the boys making the grade were from Lexington, Truman Messenger Jr., Bud Buchanan and Harold Hoffman. The other two successful boys were from Heppner high school, Billy Ulrich and Don Knowles. Two other Heppner boys, Joe Hughes and Jack Edmondson, were turned down because of old injuries. Hughes suffered a badly fractured arm when a lad of six and Edmondson had suffered a compound fracture of one leg. This rejection does not remove them from possible service as they soon will be subject to the draft.

### HAVE NEW SON

An 8½ pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Cox at the Mollahan home, Wednesday morning, Jan. 24. His older brothers are in executive session trying to select a name for him.