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News From March of Dimes The Boys at Campaign Extended The Front To February 15

LT. DONALD E. DRAKE CITED FOR BRONZE MEDAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Drake have received from their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Donald E. Drake, a copy of a citation recently awarded their son, Lt. Donald E. Drake, which reads as follows:

1st Lt. Donald E. Drake, 175th Inf. U. S. Army, for heroic achievement in military operations against the enemy in Germany. On 19 November, 1944 1st Lt. Drake, while leading his platoon in the attack on the town of ' ', displayed outstanding courage and leadership. His untiring efforts in keeping his men dispersed and tactically deployed during the entire advance, and his personal supervision of the operation in the face of intense enemy artillery and small arms fire were greatly responsible for the quick capture of the objective with a minimum of casualties to his unit. Such actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Another son, Claude Drake S 1c, was back in port after making his first cruise.

GENE EMPY COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT IN ARMY

Gene Empey, who recently visited at the home of Mrs. R. L. Zinter, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States army on Jan. 18, according to official announcement made by the public relations officer at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga. He completed the officer candidate course and is now qualified as one of the leaders in our new army.

The new lieutenant was inducted into the army June 23, 1943 and served with the 353rd Inf. 89th division before going to officer candidate school. He held the rank of sergeant before being commissioned.

Lt. Empey attended Ione high school and Oregon State college. He made his home with the Zinters before entering the service.

HE'S SEEN SERVICE

S Sgt John McRoberts is here visiting his father, Harve McRoberts, and mother, Mrs. Austin Devin, after many months in the South Pacific. A member of the 41st division, he has been in numerous engagements and wears mementos of his valiant service, one of them the distinguished service cross. He has a 31-day furlough which he will spend renewing acquaintances and familiarizing himself with civilian life.

PAUL BROWN IN JAPAN

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown have received word from the war department that their son Paul, prisoner of the Japanese since Bataan, has been transferred from the Japanese prison camp No. 1 in the Philippines to a camp on the island of Honshu in the Japanese homeland group.

SEAMAN BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Chester Brown has received word from her son, Alton B. Christenson, S 1c, stating that he was badly burned in action in the Pacific about the middle of January. He stated that his condition is improving, although his arms are far from healed.

FELL ARRIVES

Glen Fell arrived the first of the week from Portland to spend a couple of days of his leave with friends. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Fell, in Portland last week.

Bad Weather, Fuel Shortage Cited as Interferences

March of Dimes directors throughout the state and nation were notified Wednesday that the campaign has been extended to Feb. 15. The drive was to have ended Wednesday but it was decided to extend the time to give areas affected by bad weather and fuel shortages an opportunity to participate. The order was wired to state directors by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

O'Connor stated that although receipts so far indicated clearly that this year's March of Dimes would break all previous records the extension has been made necessary by the abnormal weather of the past two weeks which has closed schools, theatres and other places and caused postponement of March of Dimes events in many parts of the country. The extension will apply to the motion picture theatres drive in the areas that are affected.

Conditions affecting other regions have not been apparent here and the drive has gone along smoothly, according to Charles B. Cox. Group and individual contributions in Heppner have run over \$300. Largest contributor to this fund was the Heppner lodge of Elks which collected a total of \$227 at the March of Dimes dance held at the hall Saturday evening. There was no admission charge but each person contributed to the fund, some contributions going as high as \$20.

Troop No. 3 Girl Scouts, Mrs. J. Hamlin leader, held a candy sale Monday afternoon at the school and took in \$7.45 which was turned over to the polio fund. The senior Girl Scout troop held a popcorn sale Saturday afternoon, turning in \$5.65. Mrs. Merle Miller is leader. A checkup on county subscriptions has not been made and it is expected that when all sections have reported Morrow county will have met its quota. In the meantime, those who have not participated in the March of Dimes are reminded that they may do so within the next two weeks.

Red Cross Quota For County \$4100

Morrow county's quota for the forthcoming Red Cross membership and wartime emergency drive has been set at \$4100, according to Benjie Howe, county chairman. The drive is scheduled to be put on in March and it is the hope of the chairman to complete it at an early date.

Looking forward to getting the campaign under way, Mr. Howe chairman of the Heppner district as well as assistant chairman for has appointed Mrs. Ted Smith as the county. Mrs. Smith will name her own assistants.

The 1944 county quota was generously over-subscribed, with the result that the 1945 ante was raised. Last year's assessment was \$3,600.

MILL MAN VISITS

J. D. Coleman, general manager of the Kinzua Pine Mills company, was a Heppner visitor Saturday. He was accompanied by the company's new forester, Mr. Fordham, who has come to take charge of that service in the area. Coleman spent several months in the east the past year, returning to this territory only recently.

Mayor Makes Appeal for Clothing for Illy Clad Thousands of Heroic Russians

In that portion of Russia that was over-run by the German horde in 1942 and 1943 and retaken by the Russians in 1943 and 1944, great suffering has been caused from hunger and exposure. Lend-lease is doing what it can to supply food and now a national drive is being instituted in this country to supply clothing to those war-torn sufferers.

We are not being asked to give the clothes off our backs, nor to buy new ones, nor to give money, but to give our cast-off clothing—clothing that we have thought too good to throw away, but which we probably will never wear again. Our closets are too full of that kind of material and now is a good time to dispose of it—and for a good cause. Let's help those who have helped us mightily.

Clothes that are positively worn out are not wanted, nor are clothes that are dirty, nor do we want clothes that you will wear again. But clothes that are soiled and somewhat worn, but have a lot of good wear in them yet, will be very acceptable.

Clothes should be tied in bundles or packed in cartons. Shoes should be tied in pairs.

Most of these clothes will be collected through the schools, but those families that have no direct school connection—no students in school, may leave their bundles at the Red Cross Sewing Center in Heppner—formerly the Hughes store—in the Oddfellows building on Main street. The American Legion and the American Legion auxiliary are cooperating in this drive and will maintain an attendant and the above designated building will be open on February 8, 9, and 10, from 10:00 o'clock a. m. to 5:00 p. m. each day. All persons who will bring clothes to this center are particularly requested to do so on those three days, for the building will not otherwise be open. The schools also are cooperating in this drive and all material taken to the schools will be collected during those three days and will be delivered to this center. The Legion and auxiliary will then sort, pack and ship the goods to the proper designation in Portland. Don't forget—February 8, 9 and 10. And please remember the valiant Russians!

J. O. TURNER, Mayor.

Mustangs Spring Surprise on Team, Fans at Arlington

One of those last minute thrillers that upset the dope bucket and set fans all agog occurred at Arlington Tuesday evening when the Heppner Mustangs wrested victory from the Columbia river boys in the last seconds of play. Up to two minutes before the final whistle Arlington was in the lead, 19-17. In those last minutes Heppner pulled out in front with two baskets, making the final score 21-19.

It was a nip and tuck affair throughout. Heppner tossed the first basket and then forgot where the cage was located for awhile. Arlington took the lead and rolled up eight points in the first quarter. Heppner garnered three more points in that canto and the score stood 8-5.

The second quarter was an exhibition of tight defense by both teams and wound up 8-5.

There was more scoring by both teams in the third quarter but the fight really got hot in the fourth, with Arlington managing to stay a little ahead. A nice toss from deep field by Skuzeski seemed to put the needed spark in the squad. Later a foul was tossed, putting Heppner within one basket of Arlington. Then with two minutes to go two more baskets were counted. With 30 seconds to play, Parrish was ruled out of the game on fouls but the boys held to their tight defense until the gun stopped the game.

Several Heppner fans were in attendance and state this was one of the best games they have seen in this district.

HERE FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy, Mrs. Ella Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Len Gilman and small son returned the past week from Chula Vista, Calif. where they have made their home during the winter. Gilman has been doing border patrol service with the FBI but will enter the armed service. Mrs. Gilman will remain here with her parents.

Farm Bureau Meets At Ione Monday

Willows grange hall at Ione will be the meeting place for the Morrow county farm bureau in February. The meeting will be held Monday night, Feb. 5 and an invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

An effort to have a speaker on the REA seems to have been frustrated by one circumstance or another and early this week Secretary Oscar Peterson was trying to get Pres. Roben J. Maaske of the Eastern Oregon College of Education to speak on a subject of his own choosing. In any event the meeting will be held and there will be something of interest for all who attend.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

IONE BRETHREN VISIT LOCAL MASONIC LODGE

Elmer Griffith, Roy Lindstrom and H. G. Holcomb of Ione were guests of Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. and A. M. Tuesday evening, at which time there was an unusual turnout of local Masons. Work in the MM degree and a lunch of oyster stew, coffee and cake made a big evening for the fraternity. The refreshments were served by members of the Eastern Star.

An item of interest to non-resident members and also resident members not attending lodge regularly was the presentation of past worshipful master aprons to three faithful servants of the lodge at the meeting the previous Tuesday. Robert Wightman, Frank S. Parker and Ray McAllister were the recipients of the aprons. J. O. Turner eulogized each of them in making the presentation speech.

CALLED TO WHITE SALMON

The Ted Pierson family left Sunday for White Salmon, Wash. to attend the funeral of Mr. Pierson's father. They expect to return Friday.

REBEKAH MEETING SLATED

Regular meeting of Sans Souci p. m. Friday, Feb. 2. Refreshments Rebekah lodge will be held at 7:30 will be served.

Production Goals For 1945 Set at Tuesday Meeting

Wheat Acreage to Be Less; All Other Lines Increased

At a meeting in the court house in Heppner Tuesday, attended by farm leaders of the county and representatives of the state AAA and Oregon State college, Oregon's 1945 production goals were reviewed and it was learned they call for another year of full production from Morrow county farms and ranches to meet the needs of war.

Although the goals in general call for farmers to again "do more with less," Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee, believes that they are possible of attainment because they were established by state people after careful consideration of the state's capacity to produce under expected conditions.

Goals calling for marked changes from last year's output include:

Reduction of 6 percent in wheat acreage.

Maintaining highest possible dairy production.

All possible production of alfalfa seed.

Increased marketing of beef cattle.

The rest of the goals remain about the same as last year's production, Baker said. He also called attention to the goal for spring pigs. Present indications are that production will fall considerably short of the goal unless more brood sows are kept for farrowing in the spring. The present support price has been extended to March 31, 1946, to cover the period when this year's spring pig crop will go to market.

E. Harvey Miller represented the AAA and E. R. Jackman was the Oregon State college representative at the conference.

C A P Group Forms To Study Aviation

Under leadership of Walter Ready, a class in Civilian Aviation Patrol is being formed here. To date 30 or more persons have signed up for a course in ground work and it is expected that many more will become interested before class work starts or has progressed very far.

Since Heppner and Morrow county are interested in locating an air field in this vicinity it is felt that organization and training of a considerable class in basic flying will be a stimulus to securing such a field. It is pointed out that aviation will be one of the country's greatest developments when peace comes and that now is a good time to begin to prepare for that development.

Those interested in aviation who have not been contacted by Ready are urged to see him as early as possible.

Walter Blackburn Buried at Lebanon

Friends in Heppner have received announcement of the death of Walter Blackburn at his home at Tonasket, Wash., Jan. 26. Burial was made at Lebanon, Ore.

Mr. Blackburn and family lived here for a number of years. He was at first engaged in the garage business and later established the Blackburn mill on Rhea creek. Since leaving Heppner the family has resided in Tonasket, in northern Washington.

Survivor are the wife and daughter, Lois.