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News From The Boys at The Front

ROBERT HOSKINS INJURED

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoskins Sr. have received word that their son, Robert, injured recently at Fort Benning, Ga., is able to be out of the hospital for a time. Robert received a fractured knee and a wrenched hip while jumping from a plane during training practice. He hopes to be able to come home for a while, according to the telegram received by his parents.

HAYES-RICE

Jeff Hayes, AMM1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes of Condon, and Miss Bonnie Lee Rice of Condon, were married in that city, Wednesday, Feb. 21. The young couple will live for the present in Seattle where he is now stationed after two years in the south Pacific. Mrs. Al Lovgren and Mrs. Louis Letrace, aunts of the groom, went over to Condon to attend the wedding.

REPORTED MISSING

Mrs. Carl McDaniel has received word that her brother, George Smith of Condon, a merchant marine was on board a transport that was blown up in the Pacific and it is reported there were no survivors.

JOINS HUSBAND IN KANSAS

Mrs. Albert Bailey received a wire from her husband, telling of his transfer from Florida to Hutchinson Kansas. Mrs. Bailey will meet S1c Bailey there where he will receive further training.

AT REST CAMP

According to information received in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gilliam, Lt. Jackson Gilliam is now in a rest camp in the Philippines after strenuous activities in the war in the Pacific.

FINISHES BOOT TRAINING

Joe McLaughlin, S 2c, son of C. N. McLaughlin, is home for five days on boot leave from the naval training center at Farragut, Ida. It is interesting to note that Joe completes the family circle, being the fifth son in service. The other brothers are Dan, GM3c awaiting assignment in Florida; Jim Pfc in the marine corps; Jack, S1c and Hugh Pfc in the Marines.

HOME ON LEAVE

Alton B. Christenson S3c arrived Thursday evening to spend part of a 20-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Chester Brown at Monument. He was accompanied by Miss Jeanette McDonald of Portland. While in Heppner, Seaman Christenson and Miss McDonald were guests of Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman. Mrs. Norma Greener came in from Reed's Mill to see her brother and stayed until Monday with Mrs. Bauman.

TOWN TEAM WINS ONE LOSES ONE DURING WEEK

Heppner's town basketball team got in the groove or on the beam or some other type of jive Saturday night and took the 99th Engineers team from Rufus to the cleaners to the tune of 43 to 25 at the school gymnasium.

Monday evening the 129th Engineers sent a quint up to redeem the reputation of the army, which they proceeded to do, although the Townies gave them a run for the money up until the final quarter when they grew weary. The final score was 46 to 31.

La Verne Van Marter has taken the Townies under his wing and has scheduled a second game with the 129th at Arlington next Wednesday evening. The Townies will play Ione there Friday evening of this week.

Red Cross Annual Member-War Fund Drive Opens Here

Opening of the annual Red Cross membership and war fund drive, scheduled for March 1, has been set ahead by the Morrow county chapter. The drive is underway here, having started early this week, announces Mrs. Ted Smith, chairman of the Heppner community. Mrs. Smith chose her district workers last week and permission was granted for them to start the canvass a week or so in advance of the previously announced date.

Assisting Mrs. Smith are the following people selected from several sections of Heppner: Mrs. Ad Moore, Mrs. Clyde Nutting, Mrs. J. Kenneth Blake, Mrs. Emery Coxen, J. Nys, Mrs. Cornett Green, Mrs. Mrs. Alva Jones, Mrs. Fred Ross, Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mrs. Harvey Bauman, Mrs. Ed Bennett, Mrs. Harvey Miller and Blaine E. Isom. Other sections of the county are going ahead with the canvass and it is expected that the drive will be concluded much earlier than previous years.

Appeals from our boys in the service are coming from the various sectors. The Red Cross has been doing a magnificent job for the service men, they state, and nearly every man writing about it urges the folks at home to be just as generous as circumstances will permit. Rev. Bennie Howe is chairman of the county chapter.

Jorgenson Named As Heppner Ranger

Glen Jorgensen, assistant district ranger in 1944, has been named to succeed Fred F. Wehmeyer as ranger of the Heppner district. This information was released from the headquarters of the Umatilla National forest at Pendleton early this week. Jorgensen was first assigned to work in the Heppner district in 1940. He is exceptionally well qualified for the position through a background of varied experience in forestry work, officials declare.

Jorgensen was raised on a farm in northeastern Washington, graduated in forestry from Washington State college at Pullman and served in various capacities on different forests in Region Six. He also was employed by the Soil Conservation service as technician in range management for a two-year period. His work in the Heppner district in 1940 and again in 1944 gives him an acquaintance with local problems that will be of real value in the execution of his work in the position assigned.

The new ranger and his family have made Heppner their home for the past year and are sincerely pleased at the prospect of making this place their permanent home.

SALE OF STRAIGHT HOUSE COMPLETED THIS WEEK

A sale that has been pending several weeks was completed this week when papers bearing the signatures of all heirs were returned, legalizing transfer of title of the W. E. Straight house to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe and Mrs. L. E. Dick Jr.

The new owners of the property have plans to make six apartments of the house, which occupies a commanding site on North Court street. Work will start on the alterations shortly after the first of March.

ATTEND CONCERT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkraf, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cox and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence are going to Pendleton this evening to attend the concert being given by the chorus of the St. Joseph academy. All three families will be represented by their daughters who are students at the school.

Pioneer Resident Of County Dies at Home in Lexington

Mary Ella Barnett
Located on Farm
Here 61 Years Ago

Funeral services for Mary Ella Barnett, 80, were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Christian church in Lexington, with O. Wendell Herbison, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, officiating and arrangements in charge of the Case Mortuary. Mrs. Barnett's death occurred about 11:30 a. m. Tuesday, the result of a paralytic stroke Feb. 10 and a recurrence Monday evening. She had been in poor health for some time but was able to be up and around most of the time until stricken.

Complete funeral arrangements had not been made in time to make them available for publication. However, pallbearers were selected and include George N. Peck, Charles Marquardt, Alonzo Henderson, Harry Dinges, Ralph Jackson and Earl Warner.

Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Lexington beside the grave of her husband, the late William F. Barnett, who preceded her in death Dec. 29, 1939.

Mary Ella Nichols was born Feb. 8, 1865, the daughter of R. A. and Elizabeth Nichols, who resided near Sparta, Miss. The family moved north to Arkansas where, on Oct. 14, 1880, she was married to Mr. Barnett. In April 1884 they moved to Morrow county where they acquired a tract of land north of Lexington and which is still owned by the family. In 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett moved into Lexington, having acquired a mercantile business which is still operated by their daughters, Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Trina Parker. A few years before Mr. Barnett passed away he built a large and comfortable residence, one of the finer homes of the county where he and his wife each spent their last years.

Mrs. Barnett had been affiliated with the church for 60 years. She was a charter member of the Lexington Church of Christ and always took an active part in the work as long as her health permitted.

Surviving are the two daughters, Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Trina Parker; two sisters, Mrs. N. A. Leach of Portland and Mrs. Minnie L. Cicero of Oklahoma; two brothers, T. H. Nichols of Lexington and R. A. Nichols of Puyallup, Wash., and a number of other relatives.

PARENTS RECEIVE SON'S AWARD

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson Wednesday received a Purple Heart awarded posthumously to their son Kay, who lost his life in action on the western front Dec. 21, 1944.

Kay's parents had previously received information that he was buried in Belgium with regular burial service by an army chaplain. Tuesday's release of soldiers killed on the western front contained Kay's name, the first official mention released to the press.

RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. Josie Jones returned to Heppner Saturday evening after spending several weeks in the city, called there by the death of her son-in-law, H. L. Stiles. Mrs. Stiles came with her and will make her home with her mother.

RECOVERING SLOWLY

Leonard Pate, principal of Heppner high school is reported recovering slowly from a major surgical operation performed at Pendleton Monday. He is a sick man but has passed the crisis, it is stated.

OPA Orders Meat Market to Refund On Locker Rentals

Following a hearing here Wednesday evening, the OPA ordered Mrs. Mabel Burkenbine, proprietor of the Heppner Market, to refund on locker rentals to the extent of \$455 or thereabouts. The order specified that Mrs. Burkenbine should write certified checks for each alleged overcharge of locker rent, mail the checks to the OPA office in Portland which in turn will mail them to renters.

Mrs. Burkenbine was accused by the OPA of having violated a ruling made January 1 or about that time this year, which placed lockers under service rental rather than property rental. But the other side of the story is this: Mrs. Burkenbine was notified by William McCaleb the first of September 1944 that he would have to raise her rent. She sought advice at the local office and was informed that under the circumstances she could raise her locker rentals. This she did, then following the January 1 ruling she was told that she had acted in violation of the OPA law.

Members of the local price panel hearing the testimony were Conley Lanham, P. A. Mollahan, Mrs. Earl Blake, Mrs. D. M. Ward, all of Heppner and W. B. Rice of Ione. Roy Quackenbush, another member, refused to stay after hearing what the charge was about.

Radar Something Discussed Only in Proper Circles

Radar is something about which only those studying it know the answers, for it has not become common enough to be made a topic of discussion except in class rooms. For that reason, Ted Ferguson, home on leave from training base at Corpus Christi, Tex., could not enlighten the 30 or more folks in attendance at Monday's luncheon of the chamber of commerce. For the duration, at least, radar must remain more or less secluded from the public as there are features about it which still are not known to the enemy, Ted explained.

Raymond Parrish also was a guest of the luncheon group and since he expects to sign up for a course in radar he was reluctant to discuss the subject.

Orville Smith introduced W. B. Kennedy, contractor and builder, who has been working in Lexington and vicinity the past year and who, Smith stated, will superintend construction of the Heppner Lumber company's new dry kiln. Kennedy was engaged in alteration and construction work for the Jackson Implement company and in working over several residences in Lexington. He also modernized the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Duvall in the Blackhorse area.

B. C. Pinckney gave an account of his experiences in trying to locate the proper authority in relation to the Heppner housing project. He spent practically one half of a day running from one building to another in Portland housing government agencies before finding one that knew something about the local set-up.

AUXILIARY PREPARES ATTRACTIVE WINDOW

National Defense week is being brought to the attention of passers by through an attractive window display in the Humphreys Drug store window. Pictures, flags and other emblems signifying the things for which America stands are grouped in a manner to tell the story in a graphic manner.

The window is sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary and the decorating is the work of Mrs. Kenneth Blake and Mrs. Alva Jones.

New \$75,000 Unit To Be Constructed At Sawmill Plant

Go Ahead Given
For Dry Kiln By
Heppner Lbr. Co.

Announcement of the construction of a new dry kiln at the plant of the Heppner Lumber company was made Monday by Orville Smith, general manager, who stated that work will begin by March 1 and it is expected the new unit will be ready for use late in June. The kiln will be of sufficient size to handle the entire output of the mill and will be built at a cost of \$75,000.

It has been the desire of the mill company to put up a dry kiln ever since reconstruction of the plant following the fire in early 1943. During the past few months it has been impossible to keep up with orders for dry lumber, making a kiln daily more necessary, and it was finally decided to go ahead with the new unit.

While Smith did not go into detail about the building, it is understood that much of it will be constructed of tile brick. It will require five carloads of the tile and one of cement, which indicates a sizeable structure.

A site across the railroad track opposite the sawmill has been selected as the location of the kiln. Workmen have been busy this week moving lumber piles off this land in preparation for construction work.

With the completion of the dry kiln the Heppner Lumber company will have one of the best equipped small plants in this area. With but few exceptions, all men employed at the plant work under cover, insuring as much comfort as possible for year around operation.

Workmen are engaged in installing a second boiler at the mill so that when the kiln is ready for operation there will be plenty of steam for all purposes.

Youths Appear on Auxiliary Program

Youth contributed a large share to making the Americanism program of the American Legion auxiliary a success Monday evening. A talk by Dick Ferguson, home on leave from navy training, and song and recitation by young people from the school formed the major portion of the entertainment.

Ferguson spoke briefly of his experiences in training camp, where he is completing a course in radar. A trio of high school girls, Jean Turner, Marian Miller and Carolyn Bauman, with Jean at the piano, sang several songs, and Darrell Blake gave a recitation.

The auxiliary voted a contribution to the Red Cross, ordered books for the library dedicated to the boys in service, and appointed a committee to arrange for a memorial to our service men and women from Morrow county.

BOARDMAN REMOVES HEPPNER FROM RACE

Heppner's Mustang quintet will rest while the Umatilla and Boardman teams go to John Day to try to wrest district honors from the boys over that way. Boardman stopped the Mustangs cold Monday evening, after Umatilla administered a defeat to the local squad Friday evening.

In Heppner's behalf it is only fair to state that enlistments in the armed forces created a handicap which Coach Pate could not overcome, especially since he was ill most of the season. This is no alibi—it is just the plain truth.