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## News From Heppner Civil Air The Boys at Patrol Unit Now The Front In Full Swing

**A SOLDIER CAN DO IT  
WHY DON'T MORE OF US  
AT HOME GIVE ACCORDINGLY?**

Mrs. Ralph Thompson received the following letter which, we are sure, after reading it, every subscriber to the Gazette Times will want to do as well as this Morrow county soldier of whom all of us are proud. Yes, he is giving his all and his money, too. Can we at home sit by and allow this splendid young American to give so freely without at least trying to emulate his example? But read his letter:

Somewhere in Luxembourg  
My dear Mrs. Thompson:

Today, as my quota of mail, I received a much kicked around and slightly battered up edition of the Heppner Gazette Times dated back in September. On the back page I happened to notice your writeup of contributions that various local people had made to the McCaw General Hospital. It didn't take a great deal of thought to tell me it was time I got "on the ball." There is nothing over here to spend money for so my pockets have been burning for quite some time to get rid of some of the cash on hand.

Please accept the enclosed check for \$25 as my long overdue contribution to a marvelous cause. I only hope that it may provide something that will make the long hours of convalescence shorter for some wounded G. I. I'm especially anxious that McCaw should be the best because it is the army's policy to place seriously wounded in hospitals closest to their homes. So far I have been able to stay away from the medics over here and I might that I have no desire to take up any add, without a moment's hesitation, of their time.

I know I need not tell you how appreciative the patients at McCaw must be for all the many gifts Morrow county has contributed to them. The American soldier may try to hide it, but he's a sentimental cuss and responds quite readily to kindness.

This tiny country of Luxembourg is quite beautiful, but not so serene right now. The city is very picturesque and quite modern. I can't say that I like it here, however, and wouldn't trade a combined France, Belgium and Luxembourg for one small rocky hillside in Eastern Oregon. We're all anxious to get home at the earliest possible moment, but I don't believe there is a single man who'd leave before the job is done.

Well, I must close, so thanks again for the work you are doing for the fellows. I'm sure its value will speak for itself for years to come—long after the last artillery piece has been melted down for conversion into a more beautiful and constructive piece of equipment.

Sincerely,  
Dan Dinges

### SOLDIER ALIVE BUT WONDERS WHY

T Cpl Andrew M. Shoun writes from somewhere in France to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shoun of Irrigon, informing them of a change in APO number.

"I hope it is our last change. We had close to a dozen changes. I came back from the front quite healthy, although there were times that I was a bit in doubt of doing so. I am almost positive that we won't have to go back unless something happens as it did before.

"It added two or three more countries to my visit list. We had plenty of snow and cold weather but I didn't mind it much as we  
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### 75 Enrolled for Study; Training Plane Due Mar. 8

Heppner's latest innovation, a Civil Air Patrol unit, is well under way and classes are meeting every Monday evening at the high school gymnasium for study and military training. Enrollment has reached 75, with the prospect that it will go considerably higher, according to Walter S. Ready, under whose guidance the unit was formed.

Organizing under army regulations, the unit has the following officers: W. S. Ready, commanding officer; Marvin Wightman, training officer; Conley Lanham, flight leader; Edmond Gonty flight leader and instructor in radio theory; Rev. Francis McCormick, chaplain; Earl McKinney personnel officer; Edgar Albert, intelligence officer; Dr. A. D. McMurdo, medical officer and Mrs. C. J. Espey women's leader.

Subjects include military drill and all basic training manuals, classes in first aid, radio communications, all aircraft subjects, flight training and anything else pertaining to military training.

Of the 75 members enrolled 15 are cadets, youngsters between the ages of 15 and 18 who are eligible to flight training but not solo flying.

The unit has purchased a training plane which will be delivered here March 8. It is a 100 horse power Bird three-place job. A second plane is under negotiation, a 50-horsepower Taylorcraft training plane. In this connection it may be mentioned that Irving Anderson has bought Milton Morgan's Interstate Training plane and Morgan is now in the market for a 2-place Fairchild.

training, including Mr. and Mrs. O. A. group has signed up for flight W. Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Yarnell, Bert Corman, Mr. and Mrs. Afton Gayhart, Kenneth Dyerson, Conley Lanham, Don Gosnell, Lloyd Burkenbine, David Baker, Marvin Wightman and Edgar Albert.

### Payroll Deductions Boost Bond Sales

Persistent purchasers of E bonds in every part of Oregon continue to keep the state in the forefront of the U. S. treasury's war savings program, according to William A. Bingham, state chairman of the payroll deduction program.

Oregon, which frequently has been first, has an all-time record of third in payroll savings purchases of E bonds, according to tabulations just completed.

"This has been accomplished," said Bingham, "not by people on high salaries or by employees of certain prominent industries, but by the cooperating effort of little bond buyers who have stuck to their jobs payday by payday in all parts of the state."

### HAVE NEW DAUGHTER

Shannon is the name Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney have given their new daughter. The young lady arrived Monday evening about nine o'clock at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. She tipped the scales at seven pounds. Mrs. Mahoney and the little lass are reported doing very nicely according to Mr. Mahoney.

### STATE TAX MAN HERE

John Parker is spending the day here assisting those unlucky people who find themselves in position to pay tribute to the good old state of Oregon in the form of income tax. There are not a few such unfortunates in Morrow county these days.

### Orchid's Just as Purty at 1c Each —In Guatemala

Orchids at one cent a piece are just as beautiful as those costing several dollars—if you buy them in Guatemala. Down in that torrid climate the flowers bloom in profusion all over the hillsides where one may pick them at will if they wish or may buy them from the natives at the ridiculously low price of one cent each.

The story of Guatemala was unfolded to the large crowd at the Eastern Star meeting in Heppner Friday evening by Mrs. Harvey Coats, sister of Mrs. Charles Huston of Ione. Mrs. Coats is a returned missionary from Guatemala where she spent 27 years. She covered the living conditions, political structure and geographical formation of the country as only one who has spent so many years in a region could.

Through corruption of public officials Guatemala was bankrupt. A new president was elected who assumed somewhat of a dictatorship, ter paying up and finally leaving first canceling public debts but la the country's finances in a healthy state. In cleaning up the political mess living conditions were improved and today Guatemalans live quite as comfortably as the peoples of any other tropical countries. The terrain ranges from seacoast to high mountains giving a variety of climatic conditions favorable to comfortable living and the production of abundant food supplies.

### Farm Bureau Calls Business Meeting

A regular meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau will be held Monday evening at the Lexington grange hall, it was announced this morning.

There will be no speaker but organizational matters and other business will be discussed by the members, states Pres. George N. Peck, who urges that all members make it a point to be in attendance.

### SISTER DIES IN SOUTH

Mary Adele Case Vann passed away at her home near Los Angeles Feb. 21 and was buried there according to a message received by her brother M. L. Case last Saturday. Mrs. Vann had visited here at various times and made many friends. She will long be remembered for her beautiful contralto voice and her name appeared frequently in musical circles up and down the coast.

The news of Mrs. Vann's passing reached Mr. and Mrs. Case about an hour after they had received the glad tidings of the birth of their new grandson.

### OLD FRIENDS MEET

One of those unexpected meetings that come to service men now and then happened recently in the Mariannas when Jack Healy MM1c dropped in on Howard Gilliam Ph M3c for a little chat. Howard was busy writing an examination when it was announced that there was someone there to see him. He thought it was someone to see him about glasses and got the surprise of his life when Jack walked in. Howard plans to repay the visit when he can get out to Jack's ship.

### GOING TO PORTLAND

Mrs. Marvin Wightman plans to leave Sunday for Portland taking her son Marvin Jr to the Doernbecher hospital for a check-up. She will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders of the Heppner Bakery.

### INITIATIONS SCHEDULED

Initiation of five candidates is the program for Sans Souci Rebekah lodge Friday evening, March 2. Refreshments will be served, which should beckon the membership to turn out in force.

### Mrs. Bauman Buys Nell's Beauty Shop

Announcement was made this morning of the purchase of Nell's Beauty Shop by Mrs. Harvey Bauman. Mrs. Bauman has taken over the business as of today. The former owner, Mrs. Nelle Anderson, has been engaged as bookkeeper in the Hodge Chevrolet Co. office since the first of February. Mrs. Anderson purchased the business from Mrs. Henry Aiken in 1943.

Mrs. Bauman states that she will retain the present operators, Mrs. Ray Massey and Mrs. Edward Le-trace, taking a more or less inactive part in the business herself. She has changed the name to MarCarol Beauty Shop, using the first part of the names of her two daughters, Marjorie and Carolyn, in making the combination.

### Elks Annual Party Highlights Year of Lodge Activities

Culminating a year of lodge activity the Elks annual Washington birthday party held at the temple Saturday has been pronounced one of the most successful social affairs in recent history of Heppner lodge No. 358.

The party opened in the afternoon with cards for the ladies in the lounge and a business and initiation session for Elks in the lodge hall. A class of 21 candidates was initiated, including R. L. Bengé of Heppner, who admitted he was 81 years young.

A sumptuous buffet supper was served, followed by dancing to music furnished by a Portland dance band.

There was a general turnout of members and their ladies from all over the Heppner lodge district.

### Mrs. John Pieper Passes Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. John Pieper, who passed away Wednesday evening at the family home south of Lexington, will be held at 11 o'clock a. m. Saturday, March 3 from the Church of Christ in Heppner, the pastor, O. Wendell Her-bison officiating, with Phelps Funeral Home in charge. Interment will be made at Milton later in the day.

Mrs. Pieper was born Feb. 27, 1867, being 78 years and one day of age when summoned by death.

An obituary will be printed next week.

### HERE FROM PENDLETON

Mrs. Ruth Barnett of Pendleton came over last week to attend the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Ella Barnett of Lexington and to visit a few days with her sister, Mrs. Rose Eskelson and brother R. L. Bengé. She returned to her home today.

### BUYS DUPLEX

Mrs. Bertha Johnson has purchased the duplex property next to the Richfield service station from W. H. Bushman. Mrs. Johnson occupies one of the apartments, the other being rented to Mrs. Grace Turner.

### ON IWO JIMA

Pfc Emory Coxen is a member of one of the Marine divisions helping to exterminate the Japs on Iwo Jima.

### MOVE TO APARTMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nelson and family moved into an apartment at the Frank Engkraf home Tuesday where they will remain until their residence, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodge, is available.

### ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

Mrs. Ralph Thompson is able to be up again after a two week's very painful siege of rheumatism in her right arm. She is not entirely free from it yet but is slowly improving.

## Lt. Rhea N. King Reported Killed in Northern Italy

### Letter From Flier's Pal Tells Wife of Tragic Accident

News of the death of Lt. Rhea Norton King was received in Heppner Wednesday in a letter from the flyer's pal to Mrs. King who has been making her home here since Norton went overseas about a year ago. Details were lacking except that it was stated Norton died at the controls of his ship and that death came quickly.

The tragic circumstance connected with the story of the death of the young airman is that he had recently written Mrs. King that he had completed his missions and that he would probably see her in Portland right after the first of this month. Mrs. King had resigned her position at the bank and was preparing to drive to Portland Wednesday morning to do some shopping and be prepared to meet her husband. Accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Hilma Anderson, brother, Frank Anderson, aunt, Miss Florence Bergstrom, and Miss Katherine Furlong, Mrs. King drove to Portland Wednesday afternoon where Norton's mother, Mrs. Leta Babb, and other members of his family reside.

According to the date given by the writer of the letter, Norton's death occurred on Feb. 16, his wife's birthday.

Norton graduated from Heppner high school with the class of 1937, entering Oregon State college that fall. He took his basic training in Arizona and spent a few months at Ellensburg, Wash. prior to going overseas.

### NEW BOOKS IN CITY LIBRARY

Recent books added to the Heppner library are as follows: "People on our Side" by Snow, contributed by B. P. O. E. No. 358. It is truly read by all people who wish a more an engrossing story and should be comprehensive understanding of India, China, Japan and Russia.

Books purchased by the library for adult reading include "Building of Jalna, de la Roche; "Earth and High Heaven," Graham and "How Dear to My Heart", Kimbrough; while for pre-school and grades 1 and 2 there is Walt Disney's "Circus."

Patrons are invited to avail themselves of the services of the library whether for current literature, books pertinent to present-day problems or fiction, or well-chosen books for the younger readers, according to Mrs. Blaine E. Isom, librarian.

### CONFERENCE AT LEXINGTON

A home economics extension meeting will be held at the Ladies Aid room of the Congregational church in Lexington at two p. m. Friday, March 9. This meeting will be conducted by Cecilia Van Winkle, emergency war food assistant. All ladies of the Lexington community are invited to attend.

### BACK AT DESK

Mrs. Joe Hughes is again at her desk in the OPA office after an enforced vacation of a few weeks during which time she had medical care in Portland.

### RETURNS TO KANSAS

Cpl Ernest Winchester left Sunday for his base camp in Kansas after a 16-day furlough here with Mrs. Winchester. He will receive a new assignment upon his return.