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News About Our Folks in Armed Service

LT. BILL BIDDLE WINS DISTINCTIVE AWARDS

Home from the Asiatic-Pacific theatre, 1st Lt. Bill Biddle is spending a well-earned furlough at the home of his mother, Mrs. Vernon Brown. Bill arrived in the States on April 3 and made it home by April 14.

Graduating from training school at Douglas, Ariz. two years ago, he was sent into the Pacific area. He has been pilot of a B-24 Liberator and wears many outstanding medals, among which are the air medal with the three oak clusters, five battle stars from the Asiatic-Pacific theatre, one silver star for the Philippine liberation campaign, and two bars representing six months each of overseas service.

Lt. Biddle has announced his forthcoming marriage, to a childhood friend from Gilliam county, April 22 being the date and Portland the locale. A wedding trip to California is planned and Bill will wait there for reassignment to duty.

He and his mother were calling on Bill's former teacher, Mrs. F. W. Turner, Monday.

IN NAVAL HOSPITAL

Alton B. Christenson SM3(c) writes this paper from Mare Island Naval hospital that he is under observation for TB. It's a great life, he says, with nothing to do but sleep, eat, read etc. He also reported that his brother, Major Chet Christenson, visited him Sunday, April 8, the first time they had seen each other since Easter 1942. He would appreciate hearing from service men from around Heppner and can be reached at U. S. Naval Hospital, Ward 7, Mare Island, Calif.

VETERAN OF MANY MONTHS

Sgt Joe Aiken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken, arrived home on Monday after many months overseas to spend a few days visiting family and friends. Sgt Aiken was sent overseas in 1942 and served in the African corps for several months and has lately been stationed in India. Sgt Aiken, accompanied by his mother and father went to Portland Wednesday morning for a few days.

KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Alstott Jr. of Hermiston have been informed that their nephew, Cpl Alvin C. Wolke, was killed in action March 31 in Germany. Cpl. Wolke lived with the Alstotts from the time he was three years old and spent most of his boyhood in the Eight Mile section where the family lived and farmed the place now operated by John Bergstrom.

GEORGE GRIFFITH SAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith of Morgan have received word from their son George stating that he is all right after fighting his way through the Iwo Jima campaign. George's letter was written April 3, was mailed April 13 and reached his parents April 17. He stated that he got out with a whole hide, although why he did not know.

TO RETURN TO SERVICE

Cpl. Donald Robinson, home on 30-day furlough from McCaw hospital, states that he expects to return to service in a short time. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Hardman.

VISITS PARENTS

S Sgt Clair H. Cox arrived in Heppner Wednesday to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox. Sgt Cox has been stationed in Florida for the past several months.

Will You Part With Them?

Spring is here and with it comes the urge to bask in the sunlight—fish or play golf (if you are a golfer.) That urge is felt most keenly right now by boys at McCaw General hospital who are able to enjoy the outdoors. Like the guy who suggested, "If I had some ham, I'd have some ham and eggs—if I had the eggs"—these boys would go fishing if they had a pole and some tackle. Or they would golf if they had the "makin's."

Somewhere, up in the attic, out in the woodshed or the barn, you may have a fishing pole not in use. If you have and want to bring joy to some soldier who is in the hospital because he was trying to defend your rights, won't you turn it over to the Morrow county committee to be taken to McCaw? The same thing applies to golf balls. If you played golf in years gone by, maybe there's a golf ball or two lying around. Put fishing pole and golf balls in the car next time you are coming to Heppner and leave them with Mrs. Earl Gilliam at Gilliam & Bisbee hardware store.

Also, you may have a musical instrument not in use. It would come in handy for the shut-ins at McCaw who can play a stringed instrument or a horn.

Speech Festival Slated for April 27

A county speech festival will be held at the Lexington school Friday, April 27, it is announced from the office of County Supt. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers. All schools of the county are being urged to participate and entries made up to this time indicate that there will be a good attendance. Rules governing the contests have been mailed out. Each school may enter one pupil from the 6th, 7th or 8th grade in the poetry reading. Also each school is urged to have a choral reading, a dramatic reading, a poetry reading or a one-act play for the entertainment to be provided in the evening.

The question adopted by the Oregon High School Speech League will be used. The question is "What shall be the post-war attitude of Oregon toward Japanese-Americans?"

Tin Cans Available For Shipping Food

Tin cans are now available in the county extension office for filling with such foods as candy, nuts, cakes, cookies and fried fruits for sending to the service man or woman. These cans may be purchased in the county extension office, taken out and filled and then brought back to be sealed. A label will be put on the can stating the contents and that it abides by postal regulations.

Reports from service men indicate that this is the most satisfactory way of sending foods to the service man.

For suggestions on food for mailing ask for home economics mimeograph No. 1842 at the county extension office.

ASSISTANT RANGER ARRIVES

Earl W. Simonton arrived in Heppner Tuesday from Quilcene, Wash. and is occupying the assistant ranger's desk in the office of Ranger Glen Jorgensen. Mr. Simonton's family will come here later when a residence is available. It hinges upon Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wehmeyer vacating their residence on south Chase street which in turn will be occupied by the Jorgensons. When the Jorgensons move, the Simontons will occupy the house they vacate. The Wehmeyers are moving to southern California for a year or so.

Irrigation Water Prospect Good in Local Territory

Snow Depth on Arbuckle 38.1 Inches April 1

Irrigation water should be quite plentiful throughout the season for Willow and Rhea creek ranchers if the present snow level is a criterion. Depth of snow on Arbuckle, where the forest service maintains a record, was 38.1 inches on April 1, with a water content of 11.8 inches, reports Glen Jorgensen, local forest ranger.

A special map prepared by the department of agriculture shows that Morrow county is in a favorable position compared with neighboring counties. Green indicates the areas where snowfall has been sufficient to create a water supply for the summer and while the shade over this area is a bit lighter than some other counties, measurements in the Blue mountains indicate that there will be a sufficient amount of water to take care of normal needs.

The water content of 11.8 in the mountains at this time is 1.6 inches above the 16-year average for the district or 9.4 inches. This figure is 171 percent of the 1944 content, 131 percent of 1943 and 126 percent of the average.

Tollgate, in the Blue mountains south of Walla Walla, had a depth of 75.4 inches of snow on April 1.

Saling Rites Held At Folsom Chapel

Funeral services for Frank Saling 80, Lexington farmer who died in Portland April 14, were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Folsom chapel in Pendleton with the Rev. Eric O. Robothan, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, officiating. Burial was in the Olney cemetery.

Mr. Saling was a native of Walla Walla, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ishim Emory Saling who crossed the plains in early days. The family moved to Weston in 1873 where he received his education. He served as county clerk of Umatilla county and in later years acquired farm property in the Lexington district of Morrow county where the Pendleton lodge of Eagles, and he made his home. He was a member of the Heppner lodge of Elks, the Lexington grange.

Surviving are the widow; a son, Olney Saling of Heppner; three daughters, Mrs. Muriel Crane of Richmond, Calif.; Mrs. Frances Simon of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Lucile McKinney of Spokane, Wash., and three sisters, Mrs. James Bullfinch of The Dalles, Mrs. Ida Coffin of Portland, and Mrs. Emma Funk of Kent, Wash.

Pallbearers were chosen from among his Morrow county neighbors, including George Peck, Burton Peck, Myles Martin, Alfred Troedson, R. B. Rice and Joe Devine. Of these Mr. Rice was unable to serve due to injuries received at Arlington.

ATTENDS BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Agnes Curran accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scritsmeier to Portland last Sunday where she was called by the death of her brother, Charles Colleary. Mr. Colleary, whose home was in Vancouver, Wash., died in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, where he had been ill for some time. He died Friday morning and was buried on Monday morning. Mrs. Curran returned to Heppner Tuesday.

Spring Program On Schedule for Friday Evening

The Heppner school's annual spring music festival will be held in the gymnasium auditorium beginning at 8 p. m. tomorrow (Friday) evening. This year's offering will be an extravaganza written by Everett Smith, grade school principal, and entitled "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", and has the following cast of characters:

Umbrella man, Bobby Jones; Judy, Rieta Graves; Jim, Marion Green.

Umbrella dancers: Carol Miller, Colleen Prock, Rita Johnson, Marjorie Bauman, Juanita Padberg, Lois Key, Barbara Slocum, Pat Pierson, Marlene Du Bois, Eunice Keithley, Barbara Stout, Wilma Harshman.

Bull — Gerald Bergstrom, Carl Thorpe.

Star Queen, Imogene Hendrix; Star dancers, Jean Moulton, Nellie Howell, Rachel Cox, Faye Ross, Beverly Eberhardt, Betty Jeane Graves.

Solo, Darlene Wise.

Echo, Lary Lovgren; Whistler, Gary Couture; Mrs. Whistler, Nancy Jean Adams; Star Sprite, Terry Thompson; Mrs. Thumper, Pat Healy; Bunnies—Darrell Blake, Donna Lovgren, Barbara Prock, Darlene Brannon, Oliver Devine, Leland McKinney, Judith Thompson, Lance Tibbles, Wizard, Roy Carter.

There will be no admission charge.

Cubs to Promote Salvage Project

Pack No. 61, Cub Scouts, of Heppner has set aside the week of April 23-28 for a fat salvage campaign. The drive has a two-fold purpose—to obtain much needed fats for the war effort and to provide some "working capital" for the pack.

Local residents are urged to turn over their waste fats to the boys thus encouraging them in their desire to aid the war effort and at the same time remunerating them, not as individuals but as a unit.

SPRAINS ANKLES

Lauren Corwin, erstwhile stereotyper at the Gazette Times office when he is not pouring over Ptolemy and Shakespeare at the high school, had the misfortune to sprain both ankles Tuesday while racing down the concrete steps leading from the school to town. Lauren thought if he had to be laid up with one sprained ankle it wouldn't be much more inconvenient to have both of them out of commission, or something like that.

FOOD DEMONSTRATION

A P-TA sponsored "Food for Health" demonstration will be held at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, April 26, in the recreational hall of St. Patrick's Catholic church. The public has been extended an invitation to attend this meeting which is under the guidance of Cecilia VanWinkle, extension demonstrator.

COMING ON FURLOUGH

Pfc Keith Marshall is due to arrive Saturday afternoon for a short visit with his family. He is on embarkation furlough and scheduled to report April 30 at Salt Lake City. Keith is a link trainer and has been in Courtland, Ala. since induction except three months in Bryan, Tex. on special training.

INJURED IN FALL

R. B. Rice is laid up for repairs this week following an accident at Arlington Tuesday. While attending the farm wage meeting he fell from the steps at the meeting hall, suffering a gash over one eye and receiving a bad shaking up.

Intensive Drive For Clothing Set For Next Week

Five Pounds Per Person Needed to Meet Emergency

Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27 are the days set aside for Morrow county to participate in the drive to gather in 150,000,000 pounds of used clothing throughout the nation to relieve a dire emergency in the liberated countries of Europe. The date was set Wednesday evening when several people met with Mayor J. O. Turner in the council room of the city building to formulate plans for gathering and packing the offerings of local people.

A goal of five pounds per person has been set by Henry J. Kaiser, director of the campaign for the state of Oregon. That means that Morrow county, if it meets its quota, will contribute 20,000 pounds or more. In view of recent drives which were deemed successful by those handling the clothing it hardly seems possible that so large a quantity of clothing is available here, but whether it is or not, it is hoped that an all-out effort will be made by our people to turn in every type of article under the following listing: Usable second hand clothing, shoes, bed clothing, caps, knitted head wear, and remnants of piece goods.

All ready this year 11,000,000 pounds of used clothing has been shipped from the western part of the country through the Portland terminal. Several times that much will have to be collected if millions of people in Europe are not to suffer and die from exposure. The national goal is 150,000,000 pounds.

The churches of Heppner will receive and bundle the clothing. If delivering to the school it is advisable to have your bundles made up. The Pacific Power and Light Company office will be the central receiving point in Heppner.

There is no time now to have clothes cleaned at the cleaning shop. It will be advisable to brush suits and other garments and anything too badly soiled should not be sent in.

Ed Drake Victim Of Heart Attack

News of the death of their brother, Ed Drake, was received Tuesday morning by Ray and Cleo Drake of this county. The deceased, eldest brother of the family, was a resident of Robins, Calif., and had visited his brothers here on numerous occasions.

Mr. Drake was night watchman for an irrigation company and had spent Monday in Sacramento. Upon returning home he was seized with a heart attack and expired suddenly.

He was a native of Nebraska, in which state he was born May 13, 1889. The family moved to Yamhill county, Ore., where he was raised. The body will be brought to Dayton for burial. His three brothers, Leo of Hood River, Cleo of Ione and Ray of Heppner left Wednesday morning for Dayton to attend the funeral.

CONFIRMATION

Most Rev. Joseph F. McGrath will be in Heppner to administer Confirmation in St. Patrick's church Sunday. There will be 31 candidates for reception of Confirmation. The ladies of the Altar society will honor the newly confirmed with a breakfast to be given after mass in St. Patrick's hall.