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News About Our Folks in Armed Service

Irrigon Woman Gives Two Sons In Freedom Cause

The call to arms has been answered by four sons of Mrs. Hugh Grim of Irrigon and of these two have made the supreme sacrifice. Pfc Eldon L. Allen was killed in action December 25, 1942 and T Sgt Raymond L. Allen was killed in action March 8, 1945. Eldon lost his life in New Guinea while Raymond was killed in the Luzon campaign.

Mrs. Grim has prepared brief histories of her two war heroes for the files of the Morrow county selective service board and we are privileged to publish them. She writes:

Pfc Eldon L. Allen was born Feb. 3, 1917 in Hamilton, Ore. He moved to Irrigon with his parents when he was a little over one year old. He attended school at Irrigon. On Jan. 7, 1942 he entered the army and took his training at Camp Roberts, Calif. After three months he was sent overseas with the 127th Infantry of the 32nd Division. On December 25, 1942, he was killed in action in New Guinea. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action beyond the call of duty.

T Sgt. Raymond L. Allen was born in Irrigon July 11, 1919, where he also attended school. He joined the cavalry in 1942 and belonged to the 7th Cavalry, 1st Division. He took his training in Fort Riley, Kan., and in various camps in Texas. He was killed in action March 8, 1945 on Luzon. As yet I have not received any other word, but I am to receive details of his death from Washington. I received a letter from Raymond which was written March 7, saying that his furlough had been canceled.

I have also two other sons in the navy. Calvin D. Allen S 2/c is in a navy hospital in Corona, Calif., where he has been under medical treatment for nearly 10 months. William D. R. Allen S 2/c is now serving on a U. S. L. S. T.

SGT SANDERS WRITES

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders received an interesting letter Wednesday from their son, Sgt. Paul A. Sanders who writes in part:

"I am sending you a Victory Pesos. It is the official money of the Philippines now and is worth 50c. They have just started to let us send it home. I also can tell you some of the places I have visited. I have flown around over Luzon and Manila. I have been in Owi island, Biak, Hollandia, New Guinea, Leyete, Nadzab, Milne bay N. G., Lae, N. G., Finschaffan, N. G., Wadke island, Morotai island and a few other places. Recently I was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on 15 Dec. . . The weather here continues to try to rain. It clouds up and then turns off sun shiny again. It will probably start in one of these days and never let up.

"I would like you have not had any too much snow these past few months. I suppose that the weather has turned towards the springy side now. I would like to be there but it will be some time before I get back I imagine. . . The food has been very good in comparison to what I wrote last time but it is still far from being good. I am so used to it now that it does not make much difference. I can do without meat but I miss salads and fresh milk. It has been 13 months since I had any fresh milk. I will have a lot of drinking to do to catch up on it—milk I mean."

Gale Street Lot Offered as Site For Co. Hospital

Desire for the construction and operation of a hospital was expressed in concrete form Tuesday when Mrs. R. L. Bengé called Judge Bert Johnson and offered to give the county a plot of ground for that purpose. Mrs. Bengé stated that she and Mr. Bengé are anxious to see the hospital built and if the donation of a property will help get it under way they will deem it a great pleasure to make a deed to the county.

The property offered is the tract lying between the R. L. and Terrell Bengé residences on Gale street. While the tract may not be large enough to accommodate the type of building contemplated, there are other tracts adjacent on the rear that might be obtained in the same manner, making a building site with spacious grounds for landscaping.

The judge was slightly overcome at first and after catching his breath assured Mrs. Bengé that he would refer her proposal to the hospital commission.

Schools Converge On Lex Tomorrow

All school roads will lead to Lexington tomorrow (Friday) when the schools of the county meet there for a County Speech Arts Festival, for which the Lexington school will play host.

Panel discussion will start at 2:30 p. m. with four participants from each school. The question is "What shall be the post-war attitude of Oregon toward Japanese-Americans?" The panels will be followed by poetry reading and extemporaneous speeches. In the evening there will be dramatic readings and one-act plays.

The festival gives promise of being an interesting and co-operative undertaking and many hope it may become an annual event.

Mrs. Van Winkle Leaving Saturday

Announcement was made from the office of County Agent Arnold Ebert the first of the week that Mrs. Cecilia Van Winkle has accepted the position of home extension agent in Coos county and that she will wind up her work in Morrow county this week so she may leave for her new post Saturday.

For the past several months Mrs. Van Winkle has been serving under the War Food administration. Her term would have been up the first of July but she decided to accept the Coos county offer, which opens May 1.

During the time Mrs. Van Winkle has served here she has done a most acceptable job of directing the farm women in preparation of foods to obtain the highest nutritional values, in care of home and other matters pertaining to home management. In addition to the home work, she has revitalized the 4-H club work to the point where 194 youngsters are enrolled and actively engaged in projects.

Home economics extension meetings for Morrow county have been cancelled but Mrs. Van Winkle advises that bulletins are still available at the county agent's office.

ENLISTS IN NAVY

Announcement has just been received from the Baker navy recruiting station that Raymond Jesse French, son of Mrs. Rose Francis of Heppner, was enlisted in the U. S. Navy Reserve April 21. Ray has returned home to wait his call to active duty and in the meantime is carrying on his work at school looking forward to graduation with the class of 1945.

Hospital Will Be Built, Judge Tells Luncheon Group

Several Matters Of Local Interest Given Attention

Stating that much of the preliminary work remains to be done, Judge Bert Johnson assured his hearers at the Monday luncheon of the Heppner chamber of commerce that the proposed Morrow county hospital will be built, although he could not say when actual construction will begin. He counseled patience while the hospital commission and the county court are rounding up all possible information and disposing of detail matters. It is the desire and the purpose of the county to see that the citizens get the most for their money and if this means delay in construction it will have to be that way.

Judge Johnson appeared as the luncheon speaker in response to an invitation from Charles B. Cox, program chairman, who told him to choose his own subject and "shoot the works." He didn't quite do that, although there were no punches pulled where he thought a good stiff jolt was needed.

Conditions in Morrow county from the view point of an official whose job it is to know what the score is, might be put down as the judge's subject. He recited some figures to show that things are not what they used to be, that changes are coming rapidly and that our economy must be shaped to meet new conditions. He pointed out that wheat farming costs have gone down in recent years, making grain raising a profitable enterprise. On the other hand, government regulations are forcing our sheep men out of business, as the following figures disclose:

In 1930 there were 180,000 head of sheep in the county. In 1941 the number had dropped to 103,000. By the spring of 1945 the flocks had dwindled to 58,000, of which 6000 are sold and it is expected between 8,000 and 10,000 more will be shipped out.

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Women's Chorus to Be Heard May 7

Monday evening, May 7 is the date chosen by the Heppner Women's chorus for the second annual concert of the group. The program will be given in the gymnasium auditorium and will start at 8 o'clock.

The chorus is somewhat smaller in numbers this year but appearances made during the season indicate that the same high quality of performance may be expected in the second concert that was displayed in the first. In addition to ten numbers sung by the ensemble there will be duet and trio combinations from within the chorus.

RETURNS FROM VACATION

Dr. A. D. McMurdo has returned to his home after a visit to California points. Dr. McMurdo was able to secure very fine accommodations on his trip south, but returning to the Northwest was a different story. He had to sit up from San Francisco. Mrs. McMurdo, who accompanied him to San Francisco, has gone on to Los Angeles to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brand.

HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULED

Mrs. Claude Graham, president, announces a meeting of the Morrow County Health association will be held at 8 p. m. Monday, April 30, in the council room of the city building. The meeting will be open to the public.

What! No Fishing Poles in County?

Response to the appeal for fishing poles was zero, according to Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Morrow county chairman of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council, who is wondering if Gazette Times subscribers failed to read the article at the top of column two, page one in last week's issue.

Fishing poles and magazines both are badly needed for use of the veterans hospitalized at McCaw General. A fishing pole may be your prized possession—something held sacred by the followers of Izaak Walton, it is true—yet those boys in the hospital are not there as a matter of choice. They offered their lives and feel lucky they have enough of their bodies left to enjoy a little happiness.

John Fuiten Leaves For Military Duty

John H. Fuiten, sheriff pro tem in the absence of Clarence Bauman, left Wednesday afternoon for Fort Lewis to begin training for service with the army. He wound up his duties with the county Wednesday morning and turned over the keys of the office to P. A. Mollahan, who has been appointed to serve as sheriff and tax collector until the return of the duly elected official who is serving in the navy.

Mr. Fuiten was honored with two dinner parties Friday, one at noon at the court house in which all officials and employees participated, and the other at the Assembly of God church in the evening. Again Tuesday evening there was a large ingathering of the church folk to give him a send-off.

"We hate to see Mr. Fuiten leave the court house," stated Judge Bert Johnson. "He has been an efficient officer, keeping the records of the office up to the minute, and besides, he is most pleasant to deal with." He has left us with the assurance that the job will be open for him when he returns.

Mrs. Florence Ely and Mrs. Muriel Rice will carry on in the tax department and Mr. Mollahan, while being in charge, will devote his time to the duties of sheriff.

Others leaving with Fuiten were Jack Edmondson, Heppner; Elton L. Fraser, Irrigon; Charles J. Doherty, Ione, and Bernard Cook, transferred from Couer d'Alene, Ida.

Piano Recital on Slate for Saturday

After doing an "off again, on again, gone again, Finnegan," the fore part of the week, Mrs. J. O. Turner has definitely set the date for the annual presentation of her piano class in recital for Saturday evening, April 28. The recital will be held at the Turner home.

The recital date usually is set for the last week in April and Mrs. Turner filed that date about a month ago. When it was learned that antitoxin shots were to be administered in the school this weekend, she changed the date to the latter part of May. They came word that the school work would have to be postponed due to illness of the physician. The recital was put down for April 28 and that is the final word.

SKUZESKIS LOCATE IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR TIME

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. John Skuzeski this week announces they will remain in San Francisco some time as they have found an apartment. Ted has entered Junior High school with eight more weeks of school. In the fall he can enter senior high school. Walter shipped out the very next morning after their arrival and that was a keen disappointment to them as they had hoped to be near him for a while.

Speaker Secured For Farm Bureau-C. of C. Meeting

Prof. Poling Will Unravel Problems Of World Interest

A combined Morrow County Farm Bureau and Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, at which time Prof. Daniel W. Poling of Oregon State college will be present to discuss features of the Dumbarton Oaks, Yalta and San Francisco conferences.

There is so much of interest to farmers in what took place at Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta and what will develop out of the San Francisco conference that members of the farm bureau decided they should participate in the meeting originally planned by the chamber of commerce. The regular farm bureau meeting date was set for Monday, May 7, at which time a visiting speaker was to be present. He has consented to come next week and will be given 20 minutes of the time allotted the bureau for its business session.

A potluck dinner will be served at the I. O. O. F. dining hall in Heppner during which time the farm bureau will hold its meeting. The group will then adjourn to the lodge hall to hear Prof. Poling. Townsfolk are invited to bring their contribution to the dinner and enjoy a pleasant hour with the farm bureau.

While the San Francisco conference is just getting under way, the belief prevails that one of the prime objectives is the matter of free trade. It is expected that Prof. Poling will present agriculture's position with relation to importation of wool, wheat and other agricultural staples. All of this has vital post-war interest and merits careful consideration by all persons engaged in agricultural pursuits, it is pointed out by Arnold Ebert, county agricultural agent.

The county agent's office has mailed out letters to all farmers urging them to attend the meeting and it is expected that a capacity crowd will turn out. Supper will be served at 7:30. The meeting will convene at 8:30.

SELLS AND BUYS

Mrs. Nellie Anderson has sold her lot north of the W. T. Campbell residence to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Snyder. The property was the site of the Heppner flouring mills and is considered desirable as a residence location. Mrs. Anderson turned around and bought the Harvey Lollar residence adjoining the Mattie Gentry home which she expects to occupy.

OVERNIGHT GUEST

R. V. Turner was an overnight house guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turner on Sunday. Bob came in from Baker and was met in Pendleton by his father and mother. He accompanied his father to Portland Monday morning, as did Josephine Mc-honey. Mr. Turner senior, returned to Heppner Tuesday.

DANCE CANCELED

A dance had been planned for Saturday night, April 28 at Willows grange but due to conflicting engagements the dance has been canceled according to word from Carl Troedson, dance chairman of Willows grange, Ione.

REHEARSAL SUNDAY

Member of the Heppner Women's chorus are reminded of rehearsal at 2 p. m., at the high school gymnasium Sunday afternoon. Please be prompt.