

EDITORIAL

Better Late Than Never

Apologies are futile and explanations are bore-some, but somehow there is a feeling that an explanation should be forthcoming for the failure of the Gazette Times to reach its readers, particularly those in the county on schedule this week. It has been a rule of the office to get the papers out to the county readers by Friday morning if it called for an all-night session to make the grade. And the times we have worked all night to keep the rule effective have been too many to recall off-hand. This is being written well past midnight Thursday so that the linotype operator may get up early and put it in type. We will get out some time Friday, no doubt, but not without great sacrifice of sleep and rest.

Contributing factors to our dereliction this week may be summed up in the singular—too much work. Since putting out a 12-page issue last Thursday, a high school annual, the monthly edition of the Hehisch, student newspaper, several baccalaureate and commencement programs, besides numerous other printing jobs, and then this week two additional pages to our little paper, including the school budget, which, by the way, is

no mean job to put up with an overworked tinotype which hasn't had a decent cleaning for months. Well, you might get the impression that the people working the machine and presses are tired, too, and you won't be misinformed. We are reminded of Eddie Chinn when his cook was gone for several weeks and the genial restaurant operator had to don the cap and apron of the chief kitchen mechanic. One evening when the steaks had been rolling off the griddle in a steady procession and there came a short lull, Eddie heaved a long sigh and gave off with "Ah me, what a life!"

We want to add our congratulations also to the members of the Class of '45 who are this week saying finis to the first stage of their formal education. A wonderful time to be graduating from high school! All the world is an enigma today. It will be their task to further prepare themselves to work out these problems; to make this weary world a decent place in which to work and move and have our being.

Good luck, Class of 1945. The eyes, the hopes the aspirations of the universe are upon the young men and young women of today.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Miller are the parents of a girl born Tuesday morning about ten o'clock in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Some concern for the father was expressed by the attending physician, but Mrs. Miller and the very young Miss Lynn Christine Miller are both doing nicely.

Mrs. F. E. Bloom expects to go to Eugene in the next few days to attend the commencement exercises of her granddaughter, Virginia Bloom. While in the valley she will also attend the graduation of her grandson, Dick Handley, in Corvallis. Mrs. Bloom, who makes her

home with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston, will remain in the Willamette valley for some time visiting in the homes of her son and daughter.

Cpl Robert Scrivner is leaving this week for his camp in Texas after spending a furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner.

Tom Huston, QM 3c was home on 72 hour leave from San Francisco last week. He reports having been in three major combats and that his ship was the first to unload on Okinawa. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huston of Ione.

ANNUAL POPPY DAY

Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26 have been proclaimed the annual poppy days when an opportunity will be given to buy a poppy for a buddy. Veterans of both world wars will be benefitted by the sale of the little bright red flowers which the American Legion auxiliary offer for sale.

Mrs. Bennie Howe returned to Heppner Tuesday after spending the past several months at Hemet, Calif., taking care of her aged father. She visited a few weeks at the home of her daughter in Los Angeles before heading north.

New Books Placed On Library Shelves

New books received in the Heppner Public library include the following:

Juvenile: Pre-school and first and second grades, Spring is Here, Len-ski; A Prayer for Little Things, by Farjeon.

Eight to 15 year readers: The Singing Cave, by Leighton.

Ten years to and including adults: Smokey, by James, donated by Mrs. L. E. Dick.

Adult reading, non fiction: Black Boy, by Wright.

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