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## Major Ed Burchell Receives Citation

Mrs. Edward Burchell has received a copy of a citation awarded her husband, Major Burchell, for his part in the Luzon military operations. The citation was awarded by command of Lt. General Styer and was issued by M. J. Conway, Colonel, Adjutant General's department. He was awarded a bronze medal. The citation reads:

"Major Edward Burchell, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in Luzon, Philippine Islands, from 14 February 1945 to 1 April 1945, in connection with military operations against the enemy. As commanding officer of an Engineer Boat Maintenance Battalion, Major Burchell was responsible for the maintenance of a large fleet of landing craft, auxiliaries, and construction equipment. Despite the necessity for improvisation in replacing spare parts, and that over half of the craft were beyond economical repair age, he ingeniously maintained a majority of them in operation throughout the crucial development phase of the Luzon campaign. By his sound judgment, resourcefulness and capable leadership, Major Burchell made a notable contribution to the success of the Philippine Islands campaign."

## FINISHES FORTRESS TRAINING

Lt. Paul Smouse has completed his training at Clovis Army Air Field as an airplane commander on one of the B-29 Superfortresses. His mother, Mrs. Ann Smouse lives at Ione.

Before entering the service Lt. Smouse was employed as personnel manager by Western Crown Cork and Seal of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hodge and Mrs. Hugh Gaily served a buffet supper Monday evening honoring Mr. Hodge's son, CPO Charles Hodge, who is home on leave from his navy duties. Supper was served to Miss Marjorie Sims, Mrs. Adelle Hayes, Mrs. Louise King, Miss Janet Hodge and Joe Aiken, Richard Hayes Jackson Holt and the honored guest, Charles Hodge. After supper the group went to the Elks club and spent the remainder of the evening dancing.

Miss Janet Hodge, who is a cadet nurse, came home to spend a few days with her brother. She returned to Portland Wednesday morning.

Pfc Robert H. Davidson, whose wife, Mildred, now resides at Ione, has been honorably discharged from the army at Mitchell Convalescent hospital, Campo, Calif.

Pfc Davidson served with the corps of engineers as a motor sergeant in the Pacific for five months. He has the Good Conduct medal and the Pacific Theater ribbon, according to word from the public relations office at Campo, Calif.

Henry Aiken Jr. and his wife are leaving Sunday after a visit of a couple of weeks with Dubbie's parents, Mr and Mrs. Henry Aiken. He has recently returned from Germany and will report to Camp Bragg, N. C. for reassignment. He has been overseas about five months.

Word has been received by Mrs. Cyrene Barratt to the effect that her son Bill is now a 1st lieutenant and is an instructor in tank destroyers in Camp Hood Texas.

2nd Lt. Gene F. Empey arrived in Heppner from Fort Ord, Calif., on a point of relocation furlough and is visiting at the Zinter home.

John McNamee has received a medical discharge and has taken a job in the railroad shops at Pueblo, Colo.

Sgt. Ellis Saling, who has been visiting relatives here has returned to Fresno, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson, the latter Sgt Saling's sister, took him to Arlington Sunday to catch the train.

According to Judge Bert Johnson, he has heard recently from Sgt. Lester Ritchi who is in Manila and Major Frank Alfred who is still in China. Both report being well and getting along. With a very little reading between the lines of their letters it was easy to see each would gladly be back in the good old U. S. A.

## Speaker Advocates Lowering of Town- Country Barriers

Town and country people should become more friendly socially and erase the barrier of city limits which has a tendency to separate rural and urban communities. This was the opinion expressed by Rev. Fletcher Forster, newly arrived from North Dakota to take the pastorate of the Heppner Methodist church, who was speaker at the Monday luncheon of the chamber of commerce at the Lucas Place.

Rev. Forster related the experience of a commercial club in a small Dakota town where he formerly lived. This club took up the social angle of town-country relations rather than the commercial angle so commonly employed by business groups and proved that a friendly feeling built on that basis had more effective and lasting results than trade baiting and other strictly commercial activities. This club provided facilities where townspeople and their country friends could meet and play games, sans gambling, drinking and other objectionable practices, and after an hour or two of this kind of entertaining, those who wished might remain for dancing. It was all properly supervised, was wholesome, and the people of the entire community entered into it with enthusiasm. That town built for itself a permanent trade territory, the speaker concluded.

It was announced that due to shortage of points the Lucas Place dining room would remain closed throughout this week, reopening next Monday with the serving of the weekly luncheon.

## Cattle Round-up Held on Heppner Reserve Sunday

Heppner forest officials and members of the Five-mile Cattle association staged a round-up in the mountains south of Heppner Sunday, when 650 head of association cattle were rounded up and moved from the association's range onto the Taylor creek pasture.

There are four units in the allotment held by the cattle association and to keep the pasture from being over grazed, stock movements are made from time to time. This required some riding of the range and usually the forest officials and the association members combine and make a one-day job of it. The Mustangers, riding club of Pendleton, had expected to participate in Sunday's roundup but did not put in an appearance. Glen Jorgensen, Heppner ranger, stated that an effort will be made to have the group present at the next stock moving event which will be staged later in the summer.

Participating in Sunday's drive were Edwin and Arthur Hughes, Dillard Franch and Con McLaughlin. Members of the Five-mile association, Ivan Applegate, Mr. Hileman of Gurdane, and Glen Jorgensen and Ellis Carlson of the forest service.

## 3-A OFFICIALS VISIT

Here on official business the first of the week were Willis Boegli, state director of crop insurance, and Merle Cummings, farm field man for the Agricultural Adjustment administration.

## FOREST OFFICIALS HERE

R. C. Lindberg, department of safety and personnel training at the Portland office of the U. S. forest service and Boyd Rasmussen, in charge of timber management and acquisition work with the Pendleton office, were official visitors at the Heppner ranger's office Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny received word Tuesday that their son, Pvt James Kenny has been awarded the bronze star for bravery beyond the call of duty. Jimmy has been upped in rank from a private to a sergeant.

Pfc Robert Warfield arrived home Monday evening with an honorable discharge on points after a long term of duty with the army in Africa, Italy and England. Sgt. Warfield has been in the hospital in Fort Lewis the past month.

## Dance at Fair Pavilion To Start Rodeo Season

Heralding the opening of the Heppner Rodeo season, the association's "kick-off" dance will be held Saturday evening, July 28, at the county fair pavilion. According to Bob Rynnion, chairman of the dance committee, everything is shaping up for the cash customers, the number of which will be large or Bob's judgment of human nature is slipping.

The opening dance will be but one of several similar parties to be staged between now and the date of the show scheduled for September 7, 8 and 9. It will be the only one given by the association on a general admission charge as subsequent dances will be on a "jitney" basis.

## Slaughter Permit Not Necessary

Confusion still prevails in the minds of many farmers relative to the matter of slaughter permits and the Office of Price Administration wishes to emphasize the fact that permits are not needed when animals are slaughtered for the farmer's own use.

Permits are necessary only when meat is to be sold or otherwise disposed of. Farmers in doubt about the regulations should call at the local office and get the proper information, officials advise.

## GO TO SCOUT CAMP

Merle Blake left this morning with a group of Heppner Boy Scouts with Wallowa lake as their destination. The boys will remain in camp until August 5 when Blake will again visit the lake to bring them home. In the group of Scouts were Carl Thorpe, Jimmie Orwick, Bobby Bennett, Leroy Nikander, David House, Francis Plumondore, and Phil Smith. This is Blake's first visit to eastern Oregon's scenic gem and he was looking forward to a pleasant trip.

## RETURNS FROM VACATION

County Agent Arnold Ebert and family returned Monday from Cannon Beach where they enjoyed a week wondering what the wild waves were saying.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson spent a pleasant week-end in Goldendale, Wash where she went to meet her nephew and his bride, EM Ic and Mrs. Byron A. Brown. Mrs. Anderson left Saturday by bus.

Mrs. Percy Jarmon, a former resident of Butter Creek but now of Bakersfield, Calif., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Bartholomew and family. She has also been the guest of the L. D. Neills, Frank Wilkinsons and Mrs. Nellie Anderson. Mrs. Jarmon left Bakersfield in May and has been visiting friends and relatives along the way to Heppner. She expects to return to her home by September.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker are enjoying a visit from Mr. Parker's sister, Mrs. Imogene Wells. Mrs. Wells' son Bill is now a major in the army and is somewhere in the Pacific. Mrs. Wells has made her home in Pendleton for many years.

Mrs. Sara McNamee, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers and Mrs. Fred Lucas drove to Portland on Tuesday to attend to some business matters and do some visiting with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Helen C. Green and 1st Lt. Helen Goishong are spending this week in Heppner visiting their mothers, Mrs. Agnes Curran and Mrs. Elizabeth Goishong. Lt. Goishong is in the army nurse corps and is stationed at Ft. Riley. The young ladies expect to be here a week.

John Parker, auditor for the Heppner Lumber company and other Kraft mills, was in town a few hours Wednesday from Pendleton. He was accompanied by his son and daughter, Jay and Maryann, and his sister, Mrs. Dorris Mitchell.

Harold Hill is in Portland on business, having gone down Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Davidson went to Baker on the 18th to visit her father who is ill. She returned to her home Sunday.

Granges of the county will give princess dances at their respective halls and there will be a second dance in Heppner for the Lena Grange district.

Music for Saturday night's dance will be provided by the Kids About Town.

Secretary Frank Turner informs the Gazette Times that no contract has been made with the carnival company which has agreed to come here for the rodeo. At the same time there has been no reply to his latest letter treating on the subject and he is hopeful that the amusement company has not changed its mind.

## Youthful Nazis' Spirit Unbroken, Thinks Local GI

Germany may be utterly crushed from a military standpoint but the spirit of the younger nazis, the SS troops, Elite Guards, etc., still remains unbroken. That is the opinion of Pfc Jackson Holt who is at home after spending a year overseas with several months of that time in Germany where he had a chance to observe conditions first hand.

Holt says the older Germans, civilians and fighting men alike, appear to have accepted the inevitable and are trying to make the best of it. They show a desire to be friendly towards the American troops in the occupied canal zone and are cooperating with the military officials. On the other hand, the younger generation, those who grew up under the Hitler regimen, apparently feel that surrender, even unconditionally, means only an interim in the "plan" which will go forward as soon as a new leader comes forth. They are sullen and unfriendly and lend the impression that they are incapable of accepting a civilization based on anything short of the Hitlerian program.

Holt's outfit crossed the channel into Belgium as part of the Canadian First army and he saw action in Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was shot in the thigh by a German sniper and was hospitalized in France for some time.

The Heppner youth was met in Arlington Friday morning by his mother, Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman, and he will have 28 days at home with her and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cantwell.

## Large Audience Greets Minister

If first impressions are the most lasting, the Rev. Fletcher Forster and family will long remember their first Sunday in Heppner. The Methodist church was filled Sunday morning with church people of the town who extended a cordial welcome to the new minister and his family. Besides a strong turnout of the church membership the Church of Christ dismissed services for the morning and headed by Pastor O. Wendell Herbison went en masse to the neighboring church. Members of other churches likewise were in attendance and following the services a potluck dinner was served.

Rev. Forster's family consists of wife and two daughters. They have lived in communities in North Dakota formerly served by Bennie Howe and the families were acquainted back there.

## HAS AUSPICIOUS OPENING

Heppner's newest business enterprise, the Heppner Hardware and Electric company, opened its doors Monday morning and patronage that day and since would seem to indicate that Messrs Hill and Parker are supplying something for which there is a popular demand. Several business concerns were represented at the opening with floral displays obtained through another young Heppner enterprise, the floral agency operated by Rachel Dick.

## Local Men Catch Many Predators in Six-Month Period

Joseph Baltrenas  
Leads State With  
214 in 181 Days

While Morrow county was earning a low rating in the seventh war loan bond campaign it came out in first place in another enterprise, and as a result of the work of Joseph Baltrenas and Carl Mc Daniels, this section is short a considerable number of its coyote population.

According to the report submitted by Roy Fugate, district agent of the fish and wildlife service of the United States Department of the Interior, 414 coyotes were captured and destroyed by Baltrenas and McDaniel in the period from Jan. 1 to June 30. Of these Baltrenas caught 214 in 181 days and McDaniel 200 in the same period. Baltrenas edged out C. D. Jordan of Wasco county by one animal, the latter capturing 213. This gives Baltrenas first place among government trappers in the state for the half-year period and Mc Daniel places third. He made the number one catch of coyote pups, highest in the state for the month of April, 109.

The 1945 session of the Oregon legislature appropriated the same amount of funds formerly in effect for cooperation with counties in conducting predator control for the biennium starting July 1945. In addition to the appropriation made by the legislature the same cooperation is being received from the Oregon State Game commission, while county budgets for the fiscal year starting July 1 are approximately the same as during the past year, Fugate's semi-annual report states.

Due to the scarcity of rodents, especially jack rabbits and ground squirrels, throughout most parts of the state, predators are feeding more heavily on domestic livestock and game. A noticeable increase of predator depredations to cattle, especially calves, has been noted during the past year. This may be due partially to the fact that a number of ranchers have sold their sheep and have purchased cattle, and it is further observed that the low price of fur caused many of the trappers to discontinue traplines prior to Jan. 1. Trappers working under supervision of Fugate's office have in most cases stopped predator losses when they were noted.

## Junior Red Cross Work Appreciated

A letter received by Mrs. Lacy Rodgers, chairman of the Junior Red Cross in Morrow county, from Miss Charlotte M. Linfoot, assistant director of the Junior Red Cross, Pacific area, San Francisco, expresses the appreciation of the area office for receipt from the local chapter of four cartons of articles produced here.

Included in the shipment were 73 wash cloths, 68 ash trays, an afghan, a cushion and cover, writing pads, bookmarks and a jigsaw puzzle, all of which received the inspector's "O.K."

From Elizabeth D. Keagy, administrative assistant of the Junior Red Cross, Mrs. Rodgers received a letter thanking her for a check in the amount of \$2.12 contributed to the National Children's fund by the first grade pupils of the Heppner school under direction of Mrs. Phoebe Romine. Another letter, directed to Mrs. Lena Kelly, teacher of School District No. 42, acknowledges receipt of \$20 contributed to the same fund by the pupils of the district. "We feel that this is a very generous gift and it is gratifying to know that your community is willing to share what is has with boys and girls in other parts of the world have suffered loss of home, who have lived for years in fear of bombings, and have also experienced extreme hunger," Mrs. Keagy stated.