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World Conflict Ends as Japs Accept Terms

Postwar Problems, Federal Affairs Luncheon Topics

Pendleton Mayor, Congressman Talk Here Monday Noon

While conclusion of the war is uppermost in the minds of our people, next in line is the problem of reconversion, of making jobs for the millions who find themselves without employment when wartime industry comes to an end, Mayor Sprague Carter of Pendleton said in effect to the luncheon group of the chamber of commerce at the Lucas Place Monday noon.

Finding jobs for our returning service men is a problem for each community and should be accepted and acted upon, he stated. Reconversion of these men from total regimentation to a life of liberty as enjoyed under a democracy will take time, he thought and may not be an easy task—at least not a short task. We will have to provide jobs; we will have to encourage the younger men to complete their education, and in other ways contribute toward reestablishing them in normal ways of living.

Accompanying Mayor Carter to Heppner was Congressman Lowell Stockman who answered some queries that have been made rather frequently since he returned from Washington. He made answer to the question "when will the war end?" briefly. "A congressman knows no more about the war when it will end, than the average citizen. Your guess is as good as mine." He termed the OPA the \$64 question and took some time to discuss this phase of wartime life. "From the time America entered the war," he said, "I felt that price regulation was needed. I favored the OPA as an emergency measure that

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Death Summons Mrs. M. L. Case

Memorial services were held at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Tuesday at the Methodist church for Winifred Frances Case, 69, whose death occurred Sunday at the family residence on Gale street. Rev. Fletcher Forster was in charge of the service. The body lay in state at the residence following the service where sorrowing friends paid their last respects to one who had long been a member of the community. Interment was made in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Winifred Frances Stafford was born June 30, 1876 in Linn county and spent her entire life in Oregon. She was the daughter of Bethel Allen and Mary Jane Thompson Stafford, whose parents crossed the plains in the early '50's. Her girlhood was spent in Albany and vicinity and she attended Portland university after finishing high school. On Aug. 7, 1901, she was married to M. L. Case of Albany in a double wedding ceremony that saw her sister Grace and fiancé as the other members. After two years at Albany Mr. and Mrs. Case moved to Ashland where he conducted a furniture and undertaking business for five years. On the advice of their physician they sold their interests there and in November 1908 came to Heppner and engaged in the same line of business. Mrs. Case assisted in the store until the state of her health would no longer permit such activity. She was a lover of the beautiful things in nature and skillfully portrayed that love in needle work and oil paintings. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

Surviving besides the husband are four children. Allen of Portland, Harold of Clatskanie, Mary Nikander of Heppner, and Winifred Case Evans, Portland. Two boys, Lawrence and Leon, preceded the mother to the grave.

Lena Attendant Dance Scheduled Saturday Evening

As they say in announcing election returns, "incomplete returns indicate so-and-so has been elected", it is pertinent to remark that at least unofficial reports would lead one to believe that the Wil-lows grange dance at Ione Saturday evening won the leather collar button or something of that order as far as attendance and interest are calculated. Figures have not been submitted to prove that it was a larger crowd than attended previous Rodeo dances but from information at hand it would seem that any more cash customers would have been supremely superfluous.

The terpsichorean scene shifts to Heppner this week when the Rodeo association dance in behalf of the Lena attendant, Paula Marie Hisler, will be held at the Fair pavilion. The Ione orchestra will provide the rhythmical inspiration and there will be a refreshment stand operated by the C A P. Pre-Rodeo dance prices will prevail.

OPA NEWS BRIEFS

The local office of OPA announces the community ceiling price list effective Aug. 9, 1945 for this area will be in effect for another week according to word from the area office.

Sugar applications for home canning will be accepted and held for processing at a later date when canning sugar is again released.

Electric Storm Starts Numerous Fires in Forest

An unknown number of fires broke out in the Heppner forest when a severe electric storm spread over the territory lying between Five-mile creek and Jericho, the Heppner ranger's office reported Monday. Because of the widespread range of the storm and difficult terrain it was necessary to send for a patrol plane to scout the area, but this method also had its drawbacks inasmuch as observers in the plane could not readily estimate the size of burns passed over.

The forest office reported that the fires ranged in size from one stump up to 12 acres.

A report reached town Tuesday evening that an electric storm accompanied by heavy rain passed over about the same area as Sunday's storm and that streams were considerably swollen with the down pour.

FATHER UNABLE TO ATTEND CHILD'S FUNERAL

Funeral services for Rita Ann Weitzel, 22-months-old daughter of Pfc and Mrs. Elmer Weitzel, were held Saturday at The Dalles, followed with interment in Portland. The father, with the American forces in Europe, cabled that he could not attend. The child died July 31. Rita Ann was a niece of Tress McClintock, who with his family attended the services.

Queen of 1945 Heppner Rodeo



In selecting a queen for the 1945 Rodeo, the directors of the association had in mind a real cowgirl, and in Colleen Kilkenny they found one whose experience in the saddle has been neither show stuff nor dude ranch activities.

This smiling Irish "colleen" was born on a big stock ranch 10 miles east of Heppner two years after the first Heppner Rodeo. (By her consent we are privileged to say that the date was Oct. 13, 1924.) At the mature age of three she began riding horses and has been at it ever since. She has ridden in cattle round-ups, wrangled the stock on the ranch, helped with hayfield operations, stock branding, care of sheep—in fact, any activity such as is to be found on a big ranch like the Kilkenny holdings—and between times she has broken four saddle horses without the aid of mere man.

Colleen's first showmanship was in 1931 when she was junior queen at the Pendleton Round-up. She was princess at the 1941 Heppner Rodeo. Although her mother's right-hand man since her tender years, she found time for her schooling and graduated from Heppner high school with the class of 1943.

People Receive News Without Undue Display of Emotion. Special Service Held Wednesday Afternoon

A war-weary world, hourly expecting news of the surrender of Japan, broke into joyous celebration Tuesday afternoon when news was flashed from Washington that the enemy had accepted terms laid down by the Potsdam conference. President Truman himself went on the air at 4 p. m. P.W.T. and told the nation that war had ceased.

Celebration as generally accepted is not the word so far as Heppner and many other inland towns are concerned. People here took the news calmly and there was no inclination

Chemurgy Offers Postwar Market For Surplus Wheat

Dextrose Product Seen as Outlet In This Section

With the second world war now history, grain growers of the Pacific northwest are confronted with the problem of surplus wheat in years to come. That time may not be far distant, once the war-ridden countries are supplied, and it will be up to producers to solve or help solve the domestic market situation so that not enough surplus grain will accumulate to materially affect prices.

Evidence that grain growers and business men of the northwest have not been idle on the surplus problem during the war is found in the establishment of the Northwest Chemurgy Co-Operative at Wenatchee, Wash. Some of the purposes of this concern were told to this newspaper Sunday upon the visit here of Elmer McClure, state grange overseer, who was accompanied by Ronald Smith, representing Northwest Chemurgy and Harry Van Waveren, salesman for the organization.

"Wheat chemurgy offers wheat farmers the best prospect for a steady post-war market. The production of glucose or dextrose from wheat will take the unsaleable surplus here into an entirely new field, where it does not have to compete with ordinary wheat products," he stated.

Northwest Chemurgy has selected The Dalles as the site for a dextrose plant and a meeting will be held at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 21 which will be open to all farmers and friends from this section. Plans for the new plant and its operation will be explained at this meeting. The Dalles was chosen because of the cheap electric power expected to be made available, the rail and highway connections, and river transport and the rich wheat hinterland.

"Developments are coming faster than many of us realize," Ronald Smith said. "Chemurgy itself is as timeless as nature and life itself, and appeared with the first blade of grass. But the application of this science to agricultural products is new to the Pacific Northwest, having begun when a Polish refugee landed in Vancouver B. C., bringing with him from Poland a process which we have improved with American industrial methods sored originally by the Washington State Grange. We are a co-operative, spontaneous grange, because private capital, although offered the process first, was fearful of obtaining a steady supply of wheat to process. By farmer membership, we are assured this supply from our members."

The McClure party called on several farmers in this vicinity to interest them in chemurgy and to invite them to the meeting in The Dalles. They also left a sample of their product with the G-T and one of these days it is expected the cook will try it out in baked goods of some type. Bakers and candy makers have used dextrose made from corn and find the wheat product more satisfactory because it is entirely free from oils and proteins.

Plans called for closing of business houses and offices for the balance of the day if the news broke in the forenoon and closing the following day if the story broke in the afternoon. A long blast of the fire siren was the signal that war had ended.

Mayor Turner asked for and was given unqualified cooperation in the matter of closing. The liquor store closed immediately with the announcement and beer was not dispensed Wednesday, aall of which tended to keep down noisy demonstrations.

Wednesday afternoon some 200 people gathered at the school gymnasium to participate in a peace program arranged by Mayor Turner. Speakers included Rev. Fletcher Forster of the Methodist church; O. Wendell Herbison of the Church of Christ; Judge Bert Johnson; Frank Hulbert of the American Legion, and Lt. Jack Forsythe of the U. S. Army Air Corps. Rev. Clifford Noble of the Assembly of God church offered the opening prayer. Mrs. J. O. Turner presided at the piano, opening the program with a group of patriotic numbers and well known hymns, and accompanied Mrs. C. C. Dunham who sang Melotte's "The Lord's Prayer" and Mrs. Ture Peterson who sang Kipling's "Recessional." The ministers made strong points relative to the presence of God in support of the Allied cause in putting down the would-be destroyers of civilization and asked his continued guidance in framing a permanent peace. Judge Johnson took as his subject "What GI Joe Wants When He Comes Home." There was much editorial material in his talk that will be used later. Mr. Hulbert briefly reviewed the American Legion's position and program relative to postwar work among the veterans. Lt. Forsythe summed up a long speech with his few short sentences. Outstanding point was his statement that his first reaction to the peace news was the realization that now there is a tomorrow, for him and all the others in the service, and for those people who have been held in subjection by the enemy.

ROOMS NEEDED FOR VISITORS TO RODEO

An unprecedented attendance is expected at the 1945 Rodeo and the question of rooms is bothering the association. If you have a spare room won't you please list it at the office of Turner, Van Marter & Co. right away? Call at the office or phone in.

Full particulars about rooms and meals will be obtainable after the meeting of the association directors in Heppner at 7 o'clock Saturday evening.

Consolidation of Districts Effected

Consolidation of three more school districts has been effected recently, states Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent. School district No. 52, Social Ridge has been consolidated with district 12, Lexington. Districts 18 and 20, Strawberry and Hodson, are joined with number 23, Devine district.

These consolidations are in line with policy followed in other counties of the state and have been made possible by the law passed by the 1939 legislature designed to speed up school mergers. Progress has been slow or was slow, until gasoline and tires became scarce. Scarcity of building materials also has had some bearing upon the changed attitude toward centralized school management.