

EDITORIAL

Becoming Air Minded

News stories in this issue of the Gazette Times leads one to believe that we are becoming air-minded, and well we may. There is every reason for this nation and the world to look to aviation not only as a means of prosecuting war but as a common means of transportation in the future—transportation of passengers, freight, express and mail.

With the return of thousands of highly trained airmen to civilian life aviation is scheduled to experience a growth paralleling that of the automobile industry after the first world war. A town or district without a training school in aviation will be considered back-woods or at least not up to date. The airplane is here to stay and will become more and more a part of our everyday life.

Lumber for Home Building

Persons contemplating home building will find a word of cheer in a report released by the National Lumber Manufacturer association, Washington D. C. Early relief for the home building market, long starved of lumber by military necessity, is seen by Henry Bahr, director, economic and statistical services of the national association. More than 80 per cent of current lumber production, he report, is now moving freely into civilian channels.

Mr. Bahr sums up the favorable and unfavorable points in the lumber situation in the following paragraphs.

Since the current rate of lumber production, while substantially lower than peak war-time levels, is about 20 percent above the pre-war rate, the present rate of civilian supply is at least as great as in the pre-war period.

"Of course, the pipeline must be pumped full again. Stocks at retail yards are at an all time low as a result of diversion to military uses, and a substantial part of production during the next 60 or 90 days will be needed to restore minimum working inventories. It is not probable that stocks will reach pre-war levels in the near future, but lumber is now moving to consumers in substantial volume and should be adequate to meet immediate construction requirements.

"Available manpower is inadequate and governmental restrictions are retarding production in some areas. OPA, for example, refuses to make price adjustments as long as 75 percent of an industry is breaking even or making a profit. In lumber, many of the marginal operators, representing the other 25 per cent have been closing and more may be expected to close.

"While the labor supply situation is improving slightly, the gradual return to a 40-hour week, at the insistence of the unions in the west, probably will prevent any increase in production. In the final analysis, ceiling price limitations and curtailment of hours will probably mean further declines but it is anticipated that total production will remain above the pre-war date during the coming twelve-month."

GETS DISCHARGE PAPERS

Dan Dinges has discarded the rank of sergeant and is once more enjoying civilian life. He received his papers on Sept. 12 and arrived home in time to take in the final day of the Round-up at Pendleton. He plans to re-enter the University of Oregon for the winter term and in the meantime will try to catch up on his hunting, particularly pheasant shooting.

SAW BIG CITY

Through an oversight, the name of Kenneth Turner was not included among the relatives who attended the Roberts-Turner edding in Portland last week. Nevertheless, Kenneth was there to see that cousin Don got tied in the conventional manner. It was Kenneth's first visit to the big city and he was a bit overawed by the throngs of people and the big buildings but he soon learned the ropes and thinks he'll visit the big town again.

VISITED IN PORTLAND

Mrs. C. C. Dunham returned home Sunday evening from Portland where she went last week to attend the wedding of her cousin, Donald E. Turner. She was house guest of Dean and Mrs. Charles M. Guilbert for several days in their home on Portland heights. Mr. Guilbert is dean of St. Stephens cathedral. The Guilberts and Dunhams were friends when both families lived in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barlow and son Jack, of Camas, Wash. were guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell. Mr. Barlow is Mrs. Howell's brother. He is employed in the paper mills at Camas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Wendell Herbison and Mrs. Joel Benton were Thursday business visitors in Pendleton.

Wesley Herbison, recently discharged from the navy on points, and nephew, Donald Herbison of the merchant marines, are expected at the home of Wesley's brother, O. Wendell Herbison, for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Tanditter, Jewish missionaries of Portland, will sing and speak at the Church of Christ Sept. 27. They have a Hebrew mission in Portland. The meeting will be open to the public.

Mrs. Arthur Shamblyn entertained as her house guest during the Rodeo and the Pendleton Round-up, Mrs. Fred Durnman of California. Mrs. Durnman returned to her home Sept. 15. Her husband is a music instructor and they will make their home in Portland.

Miss Evelyn Humphreys has been spending a portion of her vacation in Heppner with her father, T. J. Humphreys and sister, Miss Leta Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick drove to Portland on business Wednesday morning and expect to return some

time Thursday. They were accompanied as far as The Dalles by Mrs. Lucy B. Nelson who has been the houseguest of Mrs. Sara McNamer the past two weeks.

Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Jr. spent a couple of days in Portland this week. She is due home today.

Mrs. Edwin Dick has been in Portland this week taking some practical observations and lessons in one of the floral houses in the city.

Mrs. Leonard Gilman is leaving this week to spend several weeks visiting her husband in Florida. Leonard is a member of the Navy football team and Mrs. Gilman expects to see her husband play in a few games while she is with him.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers has been confined to her home with an elusive flu germ. She is up again now and able to be in her usual place at the county school superintendent's desk.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schwarz and son Len Ray are vacationing this week somewhere on the coast. Leonard left word they could likely be found some place between the Mexican and Canadian borders. They left Saturday.

Lt. Helen Groshong has written her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Groshong that she is being transferred from Ft. Riley, Kansas, to Fitzsimons hospital in Denver Colo. Lt. Groshong has been stationed in Ft. Riley for three years.

RECEPTION FOR TEACHERS WEDNESDAY EVENING

The missionary society of the Church of Christ entertained the societies of the other churches Wednesday afternoon. An interesting program in charge of Mrs. A. J. Chaffee was presented and tea was served at the close of the afternoon.

The annual reception for the Heppner teachers is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, at 8 p. m. at the Methodist church. The program is in charge of the PTA. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CHORAL CLUB YEAR STARTS WITH SUPPER PARTY

Beginning their third year of choral work the Heppner Women's chorus is having a supper party at the home of its president, Mrs. Orville Smith, a 6:30 o'clock Monday evening. It is hoped that all members and invited guests will be in attendance that the work may be outlined and gotten under way.

To ease the burden on the kitchen committee, please bring your own table service.

RETURNS TO STATES

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Casebeer have received word that their son Marvin recently arrived on the eastern coast from the European theater of operations. Marvin was in the Italian campaign.



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