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## Alice Nichoson of Ione Wins Victory Queen Contest

### "E" Bond Quota Oversubscribed By 141 Per Cent

Alice Nichoson, winsome Ione lassie, was the successful contender in the Morrow county Victory loan queen contest which came to a close Saturday evening. A canvass of the votes for the several contestants established Miss Nichoson as the winner with a total of 2545 votes representing sales amounting to \$47,718.75. She was sponsored by the Ione high school which has made a splendid record in bond sales throughout the wartime era.

Next in line was Majo Marquardt, representing the Lexington school, who rolled up 1446 votes for a total sales value of \$27,487.50. Miss Marquardt, a graduate of Lexington high school is a student at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande.

Jean Turner, Heppner high school candidate, nosed out Helen Healy, Heppner chamber of commerce sponsor, by a margin of 19 votes, 1397 to 1378.

Miss Nichoson, Oregon State college student, probably was one of the youngest, if not the youngest, railway depot agents in the Union Pacific System while serving as agent at Ione last year. She was notified early Tuesday of her success and asked to be in Portland Wednesday morning where she would be the guest of the Oregon Victory Queen division of the state's war finance committee for two days during which time she was to be judged along with other county queens in the state finals to select the young lady who will make the trip to Hollywood.

Figures on the E bond sales show that the queen contest had a decided influence the last few days. Up to the time the Ione school joined the contest local sales there had been rather poor. When the school forces got organized things began to move and by the end of the drive the community definitely proved that it was right in there pitching.

The same condition prevailed in the other communities, with the result that the quota was oversubscribed 41 percent.

A report by the bond committee Monday shows that E sales were \$177,163, quota \$125,000, number of buyers 320. Other individual bonds \$84,797, \$31,000, 270 percent sold number of purchasers 26. Corporation bonds, 59,157, quota \$30,000 percent sold 197. Total sales \$321,117, quota \$190,000, percent sold 170.

Sales made up to and including Dec. 31 will be included in the Victory loan campaign.

## Response Generous For Yanks Who Gave

Response to requests for "gifts for the Yanks who gave" was very satisfactory to the Heppner unit of the American Legion auxiliary, that group reports. While slow in getting started, people turned gifts in quite regularly up to the closing date, Monday, resulting in an accumulation of 176 articles.

Auxiliary members forwarded the articles to Portland where they will be placed in gift packages to be delivered to hospitalized veterans throughout the state. Packages valued up to \$5 are made up for this purpose.

An original request for articles enough to make 6,000 packages was later changed to 9,000 in order to meet the increase of patients returning from war theaters.

## "O Holy Night" Is School Christmas Program Offering

This year's offering of the music department of the Heppner school will be "O Holy Night," announces Supt. George Corwin. The program will start at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, in the school gymnasium and will be open to the public.

This is an all school production from the tiniest first graders thru the high schoolers participating and from the hard work and conscientious effort put in on the production, it will be well worth witnessing.

## Test Survey to Be Made of County's Conserving Needs

AAA community committeemen yesterday launched the "Conservation Needs" test survey in Morrow county as one of two county test surveys in Oregon for arriving at soil conservation needs by county and state totals. Murl Cummings, district AAA farmer-fieldman, led the start-off meeting at the council chambers in Heppner, and cited the importance of protecting the county's largest resource—its 310,534 and 584,330 grazing land acres—to secure the county's future economy, announced Henry Baker, county AAA chairman.

Reports of the community committeemen will be made at a second all-day meeting Dec. 20, beginning at 10 a. m. at the courthouse, when representatives from the soil conservation service at Pendleton and the county land-use committee will join in arriving at the county estimate. All interested are urged to attend the meeting and feel free to join in the discussion.

Results of the local survey will be taken to the state AAA conference at Corvallis, Jan. 7, 8, 9, as a guide for conducting a three-month survey throughout the state.

## Precipitation in Heppner Hits 2.55 Inches in November

Precipitation figures for 1945 were given a considerable boost when November's 2.55 inches of moisture was added to an already slightly above normal figure, based on a ten-year average of 12.75 inches. The tally up to Dec. 1 stands at 13.51 inches to which will be added an inch or so for the month of December unless the region settles down to cold, clear weather.

Figures recorded by Len Gilliam November show no totally dry months. Beginning with a figure of 1.63 in January we find February recording 1.72; March 1.78; April .87; May 2.74; June 2.5; July .12; August .08; September 1.26; October .51 and November 2.55. It is believed enough moisture has fallen since Dec. 1 to bring the year's total above 14 inches.

Commenting on weather conditions, Gilliam pointed to the fact that the creeks do not rise to the extent they did in former years. It is his belief that the ground absorbs more of the moisture and this is aiding in producing heavier crops. Recalling the periods when there was heavy snowfall the creeks often were filled to the runnin over point he opined that it is the rains that make the good crops in the long run.

Mrs. W. T. Crow of Osoyoos, B. C. will return to her home the last of the week, leaving Heppner Friday, after spending a few weeks with her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. T. Campbell. Mrs. Crow expects to come down again next summer when the Judge and Mrs. Campbell celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary and the family will all be present.

## Lindstrom Loses Suit for Damages Against Grain Co.

### Evidence Lacking That Wrong Seed Was Sold Plaintiff

After a hearing that consumed most of two days in the December term of circuit court, the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant in the case of Franklin Lindstrom versus the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc. While good arguments were produced on both sides the jurors determined that sufficient evidence was lacking to award a verdict for the plaintiff.

The suit arose over seed grain Lindstrom purchased from the Community Credit Corporation in the spring of 1943, the same having been produced on the C. A. Warren farm in Dry Fork, delivered to the Morrow County Grain Growers warehouse in Ione and later purchased by Lindstrom. The grain receipt held by Warren showed that he had delivered soft Federation, whereas Lindstrom alleged that the crop grown from it turned out to be Rex, which produced 14 bushels to the acre as against 35 bushels to the acre of soft Federation elsewhere on his farm.

Jurors drawn for the case were C. H. Bartholomew, H. E. Warner, Howard Bryant, Cloy Dykstra, Wilbur R. Akers, Ed Bennett, Archie S. Bechdolt, Lewis E. Bisbee, Alex Green, Mary Edwards, J. H. Bryson and Albert Breeding.

P. W. Mahoney and John Killenny represented Lindstrom and J. J. Nys and W. C. Perry represented the defendant.

Other cases on the docket included Judge Calvin L. Sweek disposed of passing sentence on Bernard Everett Corpe, accused of larceny was given two years on probation; issued divorce decrees in the cases of Hazel E. vs David F. Steagall; Grance vs LaVern Anderson, Terrell L. vs Hazel Bengel, and Earlene vs Ellwynne Peck.

## EASTERN STAR PLANS PARTY FRIDAY NIGHT

Following the regular meeting Friday evening, when Ruth chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, will hold the annual Christmas party. A gift exchange will be the principal interest and a value of the packages has been limited to 50 cents.

Election of officers will be the order of business during the lodge session.

## Lt. Doherty Saw Stirring Events Marking Close of Japanese War

Lt. Dorothy Doherty, U. S. Army nurse recently returned from Okinawa, has been visiting relatives in Morrow county and enjoying home soil again after having been in service the past two years on Pacific islands, among them Oahu, Eniwitok, Saipan, Guam and Ie Shima.

Ie Shima small island off Okinawa became world famous during final days of the war. Lt. Doherty fortunately was able to witness the arrival of the history-making Jap emissary planes enroute to the Philippine Islands to confer with General MacArthur, following V-J day. Here also has been erected a beautiful monument to Ernie Pyle, beloved GI reporter killed during invasion of the island. "The Rock", as the island is known, has been almost entirely converted into an airfield, constructed mostly of coral, and was the object of intense

## Another 800 Miles Or So Makes Little Difference Today

There was a time when 800 or 1000 miles was a journey requiring several days and no small amount of preparation. But not any more—if you travel by air. It is just a matter of hours, and should it happen that 800 or a 1000 miles or more are added to a 2,000-mile schedule it means just a few more hours.

Orville Smith, manager of the Heppner Lumber company, took a plane from Pendleton early last week with Detroit Mich. as his destination. The plane was able to land in Chicago, but could not land at Detroit. Passengers were carried on to New York and were still unable to land. Returning west, Smith's plane landed at some small port near Detroit and he took a bus into the city. Smith's dilemma was rather mild compared to a man who boarded the eastbound plane at Chicago. This man had traveled by air from England to New York and his plane could not land there, so he was flown to Chicago. Returning to New York and back to the little port near Detroit he was compelled to go on to New York by train.

It was an uneventful trip so far as "Smittie" was concerned but it did not sound so much that way as he gradually unfolded the tale of his adventures. He arrived home early Sunday morning, being met at Pendleton by Mrs. Smith and son Jimmy.

## Vesper Service to Be Held 5 P. M. Sunday

The public is invited to attend the vesper service to be given at 5 o'clock p. m. Sunday, Dec. 16, by the Heppner Women's Chorus. The school gymnasium has been retained for the service.

A program with a distinctive Christmas flavor has been prepared by Mrs. O. G. Crawford, director, and includes Adeste Fidelis; Oh Little Town of Bethlehem; Cantic Noel; Lo Now a Rose; reading, Christmas story, by Mrs. G. A. Corwin; Ave Maria, Listen to the Lambs; Lord's Prayer, and Silent Night.

## OUT OF HOSPITAL

Edward Chinn, proprietor of the Elkhorn restaurant, was able to leave the Heppner hospital Wednesday after spending ten days taking treatment and receiving a much-needed rest. He will be unable to resume his duties in the restaurant for several days.

Miss Rose Hoosier and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith attended a clinic for public school music teachers at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande Saturday.

## Community Plans Dinner Series for Returning Veterans

### Monthly Banquet Proposed by C of C And Legion Post

Plans for entertaining returning veterans are being formulated by the Heppner chamber of commerce and the Heppner post of the American Legion. While nothing definite has been done, a proposal that a banquet be given real soon for those already home was favored at the meeting of the chamber of commerce Monday and the plan already has the approval of the Legion. Realizing that it will be months before the veterans all get home and that they will be arriving from day to day, it is proposed that a banquet be given each month to the arrivals during that month.

Total enlistments from the county were 541. Of this number 131 have reported back home, leaving 310 to be distributed over several months.

Definite action is expected within a short time.

Due to the absence of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lucas from the city, the Lucas Place dining room was not available Monday noon and the luncheon group accepted an invitation from Supt. George Corwin to hold the meeting at the school house. Luncheon was served by the cafeteria and the entertainment part of the program was provided by the high school. This consisted of two songs by Bruce Smith, "How deep is the ocean" and "White Christmas, with piano accompaniment by Joan Corwin. Young Smith possesses a rich, well placed baritone voice that gives promise of going places if properly cultivated, and Miss Corwin displayed a talent as an accompanist.

Betty Lovgren discussed "The Spread of Socialism in Europe" and Don Gilliam took for his subject, "What is the danger of inflation at the present time?" Both students handled their subjects capably.

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers prepared the program and stated that she was putting into practice her theory that the community should know more about the work being done in the schools.

## O'Connor Chosen To Head Red Cross For Coming Year

J. J. O'Connor, manager of the Heppner J. C. Penney company store, Saturday was elected chairman of the Morrow county chapter of the American Red Cross. O'Connor succeeds Blaine E. Isom who accepted the job by appointment following resignation of Rev. Benjie Howe.

O'Connor will be assisted in the chapter's work program by Mrs. Jasper Crawford vice-chairman; Mrs. J. G. Thomson Jr., secretary; Mrs. Fred Parrish, treasurer, and the following board of directors: Mrs. Roy Lindstrom Ione; Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Lexington; Le Howell, Harvey Miller and Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Heppner.

The meeting was held at the Masonic hall in Heppner Saturday afternoon.

## ORGANIZING LOCAL HOME SERVICE UNIT

Miss Ruth Wilson from the head office in San Francisco, field director of the Red Cross for this district, is assisting Mrs. R. B. Rice, recently appointed director for Morrow county, in getting organized for the home service work. Anyone wishing assistance in this line will find Mrs. Rice prepared to assist at all times.