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News About Boys in Service

Through the courtesy of the Hehisch, Heppner high school newspaper, the Gazette Times is privileged to publish a column of interesting items about Heppner boys still in the armed service of their country. The Hehisch was published Wednesday morning of this week.

Pvt Sidney Van Schoiack of the Marine Corps is about 10 miles south of Nagasaki. He doesn't care for the weather—says it's too much like Portland. He also said that he saw why the Japs would worship the sun, because they never see it. He is stationed about 10 miles from where the atomic bomb was dropped.

When last heard from, S 2-c Bob Kelly of the Seabees was on Guam. He said that they were going to stop in Tokyo Bay, but they found out General MacArthur didn't care for the navy so they returned to Guam.

Howard Pettyjohn, who has been promoted to Y 3-c, hopes to be home for Christmas. He's in San Diego and goes over into Mexico every so often but says he doesn't care for the girls.

Joe McLaughlin is in Philadelphia and thinks there is a slight chance that he may get home for Christmas.

Our old friend Bill Ulrich when last heard from was in Pearl Harbor headed for San Francisco. Bill says that he likes the navy but misses his hunting quite a bit. He has been taking war prisoners out of Japan. There's a possible chance that he may get a leave before or after Christmas.

Pvt Jack Schaffer was home on leave recently. He has signed up for three years service in the China area but reported back to El Paso, Texas for further training.

Walt Skuzeski was in Portland last month and said that he was on his way to Japan.

Two former H. H. S. students home on leave are Howard Gilliam and Albert Bailey.

Rodger Connor is in Chinwangtao, China. He has seen the Wall of China.

We have a former H. H. S. student back with us now, who is none other than Lyle Cox. Lyle entered the navy Aug. 21 1941 and received his discharge Oct. 18 1945. He has been on 27 islands, among them Munda, Ondoro, New Britain, Bougainville and New Guinea. We quote Lyle: "While I was attached to Pearl Harbor I went aboard the U. S. S. Independence and served in the raids on Marcus Island, atoll of the Marshalls. In all, I spent two months in this area.

"I left the States again on July 23, 1944 and was stationed at Pearl Harbor for 10 months. From there I went aboard the U. S. S. Roi (CVE), and was on an escort carrier to the tanker fleet that fueled the Third fleet. I was 90 miles from the Japanese coast the day the war was over. We went into the Yokohama harbor for seven hours and returned to the States on the 28th of September, 1945. During my period of service I spent 41 months and five days overseas and was in five major battles and three raids while in the islands. I think Bougainville is the most beautiful island in the Pacific as it has an active volcano, which gives a red glow to the island."

Let's give "Three Cheers for Lyle!"

PREPARING TO TAKE OVER BARNETT STORE

H. E. Warner, in town Wednesday from Lexington, stated that he and Mrs. Warner have completed arrangements to take over the Barnett store Jan. 1. They plan to make some alterations to the store room and add some lines not now carried.

Passing to New Ownership and Management Saturday



Announcement of the sale of the Hotel Heppner was released the first of this week when Cachot Therkelsen was here winding up details with D. M. Ward, owner of the property for the past eight years. Negotiations had been pending for several weeks and while all agreements were reached some time since, final arrangements for transfer were made with the arrival of Mr. Therkelsen from Portland. A Portland investor, for

whom Therkelsen acted as agent was the buyer of the property, and Therkelsen has leased it for a term of years.

Manager will be H. A. Sanders, practical hotel man of Vancouver, Wash., who will take over operation Saturday.

Before returning to Portland, Therkelsen stated that a program of improvement will be carried out, including installation of furniture and furnishings as occasion war-

rants. Regarding reopening of the dining room he was noncommittal, merely stating that time will tell whether such a move is practical.

Mr. Ward purchased the hotel in 1937. It had been operated for some time by C. W. Tenney. The building was erected on a public subscription basis in the early '20s was later acquired by Pat Foley of The Dalles and sold by his widow to Ward. The dining room has been closed the past five years.

Mrs. McCarty Was Long-time Resident

Funeral services for Mrs. W. G. McCarty, eastern Oregon pioneer, who died Monday morning at the home of Mrs. Mattie Gentry were held at the Heppner Church of Christ at 2 p. m. Wednesday, O. Wendell Herbison, pastor, officiating. Mrs. C. C. Dunham sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", Mrs. J. O. Turner accompanying. Pallbearers were J. O. Rasmus, Charles N. Jones, J. J. Nys, and Mrs. McCarty's nephews, Frank, Jesse and Sam Turner.

Louella Turner was born in Mexico City, Mo., May 8 1862, the daughter of Christopher C. and Cyrena (Boaz) Turner, and passed away in Heppner, Oregon, Dec. 17, 1945, at the age of 83 years, seven months and nine days. At an early age she traveled with her family by ox team to California.

She was married Sept. 14, 1882, to William Granville McCarty at Elmira, Calif. The young couple came by boat to Oregon, living for a time at Prospect farm in Stage gulch, Umatilla county, later homesteading in Sand Hollow, Morrow county. In 1913, Mr. and Mrs. McCarty retired from farming and moved to Heppner to make their home. He preceded his wife in death in June 1944.

Mrs. McCarty was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCarty: Mrs. Sadie Sigsbee and Mrs. Muriel Rice of Heppner; Mrs. Oscar Borg, Portland, and W. C. McCarty, The Dalles; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A grandson, Paul McCarty, veteran of the European campaign, is enroute home from overseas and his sister, Frances McCarty lives in San Francisco.

Mrs. McCarty has been an invalid for a number of years and became gravely ill Saturday.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Merle Miller has returned from Portland where she was hospitalized for eight weeks. She was able to be up town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith and son Jimmy, expect to spend Christmas in Natches, Wash., with Mr. Smith's mother.

Vesper Service at Gymnasium Heard By Good Audience

Cold weather was no deterrent to music-loving people of Heppner who turned out in considerable number Sunday evening to enjoy the vesper service presented by the Heppner Women's chorus. The large auditorium was comfortably filled with those having a fondness for the beautiful music characterizing the yuletide season.

Due to difficulties with the heating plant at the school, presentation of the concert at the gymnasium was a matter of doubt until about 10:30 a. m. Sunday, when a furnace man from Pendleton succeeded in removing the trouble and the boilers were started heating. Temperature continued on Page Eight

REA to Provide Field Man to Aid Preliminary Work

Word has been received by local officials that the REA is sending a field man here to assist in preliminary work of setting up the organization and leading up to starting actual construction work. Henry Baker, president of the local unit of REA, has been advised that the man will assist in obtaining signatures of users besides taking active part in other matters pertaining to getting the rural service established.

At the time the project was discontinued, due to the outbreak of hostilities, there were 115 prospective users on the line who had not signed up. Since then a good many of them have signified their desire

40 Years in One Spot Quite a Hitch For Man With Printer's Ink in His Veins

The restlessness characteristic of the average newspaper man has not bedeviled Charles Clark, brother of M. D. Clark of Heppner. Mr. Clark has been publisher and editor of the High River Times, High River, Alberta, Canada for 40 years and is looking forward to continuing on the job until the infirmities of old age demand that he turn the job over to a younger person.

In the issue of Dec. 6, Mr. Clark, who visited Heppner the past summer, says in part: "I will have completed 40 years of circulation in this district. It was

On Dec. 5, the High River Times established on Dec. 5, 1905, and has continued under the ownership and management of the founder, Charles Clark, since that date. This sets something of a record amongst country weeklies of the west for continuity under the same editor. The Times is one of the early weeklies to be issued in the province, and there are few, if any, which have not changed ownership more than once in the past four decades.

"Forty years of living in one community is a long time. Forty years of newspaper work, of gathering and passing on the news and views of town and country, has been an invigorating and enriching experience. One cannot think of any happier way or happier place

in which the time might have been spent. As the years have melted one into another, the Times has gained many new friends and subscribers, but a special sentiment surrounds the older friends whose names were first on the subscription list of the infant weekly, and whose loyalty and encouragement have been a sustaining force throughout the years.

In 40 years natural environment becomes a necessary part of well-being. Our rich countryside never fails to satisfy the eye; the infinite variety of our seasons in all their unpredictable whimsies; the backdrop of the eternal Rockies; the high clear skies, and the chinook arch which is our sky symbol of hope. All these things with which we are surrounded become woven into the business of living. They are inexhaustible in their power to confuse or to charm a part of life in High River which in its entirety has proved so abundantly worthwhile."

After reading Mr. Clark's editorial and other articles it is plainly understandable why the Times has remained under the same management for 40 years. The place he holds in his community was made through his faith in and enthusiasm for that particular section and the able manner in which he has transmitted his enthusiasm to others.

County Gets Share Winter Weather as Temperature Falls

Boreas is king over most of the the North American continent, with weather complaints coming in from as far south as southern California and Florida, and Morrow county is not without its share of winter weather. This is particularly true in the matter of temperatures, the mercury dropping far below freezing point and remaining cold most of the time for the past week. A snow blanket of approximately two inches is all there is to show in the way of precipitation but what is lacking in the "beautiful" is made up by frost.

Lowest recorded temperature in Heppner for the week was one degree above zero Tuesday morning, making Monday night the coldest since the "spell" broke over this region, and the lowest recorded temperature in several seasons.

Highway travel is extremely hazardous. Ice and snow prevail most of the way from Heppner to Portland and parties visiting the city the past week-end found the return home a trying ordeal.

In conjunction with the cold weather and its attendant discomforts, there is an epidemic of colds and flu extant over the county, necessitating closing of some of the schools for a few days, and prompting all of them to close early for the holidays. The Heppner school was obliged to cancel the annual Christmas program scheduled for Wednesday evening due to the inroads colds and sickness made in the choruses and among the principals.

A slight moderation in temperature today brought a little more snow but there will have to be a further rise to bring a noticeable increase.

Joint Installation and Banquet Scheduled

Final arrangements are under way for the big social event of the year among Masonic fraternities, the annual joint installation and banquet of Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M. and Ruth chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star. The Royal Arch also will take part in the festivities, inducting officers for the ensuing year.

Election of officers was held Friday evening by the Eastern Star with the following results: Worthy Matron, Mrs. William Barkla; worthy patron, Harley Anderson; associate matron, Mrs. Tom Wells; associate patron, Tom Wells; secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker; treasurer, Mrs. Edna Turner; conductress, Mrs. K. A. House; associate conductress, Mrs. Frank Wilkinson.

Loyal Parker will head the Masons in 1946; Gordon Banker is the new senior warden, Noel Dobyns junior warden; C. R. McAllister secretary and F. S. Parker, treasurer.

The Royal Arch elected L. D. Tibbles to the position of High Priest; Noel Dobyns, King; Harley Anderson, Scribe; E. R. Huston secretary, and M. D. Clark, treasurer.

GRANGE DANCE POSTPONED

Cancellation of a dance scheduled for Dec. 22 at Willows grange was announced Tuesday by Carl Troedson. Too much illness throughout the county was given as reason for calling off the affair.

Miss Dorothea Wilson accompanied her uncle, James Wilson to Heppner Saturday night and spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson. She and Mr. Wilson returned to Portland Monday morning. James Wilson is brother of D. A. Wilson and Mr. Alva Jones.