

# Krebs Suffers Injury While on Army Leave

IONE — John Krebs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krebs of Cecil, had a near tragic accident last Tuesday at the Krebs ranch home. Krebs has been spending his leave from the Army at his home and helping with the haying. His father had made the wheel on the tractor turn short and in cutting a corner young Krebs caught his foot in a chain, the tractor going out of control and turned over pinning John under it. He managed to get free and walked to the house.

Later he was taken to the doctor for a checkup, suffering from extensive bruises on the legs and arms, requiring a few days rest before he left on Sunday to report back to Fort Sill, Okla., for 8 months of schooling and duty. Corporal Krebs will go to school for a few weeks and then will be an instructor.

Young Frankie Engleman was rushed to the Hermiston hospital last Wednesday night when he developed a high temperature. His doctor diagnosed his condition as virus flu which caused a high blood count and temperature. He is at home now and much improved.

Joe Engleman took ill suddenly Friday afternoon while at work and was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. He will spend a few days there for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Akers of Portland visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers, over the weekend. They were on their way to Hartford, Conn., where Bill will undergo training with the Travelers Insurance Co. for a period of ten months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Childers of Mabtin, Wash., visited over the weekend with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Childers.

Young Roger Childers was a patient at Umatilla hospital for two days last week, where he underwent a tonsillectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree re-

ceived word on Friday that their son, Ron, who was at home recovering from a recent car wreck had been taken back to the Tacoma hospital. Crabtree developed a cold and it progressively got worse, turning into pneumonia in his lung that was injured at the time of his car accident.

Houseguests at the home of Mrs. Victor Rietmann over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jaime Koski of Vashon, Wash., Mrs. Ted Hall of South Bend, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. George Newton of Vancouver, Wash. The guests are cousins of Mrs. Rietmann. On Sunday, Mrs. Rietmann had a family dinner in their honor. Other guests included Mrs. Fred Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Roberts, and Cot Swanson.

Shirley McGreer was honored guest at a coffee party on Friday at the home of Mrs. Victor Rietmann. Miss McGreer will be returning in the near future to London, England, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verner Troedson.

Beecher Emert of Seymour, Tenn., returned home via plane on Tuesday after visiting with his mother, Mary Emert, who is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital and other area relatives and friends.

Linda Pettyjohn and Marsha Ball accompanied Jeri Krebs on vacation which took them by car to points in Washington and Idaho before they journeyed on to East Glacier, Mont., to the Krebs' ranch for a few days visit.

Richard Rea and daughters, Darcy and Donna, returned to home after vacationing at Prineville. After a short visit, Mr. Rea returned to his home in Portland; but the girls remained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Halvorsen for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Halvorsen of La Grande visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Halvorsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Haugen and family of Lake Oswego visited overnight with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom. The Haugen family were on their way to Yellowstone Park for vacation.

Susan Lindstrom and friend, Carla Ellason, of Hermiston attended the Chief Joseph Days celebration at Joseph, this past weekend.

## Merchant Meeting Set for Friday

Regular monthly meeting of the Heppner Merchants Committee will be this Friday at noon, according to chairman Jerry Adamson.

Items to be discussed include the recent Sidewalk Bazaar and the Moonlight sale to be held in October.

The meeting is at noon in the Wagon Wheel restaurant, Adamson said.

# Non-food Items Place Blame on Price Increase

No man will ever convince a woman that food is a bargain. It may or may not be a bargain, but women intuitively feel that food prices are too high at any given time or place.

The current lament over the price of beef is a case in point. The Oregon Beef Council admits that the price of hamburger has gone up 15 per cent during the past 18 years. But it also points out that during this same period wages have increased 94 per cent, transportation costs have risen 48 per cent, and medical care has sky-rocketed 98 per cent.

For those who remember when a loaf of bread cost a nickel, a quart of milk 10 cents, and sirloin steak was 59c a pound, it may seem strange to call today's food one of our best values. But, adds the Agri-Business Council, our wage increases have far surpassed the increases in food costs. Today, we spend only about 17 per cent of the family budget for food. This percentage has dropped nearly 10 per cent in the past twenty years.

An hour's wage for a factory worker today will buy far more steak, bread, orange juice, and what-have-you than it did in the "good old days." That hour of work would bring home less than a pound of bacon in 1914, 2 pounds in 1939, and more than 3½ pounds today.

The Agri-Business Council also notes that one-fifth of most people's grocery bill isn't groceries at all. It's something to wear, read, listen or clean with. For every 80 cents worth of groceries we load into the shopping cart, we add 20 cents for laundry soap; potted plants, socks, records, even encyclopedias.

About half our hairspray, aspirin and toothpaste is rung up on a supermarket register. And we spend more for beer, cigarettes and pet food than we do for fresh beef.

Housewives are keenly alert to changes in food prices, because these prices are variable and food is bought frequently. Yet, food expenditures are not always built rigidly into the family budget. Many other commitments are—housing, cars, furniture, appliances, etc. These outlays are budgeted and often paid by check. If we replace them, it is difficult to compare the new price against the old.

Food is generally paid for with cash, perhaps often what is left over after other expenditures. If the cash left over is short, a tendency is to blame it on higher food prices.

When a specific commodity, such as beef, increases in price at the supermarket, there is also the tendency to point the finger at the farmer, saying, "Wow, this guy is getting rich at our expense."

Yet, facts do not bear this out. For example, the laborer who unloads a carload of pears gets more money for unloading them than the farmer gets for growing the pears. The cellophane wrapper on a bunch of carrots costs more than the farmer gets for growing the carrots. The laundry charges more for washing a shirt than the farmer gets for growing the cotton that it's made of. The farmer gets 2½ cents for the wheat in a 35 cent loaf of bread.

And the beef producer is getting the same price today that he received 18 years ago. Now, who else would try to live on 1951 prices? To make things tougher on the beef producer, he has been trying to squeak out a living for the past 15 years on depressed prices. And despite the fact that his price has finally reached the level of 1951, the cost of operating his cattle ranch has increased 110 per cent during this 18 year span of time.

Housewives have developed a concept which suggests that they have an inherent right to buy food at better-than-bargain prices so that the money saved on food can be spent for cosmetics, liquor, pills on cars, and a wide assortment of other items which are more profitable to produce and sell.

Certainly food is important to all American families, and food prices are a subject of daily concern to most people. But this does not mean that the basic objective of the food industry has to be to try to keep profits so low that everyone in the industry suffers.

This notion, although it has prevailed for many years, is sheer folly.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Crisp are being visited by two nieces, Barbara and Carol Crisp of San Francisco. Daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Woyt Crisp, they attended high school here in 1967-68. While here they are also visiting former classmates and spent some time in Seneca, where their grandmother, Mrs. Walter Trafton, lives. They will visit cousins in Portland before leaving for home the week-end of August 2-3.

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# Veteran Loans Hit Record Year

A new record for numbers and dollar volume of Oregon veterans' farm and home loans was set in fiscal 1968-69 when 5,980 loans were granted in the amount of \$86,617,100, the Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today.

H. C. Saalfeld, director, said loans were 30% over the previous high of 4,622 in 1961-62 and dollar volume was 42% above the previous record of \$60,794,600 in 1967-68.

In Morrow county last year, loans were granted to eight veterans in the amount of \$108,450, compared with four loans in 1967-68 for \$58,200.

Since the loan program started in 1945, loans have gone to 117 veterans in this county in the amount of \$962,950. State-wide, 68,679 loans have been granted for \$678,156,224.

Borrowers have repaid \$348.7 million in principal and \$120.8 million in interest, with monthly repayments currently averaging over \$4.7 million. Of the 68,679 loans, 38,853 were outstanding June 30 in the amount of \$419,598,849.

Saalfeld said the loan program continues to earn a net revenue after paying all expenses

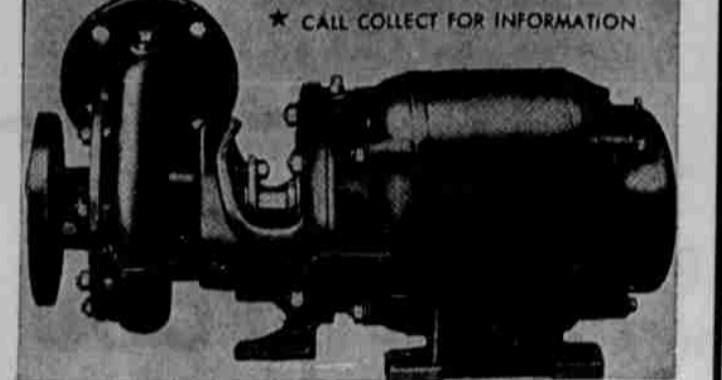
of the loan program and the service and coordination division, and the state's share of costs for maintaining the rehabilitation programs of veterans' organizations and county service officers.

This net revenue last year was \$2,260,670, down 17 percent from 1967-68 due to higher bond costs. It brings the total earnings since 1945 to \$26,657,023.

Out of last year's earnings, \$410,872 will go to the State's General Fund as a result of an act by the special session of the 1967 legislature, making a total of \$14,028,446 of loan earnings reverting to the state in the last two years. This leaves the veterans' department \$12,628,577 of earnings representing 3 percent of loans and contracts outstanding.

## Pair Attend School

Ray Ayers and Matt Hughes attended a school in carpet laying at the Kronin Co. in Portland July 22 as a part of taking on a new carpet line here. They will now handle Viking Carpet, and were instructed in its laying by Leo Eaches of the company at the school.



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We know some big, strong men who turn into stubborn little boys at the mere mention of a checkup. They can't seem to understand the importance of spending a short time with a doctor, just to find out they're as healthy as they thought they were in the first place.

Their time is too precious to waste.

Flah.

If you stopped going for checkups when you stopped getting lollipops for your trouble, we think you're old enough to learn the truth.

What you may consider a bother is one of your best defenses against cancer. Checkups help your doctor keep tabs on you. So if anything looks even the least little bit unusual to him, he can do something about it. Fast.

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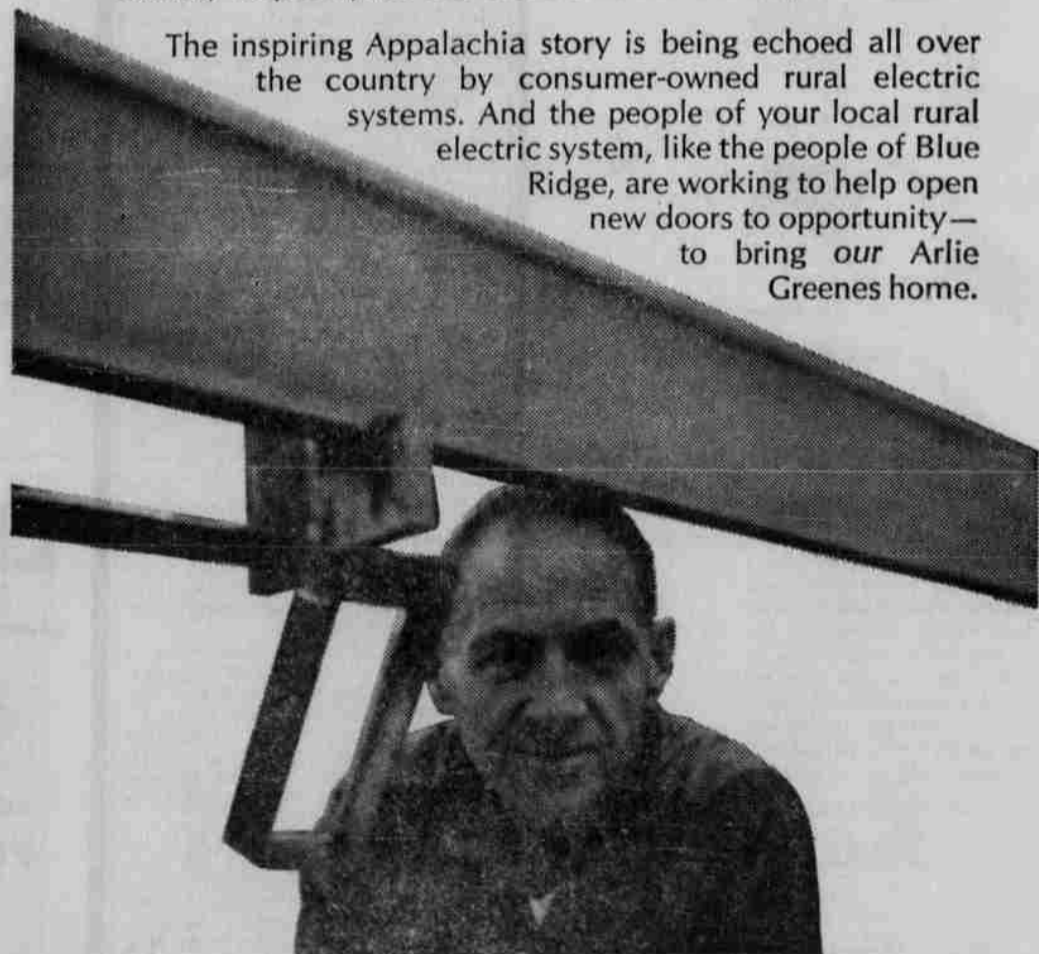
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