

Inez Erwin reviews book

By Justine Weatherford

Although Japan lost World War II, one of the real heroes of that struggle was a remarkable Japanese officer Lt. Onoda. Inez Erwin used the Heppner Public Library's copy of the 1974 book "No Surrender, My Thirty-Year War" for her review before the Bookworms at their meeting, Oct. 28, in the James Thomson home.

In the spring of 1974, Second Lieutenant Hiro Onoda of the Japanese Army made world headlines when he emerged from the Philippine jungle after a 30-year ordeal. Hunted in turn by American troops, the Philippine Army and police, hostile islanders and successive Japanese search parties, Onoda had skillfully outmaneuvered all his pursuers. Year after year he continued his efforts to evade capture and to stay alive, convinced World War II was still being fought and waiting for the day when his fellow soldiers would return victorious.

His first-person account of those years is skillfully translated by Charles S. Terry for Kodansha International Ltd., publishers of Tokyo and for release in the U.S. by Harper and Row. This historic biography is filled with all the drama, tension and excitement of epics of danger and the will for survival throughout the ages. In it Onoda relates his early life, his training as an intelligence officer and his final assignment to Lubang Island in the Philippines. There, after American forces take over the island, he retreats into the mountains and his life becomes a constant daily battle against the enemy and against the elements.

Onoda's selfless dedication to his cause allows a rare glimpse of the invincible spirit of the almost super-human being, and his ingenuity in adapting to his primitive surroundings is a tribute to man's resourcefulness. Even after the Japanese forces surrender or are killed, courage and conviction allow him and his few comrades to fight

on until, after 30 years, he alone returns to civilization, a great hero to his people, a soldier who fought and survived the war's longest, loneliest battle.

This \$7.95 hard-cover book contains many interesting pictures of Lt. Onoda and other persons involved in his experiences. The library's copy was a gift from Bob Jones.

DEADLINE FOR GROUND SCHOOL

The deadline for pre-registration for Private Pilot Ground School is Monday, Nov. 24. Students passing this BMCC course should have sufficient knowledge to pass the FAA written examination for the Private Pilot Certificate.

Registration is also underway for advanced-beginners tole painting; class size is limited to 20 students. While there is no deadline, the class is rapidly filling. Anyone interested should contact Anne Doherty, 676-5277, immediately. To pre-register for either class, checks payable to BMCC should be sent to Anne Doherty, P.O. Box 582, Heppner, OR, 97836.

LAST OF DEER RANGE BOUGHT

At a public auction on the front steps of the Morrow County Court House, Nov. 14, John Page and Donald Robertson, Lake Oswego, offered \$20,000 for 640 acres of rugged Fish and Wildlife Dept. land, located about 25 miles southeast of Heppner.

The 640 acres had been part of a 90,000 acre project begun in 1951 to provide deer with winter feeding pasture along the north fork of the John Day River.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission spent more than \$50,000 to fence and seed the acreage that ran from Camus Creek across Potamus Ridge to Potamus Creek. The Commission found out that it didn't pay to seed the area, as deer do not dig below the snow for food.

Bicentennial Forum

Equal protection under the law

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men and women are created equal." Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments, 1848.

Laws, exceptions, compromises! What makes them all work is a basic guarantee that we have as Americans: equal protection under the law for every citizen. Many of our legal and political traditions have been occupied with giving concrete, practical meaning to the ideal of equality. Yet laws are made by fallible legislators and enforced by fallible police, judges and juries. Women, blacks, migrants, immigrants, religious dissidents—many groups have sometimes suffered second-class treatment from the courts, or equal protection and justice? "We are under a Constitution," wrote Charles Evans Hughes, one-time Chief Justice of the United States, "but the Constitution is what the judges say it is." What if the judges don't measure up? If the ideal standard of equality before the law is compromised, isn't everything else in jeopardy? What recourse does the wronged citizen have but the law?

Are we in practice equal before the law? Or are some "more equal" than others? Is there one rule for the rich and another for the poor; one for the influential and another for the obscure? How, over 200 years, has America preserved the rights of those who wrong society?

Progress in the concept of equality: John Winthrop's A Modell of Christian Charity (1630) declares all persons unequal. Jefferson's Declaration of Independence (1776) declares men are equal. The Seneca Falls Declaration (1848) proclaims all men and women equal. Constitutional amendments extend the vote to blacks (Fifteenth); women (nineteenth) and persons aged 18 to 21 (Twenty-sixth).

MEDICAL TECHNICIAN COURSE OFFERED

A basic 81 hour Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-A) Course will be offered in Heppner starting Monday, Dec. 1, 1975, 7 p.m. at the City Hall-Library Annex. All who are interested are asked to contact either: Forrest Burkentine, 676-9090, Sue Greenup, 676-9701 or Bob Ewell, Tri County Health Service, 676-5131.

Pioneer Profiles

By Justine Weatherford

The important creek that flows from east of Ruggs westward and northward into Willow Creek at Jordan Elevator was originally named Jordan. However, in 1864 the Rhea family settled along its banks about 12 miles above Jordan.

Columbus A. "Lum" Rhea, the best known Rhea, was born in Missouri in 1845 and was seven years old when he was brought by his parents to the Eugene, Oregon area, traveling westward by the aid of slow-moving ox team. At 16 he came to Morrow County and began working with livestock under the direction of his father, E.W. Rhea. Soon he began his own ranch which grew to over 7,000 acres by 1902.

In 1868, C.A. Rhea married Emaline Sophronia Adkins, also a native of Missouri. She died May 12, 1900, leaving eight children: Lillie, the wife of George Conser; Ella, wife of Wilson Brock; E. Weldon; Josie, wife of Newt Jones; Ada, wife of Charles Curtis; Lena; Curtis, and Carl.

In 1885 the Heppner Gazette published a list of the big taxpayers of the county, all of whom were livestock owners of businessmen. C.A. Rhea was listed as paying taxes on \$13,490. That year, Columbia A. Rhea moved into Heppner and started a bank which has since become the Heppner Branch of the First National Bank. In 1889 he was one of the group who formed the Palace Hotel Company.

The "expensive" residence of Banker Rhea was one of those "swept away" in the disastrous 1903 flood. Around 1907 C.A. Rhea was a leader in the formation of the Pendleton Railroad and Coal Company (which was incorporated in 1905). This corporation wanted to take coal from the Matteson Mine up Willow Creek and haul it on a railroad they would build through Heppner. Giles French writes, "a lot of money that should have been spent otherwise went into the Matteson mine which resulted in a total loss."

Many people remember that Josie Rhea Jones and her daughter, Venice Styles died within one week in June 1970. Josie was 96 years of age. The two lived in the house now occupied by Frank and Elsie Syers.

C.A. "Lum" Rhea died at the home of a son in Stanfield in 1934. He was 89 years old.

This pioneer Rhea family is still represented in the county by the Carl Rheas of Sandholow. He is the son of C.A. Rhea's younger son, Carl.

Today, nuclear power plants represent eight per cent of the total U.S. generating capacity - by 1980, they will account for 20 per cent.

Hospital Notes

Listed as patients at Pioneer Memorial Hospital this week are: Ivy Johns, Fossil; Fannie Griffith, Ione; Gerald Cochran, Gladys Jones, Henry Stotts and Shelley Cox, all of Heppner.

Patients dismissed this week were: Elva Williams, Fossil; Albert Severeide, Portland; Ruby Billingsley, Condon; Larry Devine, Carolina; Wallace Matthews, Ione; Coleman Miracle, Frank Ayers, Kenneth Sorweide, Lora Stotts, Brian Voltz, Willard Steelman, Denise Sands, Linda Gifford and Brent Sheirbon, all of Heppner.

BPA Outage extended

The BPA outage of Nov. 16 extended to 5 1/2 hours for areas out of the BPA Boardman substation.

Ben Middleton of BPA reported that the tests and energization of the new transformer installations at the two transformation installations took longer than expected.

The change will benefit Umatilla Electric Coop with increased capacity for large growth—that Coop is the largest in Kwh use in the northwest.

Columbia Basin manager, Dave Harrison, said only a few calls were received at the Coop office concerning the BPA outage. The patience of the members is greatly appreciated he said.

Time to order trees

Order forms are available for trees from the State Forestry Department at the County Extension office. Heppner, reports Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent.

These trees are available for windbreaks and conservation plantings in rural areas. Orders should be placed immediately as the supply always disappears rapidly.

Trees available this year are: Douglas fir, Ponderosa Pine, Incense Cedar, Noble Fir, Grand Fir and Hybrid Poplar.

Doug Cheney receives scholarship

Douglas A. Cheney, Cecil, is one of 73 freshmen attending Oregon State University this year on National and Marine Corps scholarships. Thirty-seven are from Oregon; the rest from 12 other states across the nation.

Selections are made on a national basis and scholarship recipients may attend any of the 38 U.S. colleges and universities that have Naval Reserve Training Corps programs. The OSU unit is one of the largest in the country and offers a Marine Corps option.

Man—The only animal that blushes—or needs to.

In Central America, gold is believed to have a soul.

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	Hi	Low	Prec.
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