

Farm boy who joined at 14 now top sergeant

At the age of 14 when most teenagers are dreaming of becoming a big league ball player or looking forward to buying their first car, Roy Gammell was entering World War II at the age of 14 years. Now a retired Sergeant Major, he remembers vividly that day in 1943 when, at the age of 14, his cousin Frank Lieuallen and he signed their fathers' signatures on the enlistment papers for the U.S. Marines.

As a boy, Gammell was raised on Little Butter Creek and stayed with his aunt and uncle, Norman and Beulah Florence, and went to school in Heppner. His father and mother, Lester and Lois Gammell, are of Hermiston.

After fighting in both the European and Pacific theaters of war, Sergeant Major Gammell was discharged in 1946. Civilian life came to an abrupt stop for Gammell when he was recalled to active duty in 1950, for the Korean Conflict.

In 1952 he was again discharged from the USMC. Getting letters that he might be recalled to active duty,



Roy Gammell

Gammell enlisted in the Army Airborne as the Army would let him take his family overseas. Gammell entered the Army with the rank of private and in just 12 years rose to the rank of Sergeant Major.

He was the most decorated soldier in his regiment. One of his recommendations for the Silver Star reads "For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam."

Sergeant Major Gammell has been cited 11 times for heroism and has a list of 26 decorations.



Stephen R. Lindstrom

Port official to direct N.W. Waterways

Stephen R. Lindstrom, manager of the Port of Umatilla, has been elected the new executive vice president of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association to succeed Roy Webster who resigned from the position effective Dec. 31, 1979.

Lindstrom, a native of Ione, has been manager of the Umatilla port since 1977.

A resident of Hermiston, he will move to the Vancouver area at the time he begins work in the PNWA headquarters.

PNWA deals with comprehensive planning and development of water and related land resources in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

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Winners announced in window guessing contest

At the opening of the Christmas shopping season last Friday, store windows offered several guessing contests.

Winners announced by merchants included:

Peterson's, Diana Ball, Heppner; Dianna's This N' That, boy Marion McMillan, Lexington; girl Kelli Bergstrom, Heppner; Doris La-Rae's, Mary Kennison; Shoe Box, Cindy Green.

Gardner's Men's Wear, Frances Smouse, Ione; Kroll's, tie, Jan Paustian, Heppner and Mrs. Ray Tholberg; Coast to Coast Total Hardware, a discount to customers; Cole's House of Fashion and Posy Patch, Carol Adams, Heppner.

Murray's Drug Store, Inc., Phyllis Thomson, Heppner; Case Furniture, 1. Judy Eckman, Patterson, Wash., 2. Richard Berger, Heppner.

House razed by fire while owner at church

The home of Rita Sumner was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Rita Sumner had just got home from the Kinzua Mill, where she works the graveyard shift as a guard, when she dressed for church and left the house at 8:30 a.m.

When she got to the Valby Lutheran Church, about 20 minutes away, someone asked her what was going on at her house and she looked and saw smoke. When she got there, followed by most of the members of the Lutheran congregation, the house was completely in flames.

The wind was blowing and Pastor John Maas picked up a garden hose to spray down an A-framed building that sits

next to the house. The A-framed building was saved and Rita Sumner and her family are living in it, although Tuesday she began looking at mobile homes to possibly move onto the spot.

All is not completely lost because she did have fire insurance but all her material possessions were destroyed in the fire, according to her mother, Helen Cox.

84,000 working

Wood Products employment in Oregon totaled 84,000 in mid-October, 1979 compared with 82,500 a year earlier and compared with 84,900 in mid-September, a month earlier, the Oregon Employment Division reports.

Irrigon news

Francis Rose Wilson • 922-3352

Home Extension unit displays quilt to aid in project

The Irrigon Home Extension women have chosen a special project this year to help the Rural Fire Department. The department is in need of some Sea-packs to wear into burning buildings or to give oxygen to those in need.

The Home Extension group has made a quilt which will be on display in a public place. Raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for the Sea-packs. The quilt will be given to the person holding the number drawn.

The women of the community considered organizing a fire department auxiliary but decided they would work through this organization as a community service.

If anyone wishes to give a donation or has a question concerning this they may contact Frances McCoy, chairman of the committee, phone 922-3622, or co-chairman Lyla Wilcox, phone 922-3597.

The next Extension meeting will be Monday, Dec. 10 at the home of Charlotte Carpenter, vice president. Each woman is

Counties group

to meet in Heppner

The East Central Oregon Association of Counties will have its monthly meeting Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Columbia Basin Electrical Co-op Conference Room in Heppner.

The association will discuss and make recommendations on the CETA staffing pattern, equal employment opportunity and the Senate Interim Task Force on Intergovernmental Coordination.

asked to take a gift for the gift exchange.

The Extension group belongs to the "Country Women of the World", and this year the country to be studied is Greece.

Nancy Rogers is president of the group and Pat O'Brien is secretary. A welcome is extended to the women of the community.

4-H Club news

The 4-H Gem and Geology Club have been having meetings each Tuesday afternoon since early October. On Oct. 13 the club went on a field trip to the Columbia River banks in Umatilla, where they collected agates and pebbles to fill a rock tumbler. It took about a month to tumble and polish these.

Officers for the club were elected Oct. 23. They are: President, Swayne Evans; vice president, Patrick Donnell; secretary, Colleen Dike; treasurer, Marla Mills; news reporter, Susan Evans; sergeant at arms, Gibb Evans and Steve Hulen.

There are nine members in the club and each one has made several pieces of jewelry with tumbled agate, jasper or quartz stones that are plentiful in this area.

The Royal Riders 4-H Horse Club elected new officers. They are: President, Ronaca Douglas; vice president, Steve Hulen; treasurer, Melissa Miller; reporter, Clayton Fredrickson; secretary, Shelly Timm; leader, Sharon Douglas.

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City Administrator

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