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TALKED OF NAVY LIFE TO AN INTERESTED AUDIENCE

As an honor guest at the regular monthly meeting of Hermiston's Volunteer Fire Department last Monday night Walter B. Beasley, electrician on the battleship North Dakota now stationed in New York harbor, certainly did his share toward making the meeting a very interesting one, for after the transaction of routine business he gave the fire laddies a vivid description of life and actions on board one of Uncle Sam's fleet of war vessels.

He began by telling of how he worked his way up to the position he now holds in the navy after enlistment, and cited that most any young man, going into either army or navy, can gain promotion by diligent study and paying strict attention to the rules and regulations that have been laid down for them to follow. Since his assignment to the North Dakota he has heaved coal, stood watch and worked in other capacities until promoted to his present position.

Speaking of life in the navy, he said it was not really a hard one, for as a general rule all work was regulated so as to give the men active duty for four hours, with eight hours off during the 24. This varied a little, of course, when on one occasion the whole fleet of battleships in the squadron practically crossed the Atlantic, returning later to the harbor of New York without having encountered anything but some squally weather.

For over an hour the young man kept his hearers interested by recital on the above theme, and then all assembled around the banquet board and partook of ice cream and cake to their heart's content.

The fire department members took occasion to make Mr. Beasley an honorary member of the organization during the continuance of the war. They also donated \$15 to the fund being raised exclusively by firemen of four western states, including this, for the equipping and purchasing of three ambulances to be donated to the Red Cross for service "over there."

PLACE SMUT TRAP IN COLD SPRINGS CANYON

H. M. Woolman, in charge of smut control work for the Oregon Agricultural college, is in Umatilla county this week arranging for several smut traps to be placed on farms in different sections of the county. The object of these traps is to gather data as to the amount of soil infection with smut spores throughout the threshing season.

No matter how thorough the seed treatment, there is always danger of reinfection from the soil in the summer fallow fields onto which smut spores have been carried by the wind from threshing machines. The extent of this infection, the distance carried by the wind and many other things are yet to be definitely ascertained.

One of these traps will be placed on the farm of A. R. Coppeck of Athens, one on the farm of T. P. Tilliland of Pilot Rock and one in Cold Springs canyon.

TOWN OF HEPPNER IS AGAIN FIRE-SWEEPED

A streak of bad luck seems to be following the city of Heppner, county seat of Morrow county, for on Thursday of last week it had another visitation of fire, the second within a few weeks, in which the property loss will run well towards \$200,000.

The fire started in the rear of a barber shop in that city, and fanned by a high wind took everything before it for four and a half blocks, resulting in making homeless 25 families. Lack of adequate fire protection seems to have been the reason for such a heavy property loss.

Mrs. Wilkins, who was in charge of the Palace hotel at the time of the conflagration, proved a heroine. She gave the alarm to guests on the second and third floors of the hostelry, and the flames cutting her off forced her to take to the fire escape, dropping 15 feet to the ground.

The high wind of Tuesday caused much trouble to telephone lines in this vicinity, with the result that Wire Chief J. Pelander has been kept busy here and there since making repairs.

WEDDED WEDNESDAY-- HONEYMOONING NOW

The wedding of Miss Irene Pearl Martin, third youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Martin of Stanfield to George L. Challis of this city was solemnized Wednesday in Pendleton in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple left for Walla Walla, Dayton and Toppenish, Wash., on their honeymoon trip, which will extend over a period of a week. Then they will return and be at home to friends here on and after July 17 in the residence on East Gladys avenue which was occupied until recently by Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Chapman.

George says that the boy and girl friends of himself and wife need not go to the trouble of collecting cow bells and tin cans for the night of the 17th, but that they can come and enjoy the hospitality of the new home of the bride and groom on that evening, as he made preparation for the "cats" for all who come on that occasion.

AUTO FACTORY DISPLAYS LARGEST FLAG

The largest American flag ever made was displayed recently on the front of the Willys-Overland administration building, Toledo, Ohio, signaling that the office employes of the big automobile company had registered 100 per cent in the campaign to fill the city of Toledo's war chest fund.

This flag, which measures 75x50 feet and weighs in the neighborhood of 350 pounds, is owned by the employes of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, and has figured recently in numerous patriotic exercises.

The flag cost \$600 and was purchased by the rubber company's employes, who raised the money by general contribution, to which no one was allowed to give more than ten cents.

During the Liberty Day parade in New York the same flag was carried along Broadway. Over \$1200 was thrown into its folds along the line of march. This same "Old Glory," with the assistance of Sousa's naval band, was the means of raising over \$7,000 for the Cleveland war chest.

STATE POLICE SOON TO GUARD RESERVOIR

L. D. Lay, president of the local Water Users' Association, while on a business trip to Pendleton Wednesday met Captain Williams, head of the state police force with headquarters at Portland, and together they discussed the feasibility of having state police take the place of the present guardians of the Cold Springs reservoir east of this city from which this project derives its irrigation water.

As the captain has most of his men placed at present over the wheat area of Eastern Oregon, he was of the belief that he could police the reservoir after harvest, so the matter was let rest for the present.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN UMATILLA COUNTY

Two directors of the school district at Gibbon ran counter of the law by being charged with having been peculiarly interested in the repairing and refurbishing of school premises of a district of which they were directors.

The Stanfield Standard has a new editor in the person of W. T. Bray, who came from Cornelius, Oregon, recently to take charge of the paper.

On one farm on the Umatilla reservation wheat is averaging as high as 25 bushels to the acre.

Thorn Hollow springs are about to be utilized to supply Pendleton with domestic water.

Sparks from a passing O.-W. R. & N. engine is supposed to have started a fire in the planing mill of the Casey Milling Co. at Meacham Wednesday which completely destroyed the plant, valued at \$5,000.

WHERE THE BRITISH CROSSED THE JORDAN



British troopers are resting on the pontoon bridge which the British forces campaigning in the Holy Land used to cross the River Jordan at El Ghoranyeh. In the foreground at this historic spot a Tommy outside his dog tent is enjoying his rations.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Murchie and Mr. and Mrs. Udey spent the Fourth picnicking at the reservoir.

Dorothy Briggs left Monday for Dayton, Wash., to visit her friend, Nida Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Brownell and daughter from Umatilla, Miss Gertrude Simmons and Mr. Sanders were dinner guests at Tip Top ranch the Fourth. Mrs. Brownell remained and spent the week end with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott had Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Blessing and family for dinner Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haddock invited about twenty-six neighbors to picnic dinner on their spacious lawn the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Leathers and daughter and Miss Peters spent the Fourth at Hidaway springs.

Mrs. George Beddow is home again after spending several weeks with friends in Pendleton.

Mrs. Anna Sapper received a telegram last Monday telling of the death of a brother-in-law, Mr. Witter, of Erie, Pa. Several in this district will visit with Mrs. Sapper and Miss Albrecht several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddow motored to Bingham springs the Fourth.

Tom Haddock was a Pendleton visitor last Tuesday.

Mrs. F. A. Brunson entertained Mrs. Barham and Childs at dinner the Fourth.

Mrs. Tom Lloyd left Monday for her home in Pomeroy, Wash., after spending several days at the home of her son, Walter Lloyd.

Geo. Briggs has accepted the position as clerk at the Kingsley store and is now on the job.

Mrs. Henry Sommerer was on the sick list several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sapper were callers in this district Monday evening.

Mrs. Hannan and little daughter Marda were Pendleton visitors one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Apple and daughter Rebecca from the coast are at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Graham, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niemeyer left last Saturday for Portland where Mr. Niemeyer will be employed at the shingyards.

The rain and wind storm of Tuesday caught several ranchers with their second crop of hay down. A good yield is reported.

Phillip Lay and Wm. Pearson were called by the draft board to report July 21. This takes all of class one.

Mrs. Otto Sapper spent Monday with Mrs. C. A. Kellar.

Mrs. Horoby, mother of Mrs. Mathews, celebrated her 75th birth anniversary July 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts and family were callers in this district Sunday.

Mrs. W. Cassidy had Mrs. Kenyon and her mother from Stanfield as her guests Thursday.

Miss Peters, who has been a guest at the Leathers home the past six

weeks, will return to her home in Portland today.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner and daughter motored to Hidaway Sunday. Mrs. Warner and Jane will remain indefinitely while Mr. Warner returned Wednesday.

Carroll Akers who is working in Wasco, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting his mother. He was accompanied by Donald Clodfelder.

Harry Murchie is up from Boardman looking after his ranch interests in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Felthouse and family and Mrs. Newcomer motored to Hidaway Wednesday. Mrs. Felthouse and family and her mother will remain for the summer while Mr. Felthouse will enjoy a few days outing.

While at play Monday little Wesley Blessing was unfortunate in getting his foot caught in a pump jack that meant the severing of his fourth toe to the first joint.

Tuesday afternoon following the storm the A line ditch broke at the foot of Leo Clark farm. Several teams were put to work immediately but it will be several days before the water can be turned in.

Wm. Cassidy is the proud possessor of a new Chevrolet, purchased from the Echo Auto Co.

Everybody join in the big rabbit drive in this district Sunday. See particulars in another column.

Little Henrietta Akers celebrated her 7th birth anniversary by inviting a few of her little girl friends in Tuesday. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the kiddies.

Rev. Faucett from Stanfield was a project visitor Wednesday.

Miss Marion Briggs is expected home next Friday from Erie, Pa., where she has been attending school this past semester.

Mrs. B. F. Knapton and son Robert left for Portland Wednesday where the young man will undergo an operation.

Misses Lela and Genevieve Thomas returned this week from a month's visit at Enterprise.

Mr. Rogers Sr. was taken very ill Wednesday while working in his garden.

RABBIT DRIVE TO BE STAGED TOMORROW

In order to exterminate a few of the numerous jackrabbits that are beginning to do considerable damage, a drive has been arranged for Sunday out in Columbia district.

The hunters will meet at the Sellers and Joe Craik ranches at 1:30 p. m. and begin the drive from those places. Only shotguns will be used. Many are planning on participating in the sport.

Nobody is Exempt

With Liberty Bonds coming October 1st, and our quota two and one-half times as large as the last drive was, everybody should provide right now for the purchase of their quota of War Savings Stamps. It will be necessary to be able to show the committee that will call on you the amount of your subscriptions to each of these funds. Nobody is exempted, and none should need urging.

WHEN PEACE COMES BILL, THE KAISER, MUST CRAWL

WIND STORM CAUSES A-LINE CANAL BREAK

The high wind of Tuesday afternoon and evening worked a hardship on the ranchers of this project, inasmuch as it was the cause of one of the worst breaks in the irrigation system that has occurred for some time, thereby completely closing off the water supply on them for several days this week.

The break occurred just where the A-line leaves the reservoir by the heavy wind backing the water over the concrete lined ditch and cut away the dirt to such an extent that the walls became weakened and at last broke, washing out about 200 feet of the canal before the water could be shut off at the headgate.

Superintendent of Irrigation M. F. Scroggs immediately after the break rushed a force of men and teams to the scene, and has been diligently on the job ever since. By pushing the work night and day he succeeded in finishing the dirt fill necessary Thursday evening, and Friday began on the concrete lining. With the quick work done by the reclamation service in taking care of the break it is possible water will again be flowing in the canal today or tomorrow.

CLEANS UP CLASS 1-- CLASS 2-3 COMES NEXT

With the call of 92 men to report at the office of the county draft board in Pendleton at 3 p. m. on July 22 for assignment to the national army, all the class one men of last year's registrants have been cleaned up in this county, and therefore the next call will include class two and three. It may possibly reach into class four, as there are not many left in two and three on account of recent reclassifications.

Those who will report from here on the above date are Philip L. Lay, William C. Kik and Simmie McFall. John H. Canfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Canfield, ranchers east of this city, will also report from Echo.

LOCAL MAN LANDS BIG CONTRACT NEAR ECHO

The erection of the first silo to make its appearance in the neighborhood of Echo will be superintended by W. S. Boynton, well known contractor of this city. This silo will be of concrete, and will be built on the farm of H. J. Bean near the above town. Mr. Boynton will do the frame work himself, and the concrete will be put on by Henry Notz, also of this city.

Besides securing the contract to build the silo, Contractor Boynton has been assigned to the work of constructing a large barn for Mr. Bean, and is now busy on the job.

REJECTIONS OF LAST DRAFT MEN LARGE

News came from Camp Lewis the first of the week that rejections among the last draft men will total 12 per cent, shortness and ear diseases being the chief causes.

The minimum height under the new regulations is five feet three inches. Men were drafted under the five feet one regulations. Fourteen hundred and thirty-three are rejected.

Installing Milking Machine

To facilitate the labor incident to milking his many head of dairy cattle Charles Baker is this week having a machine for doing the work installed on his ranch in the eastern part of the city. He has also had built a 12x12 milk house, and now has everything modern and convenient for the handling of his ever growing dairy business.

Some of the local merchants have received small shipments of flour from the Echo Flour Mills this week, with the result that inhabitants of this community are again indulging in the delights of white bread occasionally.

(SAYS FELIX SHAY IN ROYCROFT)

The old idea of "conversion" is not yet dead. The provincialism that perennially sends grim visaged, hook-nosed, hard headed, fat minded American missionaries to Asia to convert their philosophic betters, props up the hope that Kaiser Bill yet may be converted into thinking and acting like a sane and civilized man. Stuff, stuff and nonsense. When the sins are as scarlet there's no instant immunity. No verbal bath will remove them. No formal promises, no scraps of paper, no diplomatic flub-dub will cleanse and purify. Forty long years were needed to get Germany thoroughly well spotted with blood lust. It will take another forty for those stains to wear away. Give us sense to realize and to act on the realization. Words were never more useless, more impotent, or more fraught with danger to practicality than are those addressed to Germany in the year 1918. We want no discussions, no negotiations. There is brutal work to be done. "He who lives by the sword must die by the sword." Germany selected the instrument and placed it in our hands. Our duty is to wield it well. There are no niceties to the situation. To shilly-shally or temporize is to betray trust. Make way for the avengers.

When we have finished there will be no German throne. The Germans will be down on their knees a penitent people, prepared to re-educate themselves for service and not for slaughter.

Peace terms? There is only one sort of peace terms for Wilhelm Hohenzollern. "Get on your belly and crawl." No promulgated phantasies can make a lark of a snake. No sanctimonious or wordy conversations can change a skunk into a calla lily. There's a shape and smell to the Hohenzollern breed that must not be propagated. We'll finish them here and now. Are the words inelegant? The situation is inelegant. Are we as terrible as the Germans? Have we lost the capacity for mercy, for forgiveness? Well, the world has been brutalized far beyond the practices of the ancient barbarians. At least we have not lost the desire for justice.

Peace terms? Only what the German Kaiser and the German military caste deserve. The Kaiser shall be flung naked into a quick lime pit that he invented for the dead bodies of soldiers, or decapitated and his head sent to that German chemical laboratory that tries out human offal for fat. His vaunted military leaders, Von Hindenberg & Co., shall be shot against the wall, unless, of course, they anticipate their deserts.

Peace terms? To do, square mile for square mile to Germany, what Germany did to France. To make a barren and bloody path 100 miles wide from the French line to Berlin. Destruction? That is construction. That is a message to future Kaisers, a message to future murderers and blustering braggarts who visit a world power.

HARNESSING WILD WATERS OF SPRING

Col. H. G. Newport is busy these days superintending work on a large contract he has secured for the Newport Construction Co. on the west side of the Umatilla river several miles south of this city. The contract is a big one, and when completed will reclaim much land that has heretofore been classified as a "slough of despond" on account of the flow of a large spring, the waters of which have been allowed to run wild for years.

The work of the construction company is to bulkhead this spring and dig a ditch some length to connect with what is known as the Dillon canal in that neighborhood, and thus conserve this excellent flow of water and with it irrigate the lands adjacent.

The harnessing of the flow from the spring has been uppermost in the minds of the ranchers in that vicinity for a long time, but as the undertaking would run into several thousand dollars they kept putting it off until forced to make the improvement on account of the exceptional dry season this year.

WEATHER REPORT

The maximum temperature for the week was 96 degrees, minimum 43 and the precipitation .05.