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## To Those Who Helped, Our Thanks

In this issue of the Gazette Times we have, on this 50th anniversary, compiled what we believe and hope is one of the most comprehensive group of authentic stories and pictures of the Heppner flood ever gathered for a single publication. It could not have been done without a lot of extra work and help from many persons. To all of them we want to extend our sincere thanks for the interest they took to get us the information, and for the time many of them spent to either tell or write their remembrances so that the stories they had to tell could be put into print.

Each individual story carries the name of the person telling it, but in most cases it doesn't say to whom it was told. The credit for being a good listener, and then a good transcriber, goes to Mrs. Tom Wilson, for it was from her typewriter that many of the stories came into news form. We extend to her a special thanks for the time and effort she has spent during the past three or more months to get for us these many eye-witness accounts of the great disaster.

Many of the pictures used in this edition are

the valued property of the Gazette Times, as is the old copy of The Oregonian from which several articles were taken, but for several others we give credit to Mrs. Sadie M. Sigsbee for their use. It is only logical, too, that they should come from her, for shortly after the flood, she married the photographer who took many of them, Bert Sigsbee.

We know that in some of the descriptions and locations written to describe the pictures used, there undoubtedly have been a few mistakes creep in, yet so far, we haven't been able to uncover any serious ones. Several long-time residents helped us with these identifications but their names are going to remain our secret—if some of the descriptions are off a little in minor points, it's our fault.

As we have said elsewhere, this edition is not to celebrate, but to commemorate. It is meant too, to record the "little" happenings that we believe are just as important as the overall "big" story of the flood—in fact, even more important, because these little stories will not be remembered too many years longer by those who are yet able to tell them, though the main story will be in histories for years.

It is actually for the generations to come, rather than for we who are here today, that this edition has been compiled.



By N. C. Anderson

Morrow County's delegation of 4-H club members to 4-H Summer School are making last minute preparations for the trip. 4-H Summer School will be held this year at Oregon State College, June 16 through the 26th. Thirty-five 4-H club members, who have done good work and have met the qualifications set up by our 4-H leaders, will attend. In order to earn a trip to 4-H Summer School a club member must be at least 13 years of age, have com-

pleted at least 2 years of 4-H club work, and have completed all projects successfully. Attending from Morrow County this year are: Carol Hamilton, Sharon Fussell, Marie Potts, Maxine Sicard, Connie Baker, Albert Seeber, all of Boardman; Carol Hill, Dorothy Hinkley, Nancy Graybeal, Jeanne Califf, Nora Jane Hinkley, Nancy Hoadley, Sally Coleman, Michael Califf, Dale Macey, all of Irrigon; Jean Ann Swanson, Barbara Sanders, Sue Coleman, Grace McCabe, Billie Seehafer, Gerry White, Wayne Ball, Richard Ekstrom, Alvin McCabe, Jerald Rea, Janet Wright, Meredith Thomson, and Deane Graves, all of Heppner. Paul Tews, tone, will accompany the group as chaperon. Mrs. Maud Casswell will be in direct charge while assisting with classes during the summer session. The group will travel, this year, by



LATE MCKAY EXCERPTS  
in six public and informal soc-

chartered Greyhound bus. An interesting program is again outlined for our 4-H boys and girls with classes in the morning, recreation in the afternoon, parties and get-togethers during the evening. Among the special attractions for the club members attending summer school will be a matinee performance on June 24 of the 100 piece U. S. Army Field Band. The eighteen hundred youngsters expected to attend the summer school will have a chance to see and hear why this famed military musical organization that has traveled two hundred thousand miles and performed in eight hundred cities in the U. S., Canada and Europe, is called the Kings of the Highways. June 24 will also be annual bankers day. The Oregon bankers will present Monty Brooks and his vaudeville troupe for their annual performance that evening. All in all it looks like an interesting session for the lucky boys and girls who were selected to attend.

A letter was received this week from Cal Monroe, State 4-H Agent, congratulating Morrow County on the contribution which they made to the 4-H sponsored International Farm Youth Exchange Program. Cal reminded us that there are several IFYE delegates who have returned during the past six weeks from trips abroad that could present their pictures and talk on their stay before any group in the county. Jack Wells, who has just returned from Bolivia, has one of the finest sets of pictures and best talk of any that have yet returned. Jack's report is good enough to provide the entire program for an evening meeting. If any of our organizations are interested in using Jack, we would be glad to schedule him.

## A New Star With a New Hobby



Gigi Perreau, 12-year-old movie and television performer, makes a wall plaque from peanut butter jar lids. The caps are decorated with characters from the Walt Disney movie "Peter Pan." Gigi's plaque contains eight different characters from the Barrie play.

ial meetings in Oregon the past week Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay said:

"President Eisenhower is a brilliant man—keen of mind and as approachable as the person in the most humble circumstances.

"On the public vs private power issue, the need for power is so great that cooperative efforts of the federal government, private business and public utility districts are all necessary.

"The historic boundaries of states should be recognized when confronting the tidelands oil question.

"We are in our present condition nationally because we listened too much to what others said. We do not do enough thinking for our selves. We moved along in good times in this country with the idea that 'Let George do it' was a good idea."

PUNDITS ALL  
With farming at a standstill—fields too wet to work—there is a lot of politics being talked.

Here at the Capitol we get a cross-country reflex of political thinking from both Republicans and Democrats who come from all points of Oregon on state business.

Some are so naive as to ask if Governor Patterson will run for governor.

He has not announced that he will. Neither has Secretary of State Newby. But if you don't know they will be candidates, where forever have you been?

Governor Patterson has averaged a speech a day for the past three weeks and covered main points in Western Oregon.

Recently his friends advised that being governor but becoming so by succession from senate president, does not give him the introduction and touch with the voters he might have, had he been elected at the polls.

No ex-officio governor of Oregon has ever been elected governor. Four have tried and failed.

So the former senate president may be speaking at the Rotarians lunch in your town any week now.

WALLACE PERTURBED  
Lew Wallace thinks it was a mistake to invite U. S. Senator Wayne Morse to be the speaker at the Oregon Democrats' annual Jefferson-Jackson (\$10-a-plate) dinner.

He implies in a widely circulated letter that as a result the party will lose registrations.

Who is Lew Wallace? He was the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for governor in 1948 and unsuccessful candidate for congress on the Democratic ticket in 1946.

PUBLIC NOT NOSEY  
State Welfare Commission officials report that only a few inquiries have been made about inspection of welfare rolls. A law was passed by the recent legislature which throws welfare rolls open to public inspection.

EPIGRAMMATIC  
All state patrolmen are not as laconic as this one.

After arresting a man for being drunk on a public highway, he noted on the back of the ticket,

One farmer sneered at making more money thru professional advice:

Declared: "University of Hard Knocks enough for me." But the Turners, Columbia Co. farmers, "doubled their wheat yields" thru our advice on crop rotation, fertilizer, weed control.



"Drunkern a skunk." The district judge apparently recognized that as being pretty drunk, as he fined the accused \$100.

The same judge, Val D. Sloper of the Marion county district court, this week assessed a fine of \$1,000 to a five-time repeater on a reckless driving charge.

DRAFTSMEN NEEDED  
Jobs are open for experienced draftsmen in two state departments with headquarters in Salem. Applicants should consult their civil service office or write State Civil Service Commission, James M. Clinton, director State Office Building, Salem, Oregon.

A NEW STATE TITLE  
The next chancellor of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education apparently will be Dr. John B. Richards of New York University. Acting Chancellor Charles D. Byrne who took the post three years ago said at the time he did not want the office permanently. A new title was created this week by the board when Richards was hired as vice-chancellor and secretary to the board.

Dr. Byrne has also been acting as secretary of the board.

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Francine Moyer, Dick and Shir- where they will spend the summer Kononen left the last of the mer vacation at the farm of their week for Goldendale, Wash., uncle, William Cunningham.

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Thursday-Friday-Saturday, June 11-12-13

### MONTANA BELLE

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Sunday-Monday, June 14-15

### PONY EXPRESS

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