

SPIRIT OF SANTA HOVERS OVER CITY

White Christmas for Kids
Wanted, But
Rains Now Order.

TREATS PROMISED

Gifts Exchanged at School; Lodge,
Churches, Theater to Hosts;
Many Shoppers Seen Here.

Just four days now till Santa comes skooting down the chimneys, kiddies, and here's hoping he has a plentiful supply of remembrances for every one of you. It would be grand if you could all wake up on Christmas morning to find the ground covered with a nice fluffy white snow. That may happen, so Santa will be able to make the trip with his reindeer sleigh. Otherwise he may have to take to the air again this year.

It looks now like that may be the case, unless we have a change from the warm rains of the last few days. Anyway, the spirit of Santa Claus is in the air, as indicated by the number of smiling shoppers toting suspicious looking packages on the streets; by the appearance of Christmas trees, brightly decorated, and other trimmings of the season in shops and homes; by the heavier mails carrying greetings to and from friends afar, and yes, kiddies, by your own bright and anxious faces.

We all know there is a Santa Claus, just as really and truly as if a jolly, white-whiskered old gentleman with a bag of toys on his back did come sliding down the chimney of each and every home to fill the stockings hung by the fire-side. In all his fictitiousness, Santa lives and breathes in the hearts of all, reflecting at this season the love and hope signified by the birth of the Christ child, the occasion specially commemorated.

The Christmas season is always full of joy and fun for all of you, kiddies. Already, as school, you have planned to remember each other and your teachers with gifts. Sunday will usher in more joyous moments with special programs at the churches, all of which are planning treats besides. Christmas eve or Christmas morning will be the time for opening gifts at home—and my! isn't that time hard to wait for?

For those of you who attend the various Sunday schools, those enrolled at the Episcopal church will have their program and treat at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Those of the Methodist church and Church of Christ will have their programs and treats Monday evening. The program at the Episcopal tabernacle is scheduled for Sunday evening at 7:30.

Then Christmas afternoon at 2:30 all of you kiddies are invited to be the guests of the Elks and Star theater at a free matinee at the theater. Santa promises a good feature picture for the occasion, which all of you will want to see.

All in all, it appears this Christmas is going to be mighty enjoyable for everyone. We surely hope it is.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH NICHOLS

Several men are being given employment on the relief project which is being carried on in this city. Much street and sidewalk improvement is being made and the city is assisting in this work. This week the crew is tearing up the old sidewalk in front of Leach Memorial hall and on up to the corner and making preparations to lay a modern concrete sidewalk.

About thirty members and visitors were present at the meeting of the Home Economics club Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Schriever and Mrs. Nancy McWaters were hostesses at Mrs. Schriever's home. The next meeting will be on January 10th at the home of Mrs. Gentry.

Following the Bible school hour at the Church of Christ next Sunday morning a Christmas program will be presented. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry entertained the following people at bridge Friday evening, honoring Mrs. Nancy McWaters who expects to leave Lexington in the near future: Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald White, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schriever, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Nichols, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. George Peck, Mrs. Sarah White and Ralph Jackson. High honors were received by Mrs. Gerald White and Mrs. Schriever.

A light snow fell here late Thursday evening, followed by a good rain which continued all night. The weather has since been quite warm and springlike, with occasional showers during the week.

A pleasant surprise party was given on Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. J. G. Johnson at the home of Mrs. W. D. Campbell. Those present were Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. George Peck, Mrs. Chas. Wormell, Mrs. George Gillis, Mrs. Nancy McWaters, Mrs. J. E. Gentry, Mrs. Karl Miller, Mrs. Trina Parker, Mrs. B. B. Rice, Mrs. Henry Rauch, Mrs. James Leach, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Miss Donna Barnett and Miss Clara Burchell.

Mrs. Laura Scott, who was injured in an auto accident some time ago, is reported to be progressing nicely.

George Peck is attending the

Xmas Program for School Scheduled for Tomorrow

A program consisting of two parts is to be presented on Friday, December 21, in the school gymnasium. The main event of the evening will be the cantata, "Evangelium," written by Noble Cain and based upon Longfellow's famous poem of the wandering Acadians. It is the story of Evangeline, an Acadian maiden who spends her life in search of her lover, from whom she was separated in their youth. Her long search ends when she finds Gabriel dying in an almshouse.

The solo parts are carried by Jessie French and Kathryn Parker, with Marjorie Parker as accompanist. The cantata is directed by Miss Brownson.

On the same program a one-act Christmas play entitled "The Tree" reveals the true Yuletide spirit. The cast is as follows: James Davies, the father, a middle-aged business man, Don Drake, Maude Davies, the mother, Olivia Baldwin, Kay and Dick, son and daughter from college, Bonnie McLaughlin and Howard Furlong; Virginia and Ned, two part high school students, May Edmondson and Leonard Gilman; Molly Pendleton, Kay's chum home from the university, Dorris Allstott; Willie, the eighth grade brother, Wm. McRoberts.

Lexington School District Now In Good Condition

With warrants called up to October of this year, School District No. 12, Lexington, has undergone much improvement in its financial situation, reports Dona E. Barnett, clerk, who is proud of the showing made by the schools at the present time. The district's warrant indebtedness is now very small and there remains but \$15,000 of bonded indebtedness against it.

The district has been on a warrant basis for four years, and at times teachers were able to dispose of their warrants with much difficulty and only at a discount. Last September, through the efforts of E. L. Morton, manager of the First National Bank of Portland, Heppner branch, arrangements were made to dispose of the warrants at par.

"Our school is moving along in fine shape now," says Miss Barnett. "Mr. Campbell, the superintendent, is due a great deal of credit for his successful management, along with his able assistants in the high school and grades and splendid cooperation of the students. We have excellent cooperation from outside districts, also, with six of these transporting pupils to our schools. "Recently our board of directors purchased a new typewriter for the superintendent's office, another with primer type for the primary grades, and a bookkeeping and adding machine for the commercial department. Some new cabinets and other equipment have been installed for the science department. The lunch room, where hot lunches are served, has also been refurnished. Hence we feel proud of our record."

B.P.W. Club Remembers Kiddies for Christmas

Business and Professional Women's club members had their Christmas tree at the home of Misses Letta and Evelyn Humphreys, Monday evening, following dinner at Heppner hotel. Gifts from the tree were enjoyed by those present, then re-wrapped for distribution among kiddies of the city.

Mrs. Ursula Kaser was guest speaker at the dinner, telling of Christmas experiences in Europe, where she has traveled, and where she spent two years studying music at Florence, Italy. Singing of Christmas songs was a feature of the dinner.

SANTA VISITS AUXILIARY.

Santa Claus visited the American Legion Auxiliary when the members gathered for their annual Christmas party Tuesday evening. Following the regular business meeting, a social hour was enjoyed by the members. Bridge and Travel were the diversions with prize in contract going to Mrs. Alva Jones; in auction to Mrs. Walter McGhee, and in Travel to Mrs. Helen Christensen. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Ray Ferguson, Mrs. Paul Gemmell and Mrs. Alva Jones. At the close of the party, Santa read letters received from each member present and distributed his gifts with the help of the social committee, Mrs. Cyrene Barratt and Mrs. Sybil Wells.

Members are asked to leave contributions for the Christmas cheer baskets at the home of Mrs. Chas. Cox not later than noon, Monday.

CENSUS JOBS OPEN.

Six census enumerators for Morrow county will start work immediately after the first of the year to take the federal agricultural census, reports Ellis Edgington of Bend. Mr. Edgington announces he will receive applications from persons who desire positions as enumerators in the various counties of central Oregon. Compensation will be on a piece rate basis, or so much per schedule, with the rate varying according to density of the farm population.

A GOOD COUNTRY.

Jim Furlong says this is a mighty good country, and 'twould be hard to find a better. He went into his garden at his home in the lower end of town this week to get some shoots of raspberries for a friend. Imagine his astonishment to find green berries on the bushes in the process of ripening, and this the 17th of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Jones and P. M. Gemmell attended a district meeting of American Legion at La Grande Saturday and Sunday, for which State Commander Chamberlain brought the leading message.



WORK UNDER WAY FOR WOOL MEETING

Free Banquet, Luncheon, Dance
Set; Committees Named; City's
Hospitality to be Impressed.

A free banquet, a noon luncheon and a get-acquainted dance, are features of the entertainment to be provided woolmen of the state when they meet in annual convention at Heppner, January 14-15, according to announcement by J. G. Barratt, chairman of the central committee. Food for the banquet, to be held the evening of the second day, will be provided by woolmen of the county. The luncheon at noon the first day is sponsored by the Lions club, and the dance in the evening for the first day is sponsored by the Elks. All organizations of the city have been coordinated with a view to giving visitors the best city has to offer at the lowest possible cost.

A number of sub-committees to handle the various details were named this week, all of whom have taken off their coats and rolled up their sleeves in determination to make the visit of Oregon Woolgrowers association to Heppner for the second time an occasion not soon to be forgotten.

With Morrow county a good third in production of wool in the state, headed only slightly by Lake and Malheur, Heppner has had the privilege of entertaining the state association but once before. That was in 1914 when W. B. Barratt, father of J. G., was the association's president. Twenty years is much too long a time for so important a wool center to be neglected, those in charge of arrangements believe, and they expect to make visitors cognizant of the fact.

Heads of the various sub-committees whose work will spell success of the venture are H. A. Cohn, banquet; Frank Turner, housing; E. L. Morton, dances; D. A. Wilson, reception; Jap Crawford and Josephine Mahoney, publicity.

While it is expected to make the visitors feel they are really welcome, there is to be no hap-hazardness about it, Barratt says. The central committee has outlined a program under which every item of expenditure will be budgeted, and all expenditures will be gauged by the available war chest.

Details of entertainment for the Oregon Woolgrowers auxiliary, convening here at the same time, are progressing under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. J. Wightman, president of the Morrow county unit.

George M. Vinson Lived 68 Years on Butter Creek

George Mossil Vinson, 89, pioneer resident of upper Butter creek, died this morning at the farm home where he had lived almost continuously for the last 68 years. Funeral services, in charge of Phelps Funeral Home, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Pleasant Point cemetery. He had been sick but three days preceding his death.

Mr. Vinson was born in Des Moines, Iowa, April 6, 1845, and died December 20, 1934, aged 89 years, 8 months and 14 days. With his father, James S. Vinson, mother, one sister and two brothers, he crossed the plains at the age of seven years, in 1852. At 18 years of age he settled on what is now known as the Hugh Curran ranch on Butter creek, and when 21 fled on the homestead which has been his home almost continuously until death.

He married Elizabeth Anderson in Pendleton, July 18, 1870. His wife preceded him in death. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Clara Crawford of Salem; a brother, Ezra H. Vinson of Friday Harbor, Wn.; son and daughter-in-law, Eliza H. and Emma A. Vinson, Echo; 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom of Ellettsville were shopping in the city today.

THE PATSY PLAYED WELL BY JUNIORS

High School Class Wins Audience
With Presentation of Comedy
Drama; Twice Postponed.

The Harrington family was shorn of much sophistication as disillusionment brought about a happy culmination of many of its tribulations in "The Patsy," charmingly presented by the junior class of Heppner high school at the gymnasium last Friday evening. The play was enforced postponed twice because of illness of cast members, and it was unfortunate that it did not receive as large a hearing as that to which its excellence entitled it.

Maria Barlow cast as Patsy Harrington was a modern Cinderella in her own right, until she finally succeeded in opening the blinded eyes of Howard Bryant (as Tony Anderson) to the deep affection she had for him from early childhood.

Meek and forgiving Patsy, much abused by her pampered and headstrong mother and sister (Betty Doherty as Mrs. Wm. Harrington, the mother, and Katherine Healy as Grace Harrington, the sister), proved herself to be a past master at human psychology.

Except for Patsy, love and affection were hardly known to the Harrington family, until Dick Benton (as Wm. Harrington, the father), whose smoking of a big black cigar was done masterfully, decided to take unto himself the "pans" of the family.

Grace Harrington was the object of Tony's affections, until she decided she preferred Ernest Clark (as Billy Caldwell). Ethyl Hughes (as Sadie Buchanan), former beloved of Billy, was a thorn in Grace's side. Don Turner (as O'Flaherty) as an old Irish friend used by Patsy in bringing things to a happy culmination. Andrew Shoun as Trip Busty the taxi driver assisted in bringing Mrs. Harrington and Grace "off their high horses."

Replete with fast-moving dialogue containing much humor, the play as presented under the direction of Bertrand Evans, high school English instructor, brought hearty response from the audience. All the parts were well taken, reflecting credit upon the cast and their director.

Wm. McRoberts and Bernard McMurdo were stage managers.

Ethyl Hughes, Boyd Redding and Joe Stephens managed the properties, and Irene Hansen was prompter. The play was introduced by special arrangement with Samuel French. Case Furniture store and Curran's Millinery shop provided furniture and costumes for the presentation.

Hugh Shaw who farms out Clarks canyon way south of Lexington, was a business visitor in the city yesterday. He was pleased with the warm rain prevailing at the time.

David and Mrs. Annie Hynd were in town Tuesday from Rose Lawn farm, Sand Hollow, looking over the wares of Santa Claus.

Lost—Willard battery, on highway between head Basey canyon and Heppner. Finder please leave at this office.

Mrs. Agnes Wilcox and daughter, Mrs. Clyde Denny, were shopping in town Tuesday from the Rhea creek farm home.

E.O. WHEAT LEAGUE OFFICERS REPORT

Conference Gives Recommendations
on Many Matters Affecting Industry; Miller Vice-President.

ARLINGTON, Dec. 18.—Recommendations on production, economic and legislative problems of primary interest to the Columbia basin wheat grower made by some 300 farmers attending the eighth annual Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting here early this month, are now being sent by the officers to the individuals or organizations concerned. New officers of the league are Mac Hoke, Pendleton, president; E. H. Miller, Heppner, vice-president, and Chas. W. Smith, O. S. C., secretary-treasurer.

Following is a brief outline of the chief recommendations made by the league after two-day deliberations by large committees appointed in advance of the meeting:

Marketing and Finance

1. Urged subsidized movement, if necessary, of northwest surplus wheat to drought areas, otherwise reestablishment of emergency export corporation.
2. Favored extension of cooperative wheat marketing with strong locals.
3. Commended broadcast of market reports over KOAC, with improvements if possible.
4. Endorsed farm credit structure with request for extension of time for making commissioner's loans. Urged seed loans for 1935.

Production, Handling, Adjustment

1. Urged retention, free from politics, of state grain inspection organization.
2. Suggested use of relief labor in morning glory control, and investigation of the possibility of manufacturing waste chloride weed killer at Bonneville.
3. Endorsed principle of the AAA plan for wheat if accompanied by export association for northwest area; commended research toward better domestic varieties. Cautioned against unrestricted use of contracted corn acreage except in emergencies.
4. Asked for new basis for assessment of smut damage fitted to washing process.

Transportation

1. Opposed abandonment of long-short haul clause, and opposed giving interstate commerce commission jurisdiction over highway and water transportation.
2. Praised those who helped get Bonneville sealocks and urged improvement of river below and above dam in time for Bonneville opening. Praised program of Inland Waterways association.
3. Provided for permanent transportation committee to act between sessions.

Taxation and Legislation

- Urged enactment of luxury tax and additional ad valorem property levy on automobiles, income to go back to counties to reduce local property taxes.
2. Asked that municipally owned public utility plants be taxed.
3. Asked extension of federal aid up to 25 per cent without federal control for elementary education; renewed recommendation for adoption of economical county unit plan for operating Oregon schools.

Allinger - Sanderson Nuptials Solemnized

The marriage of Miss Lillie A. Allinger and Mr. W. W. Sanderson of Portland was solemnized at the home of the bride at Oak Grove at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening, December 14. Dr. C. C. Poling of Portland read the services. Mrs. Albert Livingston of Portland sang preceding the ceremony and during the reception which followed. She was accompanied by Mrs. Carroll of Portland.

Mrs. Sanderson is the daughter of Charles Allinger, formerly of Ione, and for several years she was assistant cashier of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National bank here.

The bride was dressed in sapphire blue chiffon velvet and wore a shoulder corsage of gardenias. The couple was unattended.

A reception followed immediately after the ceremony. Mrs. Adelaide V. Huntley of Oak Grove poured and Mrs. Fred Peters and Miss Irene Clark of Portland assisted with the serving of the guests.

Mr. Sanderson is employed by the Portland Woolen Mills, in the capacity of supervisor. The couple will make their home at Oak Grove.

CHILD LOSES LEG.

Louise, invalid son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Case, underwent an amputation of the right leg at a local hospital Tuesday. The operation became necessary after the bone of the leg had been twice broken. The operation was quite successful, and he is reported to be recovering rapidly.

CHRISTMAS DANCE SET.

B. P. O. Elks have announced a dance at their hall for members and friends Saturday evening, which will reflect the Christmas motif. Another holiday dance will be held New Year's eve, Monday, Dec. 31, to which all Elks and friends are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Booher were in the city Tuesday from Pendleton where they have been located for several months since leaving Heppner. Mr. Booher is still employed with Standard Stations, Inc., and while here announced that he had received notice of transfer to Twin Falls, Idaho, where the corporation is opening a new station.

Mrs. Agnes Curran, proprietor of Curran's Hat shop, was a visitor in Portland over the week end, attending to matters of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Vinson and son Lee of Butter creek were business visitors here today.

Ruth Chapter Elects; Past Matrons Dine

Election of officers for the ensuing year was the main order of business on Friday evening at the regular meeting of Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S. Those chosen were Hazel Vaughn, Worthy Matron; Frank S. Parker, Worthy Patron; Lena Cox, Associate Matron; Jesse O. Turner, Associate Patron; Harriet Gemmell, Secretary; May Gilman, Treasurer; Gladys Goodman, Conductress; Virginia Turner, Associate Conductress.

Joining with Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., and Ruth Chapter No. 26, R. A. M., Heppner Chapter will install the newly elected and appointive officers at Masonic hall tonight, the joint ceremonies including a banquet in the dining room at 6:30.

Honoring the newly chosen Worthy Matron, Mrs. Chas. Vaughn, the Past Matrons club of Ruth Chapter gave their annual dinner, which was an event of Saturday evening at 6:30 at Hotel Heppner. The delicious menu was prepared and served under the direction of Mrs. Tenney, and the table decorations were dainty and in keeping with the holiday season. Mrs. Frank S. Parker was hostess for the evening and called upon each Past Matron present for a talk. Mrs. Elora Huston is the retiring Worthy Matron of Ruth Chapter, and besides these ladies mentioned others present were Mesdames E. E. Gilliam, Harry Tamblin, W. O. Bayless, John Wightman, W. E. Pruyn, W. P. Mahoney, E. W. Gordon, C. C. Patterson, L. E. Dick, Henry Howell, P. M. Gemmell, C. W. McNamara, Hanson Hughes, of Heppner; Bert Mason and E. F. Feldman of Ione.

J. R. BENTON ENDS LOCAL PASTORATE

Is Called to Montana; Final Message Next Sunday; Leavitt Closes Revival.

Joel R. Benton, pastor of the Church of Christ for the last three years, will deliver his farewell message to the local congregation next Sunday, and with Mrs. Benton and son Dick will leave the day following Christmas for Fort Benton, Montana, where he has been called to fill the pastorate of the church there.

Last Sunday an all-day service was held at the church closing the several-weeks revival meetings conducted by Teddy Leavitt, evangelist. In token of appreciation of the services of Mr. Benton to the community the morning service was attended in a body by fifty members of the local Elks lodge. Dinner was spread at noon, and the fellowship of this occasion was largely enjoyed. The service continued through the afternoon and evening, at the close of which it was announced that 21 members had been added by confession, seven by rededication and one by statement.

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Second President's Ball Slated for January 30th

Morrow county will join with the rest of the nation again this year in celebrating January 30th, President Roosevelt's birthday anniversary. The first nation-wide celebration was staged last year when more than a million dollars was presented to Mr. Roosevelt as an endowment for the Warm Springs foundation for infantile paralysis.

Dr. A. D. McMurdy has been named county chairman for the local celebration, to take the form of a ball to be held that Wednesday, day evening. The doctor will appoint his assistants for staging the event, details of which will be announced later.

This year none of the proceeds will go to the foundation, but 30 per cent will go into a national fund, and 70 per cent into a local fund to rehabilitate sufferers from infantile paralysis. The local fund will be expended in the geographical area in which the money is raised.

LAND IN JAPAN.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Nelson have received word from their son Charles and wife, announcing their arrival in Yokohama on their way to the mission field in China. They reported enjoying their visit to Japan. Because of a delay in their freight, they believed they would not reach their destination until after Christmas. Their trip will carry them across China to near the border of Tibet, and they will reach their journey's end in the middle of the long winter prevalent in the region.

EXAMINER DUE 29TH.

C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of P. J. Statedman, secretary of state, will be in Heppner at the courthouse next Wednesday, Dec. 26, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. All those desiring permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with Mr. Bentley at that time.

NEIGHBORS HAVE PARTY.

Neighbors of Woodcraft staged a Christmas party at their regular meeting Monday evening. An exchange of Christmas gifts was a feature.

UNANIMOUS VOICE GIVEN THRU LEAGUE

E. O. Wheatmen's Body
Has Good Record, Says
Vice-President.

NEW PROGRAM TOLD

Recommendations at Arlington
Cited to Lions; Road Safety,
FERA School, Subjects.

The purpose of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, to speak as one voice for the wheat raisers of the section, has been effectively carried out, E. H. Miller, newly elected vice-president of that organization, told the Lions at their Monday luncheon. Its voice has been heard in many matters in the past, including Columbia river development, set up of an export grain organization, and in many other matters affecting the welfare of the region's wheat industry.

Its voice was more recently raised at the annual conference at Arlington, when its four major committees brought forth recommended resolutions which were adopted by the league. These committees investigated all matter coming to their attention as they affected any of the various phases of the industry: production, handling, marketing, finance, transportation, taxation or legislation.

Leaders in various fields were present to give first-hand messages, Miller said. Included was Robert S. Farrell, head of the wheat section of the Agricultural Adjustment administration. After hearing Mr. Farrell, the league voted for a continuance of the present allotment plan with some alterations as suggested, notably taking contracted acres permanently out of production and permitting only the growing of grass for pasturage thereon.

The league also voted for a government subsidy to assist in removing the 15,000,000 bushels exportable surplus of wheat from the Pacific northwest. While the country on the whole is practically on a domestic basis in wheat production at present, the northwest is unfavorably situated in that it has the 15,000,000 bushel surplus still remaining as a drag on the local market, Miller said.

He pointed out that fulfillment of the league's program must be accomplished through the efforts of its officers, and that while the program had been outlined at Arlington the work of putting it across has just begun. The league retained Chas. W. Smith, former Morrow county agent as its secretary, he said, commending the good work Mr. Smith has done in making the league effective.

F. A. McMahon, district state policeman, stressed the importance of renewed vigilance in keeping the highways safe. He reported increases in automobile accidents, many traceable to drunken driving. "Every drunken driver is a potential murderer," he said, "and I for one will show no leniency to anyone found driving under the influence." He recommended reestablishment of the former boys' safety patrol to protect children at school crossings.

Girls of the high school chorus, directed by Miss Shirley Brownson, pleased the Lions with the singing of a number from their cantata, "Evangelium," to be presented at the gymnasium next Monday evening.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, was a luncheon guest and briefly outlined the FERA work in adult education being carried on in the county. She announced the proposed organization of a class in typing to be carried on this winter, and asked that those desiring to enlist notify her office. The course is offered for those who desire the knowledge for convenience, and not for those who contemplate taking up stenography as a profession, she said.

SOIL EROSION NO DREAM.

Occasionally someone is pleased enough with something in the paper that he tells the editor about it. Bert Johnson of Ione took occasion this week to let the Gazette Times know that he believed the article on soil erosion published last week was "darn good." He has had experience with soil blows on his place, some of them coming in from neighboring fields, which had caused him plenty of grief besides considerable expense to combat. He believes the soil erosion problem too big to be handled by individual farmers. He succeeded in conquering one or two small ones, but when a big blow came along it was too much for him to handle. He knows what it is to have a home in the road of one of these blows, and hopes that a real practical program for their control may be worked out. These blows can be held by planting them to vegetation and leaving them unmolested. While this takes part of the field out of production, he believes it is better than letting the blow take the whole field, as has been done in some instances in the county.

MOTHER DIES IN EAST.

Chester Darbee, depot agent, has received word from E. C. Ampsaker, former telegrapher here, telling of the death of Mr. Ampsaker's mother at Akron, Ohio, on November 10. Mr. Ampsaker, radio operator on the "Columbia," was headed south off the coast of Mexico at the time and was unable to attend the funeral services. Mr. Darbee's letter was addressed from Chehalis, Canal Zone, and when he wrote Mr. Ampsaker, he was again headed for the Atlantic coast, expecting to spend Christmas in New York.

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