

COMMUNITY FETES GOLDEN NUPTIALS

**Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs
Pass 50th Wedded Year;
Receive at Home.**

BANQUET ENJOYED

**Many Surround Festive Board at
Methodist Church; Program and
Gifts Feature Evening.**

The fiftieth anniversary of wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Briggs—commenced Feb. 10, 1886, when they were married near this city, and featured by continuous residence in this vicinity—was appropriately celebrated Monday. Many friends accepted the invitation issued in the Gazette Times and joined in honoring the esteemed couple whose married history is interlocked with emanation of Heppner from a frontier town into the modern, progressive city of today.

Morrow county's treasurer and his bride of fifty years ago, young in spirit if not in years of married life, greeted friends at their home in the afternoon. Many callers gave felicitations. Mrs. S. E. Notson and Mrs. M. L. Case poured tea, and Mrs. Jennie McCarter and Mrs. Alice Adkins were assistant hostesses.

At 6:30 in the evening a large assemblage was seated at the banquet table in the basement of the Methodist church, an occasion equally commemorative of the long and active service of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs in the church. Three tables were arranged, one for the Briggs family, one for those over seventy years of age, and one for the evangelists, Mrs. Helen Duff Baugh and Miss Naomi Van Cleave, and for the ministers and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kleinfeldt, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Pope, Rev. T. D. Crabb, and Mrs. James Pointer from Oakland, Cal.

After the banquet an appropriate program was given in the main auditorium. Mrs. Bloom led in singing "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" and "Abide With Me." Violin solos were played by Miss Joan Pope and Judge William T. Campbell. Mrs. Della M. Corson and Miss Van Cleave recited, and Mrs. Ray M. Taylor sang.

On behalf of the church and friends, Rev. Mr. Pope presented Mr. and Mrs. Briggs with a beautiful electric floor lamp of golden bronze. Other gifts were received from relatives and friends. Response was made by the honorees with thanks and reminiscences of the past.

A beautiful and impressive sermonette by Mrs. Baugh on the reward of being a Christian and its influence on home life concluded the program.

All present and many others wish Mr. and Mrs. Briggs many more joyful anniversaries.

Sharing joy of the occasion with Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were their daughters, Miss Opal Briggs, local Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. manager, and Mrs. Ray M. Taylor and family.

Initiation, Annual Ball Planned by Elks, 22nd

Featured by initiation of a class of 25 candidates in the afternoon, and the annual Washington's birthday ball in the evening, Heppner lodge 358 B. P. O. Elks is planning one of the outstanding events in its annals February 22. Large delegations, including many of the candidates, are expected from Arlington, Condon, Fossil and Kinzua, announces Harry Tamblin, exalted ruler.

Festivities of the day include a public parade and band concert at 1:30, followed by initiatory services at the lodge hall. Special entertainment will be provided for the ladies while the men are occupied at the hall. Lunch goods will be on tap in the kitchen from noon until 8 o'clock, and ladies will join men in a get-together party after the lodge ceremonies. Later the annual ball will be staged, with special features, and music by Kaufman's orchestra of Pendleton.

All Elks in the domain of Heppner lodge are urged to attend. R. C. Phelps, chairman of the program and stunts committee, promises plenty of fun for everyone.

MILD THAW TODAY.
A softening sun and a mild thaw are softening an eight-inch blanket of snow at Heppner today. Falling weather has prevailed all week, with temperature low of three degrees below zero. Snow has visited the county generally, and wheat fields are now protected after having been swept by wind in sections last week. Drifts have closed some country roads, and the Oregon-Washington highway to Pendleton has not been used for several days. A new fall of several inches last night complicated transportation.

B.W. DANCE SATURDAY.
The annual St. Valentines' ball of Business and Professional Women club will be held at the Elks temple Saturday night. Music will be played by The Dalles Rhythm Kings, and special features have been arranged.

HERBERT FRENCH DIES, PENDLETON

**Rodeo Vice-President, Life-Time
Resident This District, Succumbs to Lingering Illness.**

Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock yesterday morning from the Catholic church in Pendleton for Herbert French, 36, vice-president of Heppner Rodeo association and popular young cattleman of the Lena district who died at St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, Saturday night. Mr. French suffered a lingering illness for the last two years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. French, pioneer Butter creek residents, who survive, besides his wife Rose, three children, Raymond, Joe and Dorothy; brother John of Long Creek, and sister, Mrs. Cleve Walton of Ritter.

Many friends of the family from this district attended the funeral rites, with interment in the Vinson cemetery. Pallbearers were John Brosnan, Joe Brosnan, Joseph Doherty, Charles McDevitt, Tony Vey and Barney Doherty. Folsom's chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. French had spent his entire life in this district, growing into the cattle business with his father, and later becoming a successful operator by himself. He loved rodeo life, and his interest in the sports of cowboys was reflected in his interest in the local Rodeo, of which he was arena director two years ago, following several years as performer and judge. His good record was such as to cause his election to vice-presidency of the association last year.

He bore his long suffering bravely, and was cheerful at all times. When his ailment became such that he could not actively supervise running of the ranch from the saddle, he kept a keen interest in all that was going on, and his counsel and advice were at all times reflected in management of the ranch.

High tribute is paid his sterling character by his friends and co-workers of the Rodeo who feel deeply the loss sustained by the family and community in Mr. French's passing. Henry Aiken, Rodeo president, and Mrs. Aiken were among those attending the last rites from here.

CCC CAMPS TO VIE FOR HOOP HONORS

**Five Teams to Participate Here
Tomorrow, Saturday; Hi School
Will Play Boardman.**

Heppner and the Civilian Conservation corps camp here will host this week end to the basketball squads of four companies in northeastern Oregon, when they meet for the Blue Mountain zone tournament, league F.

The schedule will open with two games at 10 a. m., Friday and will continue through Saturday, with two games at 7:30 that evening. Also at this time Heppner high school will play Boardman high school. All games will be played at the school gymnasium.

Camp Baker, company 980, is being coached by Educational Adviser Henderson, and Lorrie C. Oglesby, educational adviser at Camp Higard, company 963, is in charge of the eight-man squad from there. Camp Stanfield team, company 569, is coached by Lieutenant Cook, while Maurice Shepard, educational adviser at Camp Squaw Creek, company 2112, is coaching the men from that camp.

The local camp's eight-man squad includes Team Captain Roberts, Crowley and Dean, forwards; Farrell, Swedes, centers; and McCarthy, Sultap and Michaud, guards. Lieut. Grant H. Edwards is coach, assisted by Millard Rodman, project manager. Marvin E. Dixon, Camp Heppner educational adviser, is trainer.

Capt. William R. Reynolds, commander of the camp here, said that townspeople are invited to attend these games, which will be free of charge.

Officials will be A. H. Blankenship, local high school coach, and H. W. Buhman, grade school principal.

IMPROVE RECREATION HALL.
Members of the Heppner CCC camp are enjoying their recreation hall more these days, with the addition of some comfortable furniture. Some easy chairs and a davenport were recently moved into the building where the young men spend much of their leisure time.

The officers' quarters have also had some improvements the last week, with davenport, more chairs and a rug being placed in the room. The ply-wood walls are being scored as a finish, which brings out the grain more distinctly.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to express our sincere thanks for the sympathy and assistance given us during our recent bereavement in the death of Theodore Anderson, and for the many beautiful flowers.

The Family.
CARD OF THANKS.
Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated in the bereavement of our baby son.
Mr. and Mrs. Alek Peck.

Voters to Express Will on Bond Issue, Saturday

The polls will be open next Saturday for voters of the city to decide whether \$7000 in bonds shall be issued for improvement of the water system. The voters should express their will. Ballots may be cast from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. at the council chambers.

Mayor T. J. D. Jones and members of the council have referred the matter to the people believing the opportunity to be good for obtaining needed improvement at a saving to the city. If the bonds are voted, PWA has agreed to give an additional \$5,727, and the total of \$12,727 will be used mainly to re-lay one and three-quarters mile of old wooden pipe in the lead main with new steel pipe. The contract for this work, depending upon success of the bond issue, has been tentatively let for \$10,712. It is expected the balance of the grant will be used for augmenting the water supply.

Mayor and council say that the improvement work must be done, and that the voters have the say as to whether government help will be accepted or whether the city must stand the entire cost itself.

No increase in millage tax is expected to result from floating the bonds, except as much as will be required to pay interest, as the bonds will be issued to become due after present bonded indebtedness has been retired.

PWA has approved the project, and the city fathers expect construction to get under way immediately the bonds are authorized.

GOPHER BATTLE WAGED WIDELY

**Creek Farmers Cooperate 100 Per
Cent With Conservation Service
in Eradicating Pests.**

By JOSEPH BELANGER,
County Agent

The most extensive gopher poisoning campaign ever put on in this county has just been completed through the cooperation with the Soil Conservation service and the U. S. D. A. Extension service. Probably no county in Oregon has come so close to poisoning 100 per cent of its creek bottom land, and certainly no county has ever done so much poisoning at a lower cost.

V. F. Larose, with the Soil Conservation service here at Heppner, has been in charge of a crew of CCC men which has done an excellent job on the lands which they have covered. No job of poisoning can be expected to kill all of the gophers. The effectiveness of the work already done would be increased if the farmer whose land was already poisoned would go over his acreage again as soon as the ground thaws enough to permit it.

Carrots cut in pieces about two inches long and one-half inch square, dusted with alkali strychnine, make an excellent bait. A very little practice will make it easy to hit the main runway with a probe. One piece of bait is then dropped into the main runway and the hole covered up. Bait should not be dropped into the surface holes made by the gophers.

The following is a list of men on whose farms gopher poisoning was done with the amount of acreage poisoned on each man's place:

- D. O. Justus 90, F. D. Cox 70, John Hanna 100, Lottie Kikenny 80, J. T. Morgan 30, Charles Monagle 40, H. A. Cohn 50, J. Beymer 100, C. Barratt 60, McNamee & Co. 40, Chas. Kirk 20, Ralph I. Thompson 20, William Crosby 20, L. A. Florence 10, B. E. Kelley 53, W. H. Cleveland 80, Frank Wilkinson 180, Frank Monahan 100, Frank S. Parker 40, Richard Wells 8, E. W. Moyer 10, E. E. Clark 20, J. J. Wells 15, Edward Clark 12, L. A. Palmer 50, H. O. Bauman 40, John Clark 60, Evans Bros. 70, R. C. Wightman 80, J. J. Hughes 50, C. M. Biddle 50, M. E. Gentry 50, E. D. McMillan 50, Timmer Hogue 30, Laxton McMurray 150, D. F. Ledbetter 35, Lee C. Sparks 73, A. Holub 50, G. A. Petty 90, John Piper 20, W. R. Akers 80, Matt Halvorsen 60, W. Windsor 10, O. Keithley 80, Fred Pettijohn 75, H. E. Cool 77, Hynd Bros. 250, Krebs Bros. 350, Elmer R. Peterson 25, R. L. Padberg 71, R. A. Thompson 250, Arthur Keene 35, A. D. McMurdo 90, Grant Olden 50, H. B. Smith 95, Fred Hoskins 65, Lotus Robison 50, Earl McKenney 20, Evans Bros. 20, Harold Wright 35, O. E. Wright 75, O. C. Stephens 80, Raymond Wright 30, Joe Holboke 20, E. Rugg 80, Dillard French 180, E. Brosnan 100, Edwin Hughes 100, George Currin 114. Total: 69 farms, 4673 acres.

CENSUS SUPERVISOR HERE.

A. R. McCall, Elgin, district director of the federal business census and publisher of the Elgin Recorder, was in the city yesterday interviewing W. L. Blakely, local census taker. Mr. McCall reported good progress over his district in taking the census, with Morrow county lagging. He also took this work as one of the oldest in the census department, and urged cooperation of business men in getting their blanks filled out. All information is strictly confidential, not to be revealed by the census-taker or the government. It is used purely for statistical purposes, but has an important bearing on the work of the department of commerce.

WANT ROAD OPENED.
"Our people are asking for opening of the Heppner-Spray road," writes D. E. Baxter, secretary Spray Chamber of Commerce. "If Heppner will make request, we will get the snow removed when they think the storms are over." Heppner Lions club, through H. O. Tenney, road committee chairman, has been pushing this matter through E. B. Aldrich, eastern Oregon's highway commissioner, who referred the matter to District Engineer Williams. No later word has been received here.

CHAPTER TO MEET.
Ruth chapter, O. E. S. will hold its regular meeting at Masonic hall tomorrow evening.

**Local Man Escaped Difficulty,
Though Train Taken Part Way
Wild Life Congress Attended.**

It gave one "a sort of feeling of superiority to gaze down upon snowbound trains in the Middle West while soaring comfortably and speedily along in an airplane, said J. G. Barratt, president Oregon Wool Growers association, who returned home Monday from a "flying trip" to Washington, D. C.

Fourteen degrees below zero and a tail wind accompanied the departure of Mr. Barratt's plane from Chicago. That was the coldest experience of the trip. He escaped difficulty, though part of the trip was made by train. Going, he flew from Pendleton to Salt Lake where the passengers were put aboard train and taken to Chicago. From Chicago he flew on to Washington.

LIONS GET ACTION ON TENNIS PROJECT

**Committee Finds WPA
Application Pigeonholed
at Pendleton Office.**

ACTION IS PROMISED

**District Director to Speed Matter;
Club Expresses Interest in
Obtaining Swimming Pool.**

Immediate action on the WPA project for constructing tennis courts at the school was obtained as a result of action at the Lions Monday luncheon. The club's co-operating committee, Dr. L. E. Tibbles, C. J. D. Bauman and Joseph Belanger decided to make a trip to Pendleton Monday afternoon and interview the district office about the pending application, following discussion of the subject in which Edward F. Bloom, superintendent, said that nothing had been heard from it.

The committee and Chas. E. Cox on calling at the district office found that the application had been inadvertently pigeonholed, and received from District Supervisor Thompson the promise that it would be forwarded immediately and that he would personally present the matter to the state office in Portland, within a few days.

The committee with others interested, will work out an arrangement with the school board whereby people of the community may have use of the courts in exchange for such monetary assistance as may be given. Lions and B. P. W. have \$100 between them that may be turned to assist the project.

Further tennis court benefit entertainments will be held in absence pending action on the WPA application, it was the Lions opinion based on Mr. Bloom's statement that the amount necessary could not be determined until it is learned whether WPA assistance will be available. Hope was expressed that the courts would be ready for use early in the spring.

The duties of the tennis court committee were enlarged to cooperate in working for construction of a swimming pool at as early a date as possible.

S. E. Notson announced that he and Mr. Cox are going to Walla Walla Saturday to attend a meeting of Inland Empire Waterways association and that it was desired to fill the car with a delegation.

The high school girls sextet, directed by Miss Juanita Leathers, entertained with a song, and Betty Marie Adkins delivered Lincoln's Gettysburg address. Tables were adorned with Valentine motif by Mrs. H. O. Tenney, Heppner hotel matron, who made a special arrangement of hearts at the place of C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, who responded to the recognition by treating with the cigars. Father-son banquet tickets were liberally purchased by club members.

LEXINGTON

By EDITH EDWARDS

The Lexington high school basketball team met defeat in a game with Heppner on the Hopner floor last Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, by a score of 29-22. This is their second defeat of the season.

A P. T. A. executive board meeting was held last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. George Peck.

Miss Delpha Merritt returned last Tuesday from Portland, where she has been visiting friends and relatives for several weeks.

Word has been received by friends and relatives here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baruchel at their home in Corvallis.

There was no school last Friday on account of the cold weather.

The carnival has been postponed until a future date. It will probably be held sometime in March.

The Lexington high school basketball team defeated Ione on the Ione floor last Friday evening by a score of 35 to 18. They have now won seven games out of nine.

Lyle Alyn has been ill at his home the past week with an attack of the flu.

Among those absent from high school this week were Juanita Davison, George Lambirth, Lester McMillan, Lavern Wright, Harding Smith, Danny Dinges, Lyle Alyn and Elwynne Peck.

Ralph Jackson is able to be up and about following his recent illness.

Helen Breshers has been ill at her home with the flu.

Among those attending the tractor school in Pendleton on Thursday were Harold Henderson, Millard Nolan, Elmer Palmer, Alfred and Norman Nelson.

Mrs. Lawrence Slocum and daughter Barbara are visiting relatives and friends in Portland.

Mrs. Wilbur Steagall and infant son returned to their home from Heppner on Monday.

There will be a grange meeting at the hall on Saturday evening, February 15.

The H. E. club will have a meeting at the grange hall Thursday afternoon, February 20.

THEO. ANDERSON DIES, PNEUMONIA

**Native of Sweden Resided in Eight
Mile 45 Years; Funeral
Rites Held Here.**

Theodore Anderson, a leading citizen of the Eight Mile community for 45 years, died at Heppner hospital Tuesday morning following an attack of pneumonia of a weeks duration. Funeral services were held from the Church of Christ in this city yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of Case Mortuary, with Alvin Kleinfeldt, minister, officiating. Tribute was paid by a large concourse of friends and neighbors. All members of the immediate family were present. Burial followed in Masonic cemetery under auspices of Heppner lodge 69, A. F. & A. M., of which the deceased was long a member.

Mr. Anderson was a native of Sweden, having been born at Oland, November 9, 1867. He was aged 68 years, 3 months and 2 days. At 15 years of age he came to America and first settled in Kansas on a farm near his aunt, Mrs. A. P. Lovgren. He came to Oregon about 1880 and took up a homestead on Eight Mile, the original Anderson home place. Adding to his land holdings later, he acquired one of the larger wheat farms of the section, comprising more than 2000 acres. He married a native daughter, Norma Irene Becket, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Becket, in 1897, and together they constructed one of the finest farm homes in Morrow county while rearing four children who received part of their education in the Heppner schools.

Mrs. Anderson preceded him in death on November 20, 1924. Mr. Anderson was considered a successful wheat farmer, though reverses common to the industry the last few years caused his holdings to decrease. But when reverses came, he met them bravely and continued his faith in the future. A leading citizen of his community, he was highly respected by all who knew him.

Surviving are the children, Harley of Eight Mile; Mrs. Harold Sauer (Kathryn) of Port Orford; Mrs. Chas. Crites (Hazel) of Newberg, and Miss Dorothea, who teaches at Estacada; also a brother, Martin, of Cottage Grove; a sister, Emile Johnson of Kalmia, Sweden, and five grand children.

**CITY PREPARES
FOR HOOP MEET**

**North Powder Probable Opponent
of Locals When Teams from 13
Counties Come Here Mar. 6-7.**

From the Hehishch.
Attention, please! To your city, Heppnerites, falls the privilege of entertaining the Eastern Oregon District "B" Basketball tournament, the winner of which will represent the "B" school (those having less than one hundred fifty pupils enrolled) at the state meet to be held in Salem on March 18, 19, 20, 21.

Never before have you had the opportunity to see such a dazzling display of talent as will grace the local court when eight teams, representing the best of Eastern Oregon, meet in battle on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7. Heppner, by virtue of being the host city, automatically places its team in the tournament.

Thirteen counties of Eastern Oregon will be represented. Umatilla county sends one team; Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam and part of Grant counties send one team; Sherman, Hood River and Wasco will be represented by two teams; Harney and parts of Grant and Wheeler counties will have one representative; Wallawa and Union counties will send one team; Baker and Malheur will be represented by one team.

Outstanding contenders for the various sub-district championships are Burns, Odell, Dufur, Athena, Unapinger, Wallawa, Arlington, Boardman, Umatilla, and North Powder. It is likely that North Powder will be Heppner's opponent when the local team plays at 7:30 Friday, March 6.

Games will be played at 2, 3, 7:30 and 8:30 on Friday. On Saturday morning the winners of Friday's round will play. On Saturday night the winners of the morning games will play for the championship and the losers for the consolation game.

Don't forget the dates—Friday and Saturday, March 6, 7.

CARD OF APPRECIATION.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the able and cheerful cooperation of those who made our golden wedding anniversary such a happy event, as much labor and sacrifice must have been expended by those in charge and assisting.

We also feel honored by the attendance of those friends who accepted the invitation.

Our hearts are greatly warmed and cheered by the evidences of friendship manifested in the various gifts which were entirely unexpected, and also by the hearty congratulations extended, both personally and through the mails.

These things will be pleasant memories for the balance of our lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Briggs.

FATHERS-SONS DINE IN SPITE OF SNOW

**200 Convene for Annual
Scout Week Event; FSL
Motto of Occasion.**

LINCOLN IS THEME

**Barratt Tells of Visit to National
Shrine; Mason Cites Boyhood
Life; Mountain Camp Asked.**

Snow was no deterrent to the annual Fathers-Sons banquet last night. In spite of eight inches of the beautiful which covered the ground, and a continuing fall, nearly 200 men folks, young and old, surrounded the festive board at the Church of Christ basement and enjoyed the delicious dinner served by ladies of the church. Motto of the affair, given in three letters after New Deal fashion, "FSL"—fathers, scouts, Lincoln—was espoused by J. O. Turner, toastmaster, who directed the program.

The banquet was a feature of local observance of National Scout week, further observed locally by troop displays in store windows. Eagle troop, led by John Crawford, was awarded first prize by the judges.

Boosted by speakers of the evening was establishment next summer of a scout camp in the mountains under the supervision of a competent leader.

E. L. Morton, chairman local scout executive committee, introduced Mr. Turner who directed the program with much well-pointed humor.

Bert Mason, lone merchant and Boy Scout enthusiast, told "When I Was a Boy," making apt comparison of pioneer conditions in Morrow county with those existing today. He attributed to the coming of the machine age much leisure time for modern boys which is better consumed by such activity as scouting. Things were different when he was a boy, as boys at that time started early to do their stint on the ranch. That time he designated as the stock age. He was in the saddle after cattle at 10 years, and he recalled the double winter of 1889-90, when he and two brothers had the chore of looking after several hundred head of cattle.

J. G. Barratt described Lincoln's shrine in Washington, D. C., which he recently visited, in a tribute to the Great Emancipator based on the scout motto, "Be Prepared." Picking out highlights in the life of the man whose birthday was being honored, he showed how Lincoln in spite of political defeat and adversities was ever preparing himself for the place he was destined to fill in the life of the nation.

A visit to Lincoln's shrine, he said, renews one's faith in democracy and in America, reflecting as it does the great man's spirit as so admirably grasped by the artist.

Mr. Morton extended thanks of the committee for the fine cooperation given in making the dinner a success, especially thanking the women who ever play so large a part in the affairs of men. An instrumental duet by Norton King and Gerald Cason, with trombone and trumpet, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Parker, was well received.

Claude Pevy, scoutmaster, outlined scout activities of the last year, interspersing his remarks with humor, and introduced Scott McMurdo and Jackson Gilliam, scouts, who gave a demonstration in wig-wagging. Joe Aiken recited the scout creed.

Introduced were Charles Christenson, Ione scoutmaster, and a group of his scouts. Ione fathers accompanying their boys included Mr. Mason, Harlan McCurdy, P. O'Meara, Walter Corley and Raymond Turner.

**Sweetheart Nite Feature
of M. E. Church Meetings**

"Sweetheart Night" will be observed tomorrow evening at the Methodist church by Helen Duff Baugh, evangelist, who will speak on "Vanity Fair." The Irish speaker who has so pleasingly entertained her audience for the last week will stage a real Irish night Saturday evening when she will survey Irish life and character. After the service Irish tea will be served.

The usual two great evangelistic meetings are announced for Sunday morning and evening, and Monday evening the pagant "Rock of Ages" will be presented. Both the Christian and Pentecostal churches have dismissed services to unite in the revival meetings. Children's meetings are scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 3:45. Services this week have been attended by large crowds.

APPLICATIONS MOUNT.

Bonus applications by Morrow county veterans made through P. M. Gemmill, adjutant of the local Legion post, had mounted this amount still due on adjusted service certificates covered by the applications. Face value of certificates was \$34,762, and average amount on each certificate still due, \$508.