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DANIEL STALTER 53-YEAR RESIDENT

**Native of Bavaria Lost
Wife, Five Children
in Heppner Flood.**

MINED MANY YEARS

**Was President of Heppner Mining
Company, Operating Mayflower
Mine, for Thirty-five Years.**

Daniel Stalter, 80, 53-year resident of Morrow county and president of Heppner Mining company for the last 35 years, died in Portland Saturday morning following a brief illness. News of his passing came as a shock to Heppner friends whom he visited but a few weeks before, apparently in good health and spirits and looking forward as usual to his annual summer's work at the Mayflower mine of the company in the Greenhorn mountains near Aurora.

Funeral services were conducted from the Church of Christ here Monday afternoon with Alvin Kleinfeldt, minister, officiating, and interment was in Masonic cemetery beside the graves of his wife and five children who lost their lives in the Heppner flood of June 14, 1903.

The services were largely attended by old-time friends and neighbors and the floral offerings were profuse.

Daniel Stalter was born in Bavaria, August 24, 1855, and died in Portland, Oregon, June 20, 1936, aged 80 years, 9 months and 26 days.

In Bavaria he was a member of the Mennonite church. He came to America at 18 years of age. Working for a time in the east, he first came to Morrow county as a young man 27 years of age. He shortly took up a homestead, and for a number of years engaged in farming. He took as his bride Samantha Hart, and to this union six children were born. The family was caught by the flood waters of June 14, 1903, and Mr. Stalter alone escaped with the one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. Mary E. Lynn of Portland, who survives. Surviving also is one sister, Mrs. Barbara Newhouse of Aurora, Neb.

Mr. Stalter had launched his mining venture in the Greenhorn mountains two years before the fateful flood, and when the terrible catastrophe befell him, he turned to it with renewed vigor as respite from his overburdening sorrows.

Friends rallied to his assistance and organized the Heppner Mining company in which he was principal stockholder and served as president from the start. For most of the period, J. O. Hager of this city has served as secretary.

Almost single-handed, with pick and shovel and wheelbarrow, Mr. Stalter worked year after year through the short working season in the high mountains, developing the mine to large proportions, and bringing it to the point where it attracted attention of large mining companies. Each year as he finished his labors, Mr. Stalter would come back to Heppner with samples of ore which he showed as justification for his unfaltering faith in the mine's promise.

On occasion, mostly during the World war, the company sold carloads of ore of heavy mineral content which provided some capital for carrying on the development.

In the wintertime, Mr. Stalter would spend considerable time interesting outside capital in the venture, for which stock was issued. He was not successful, however, in capitalizing the company to the place where it could install its own milling equipment.

He believed that could this have been done, the company would have had a paying operation for the last several years.

When he left the mine last season he was confident that the property would appraise a sufficient amount to repay the cost of development and leave a profit besides. Negotiations were made for a time last year to sell to another larger company, but Mr. Stalter was not satisfied with the terms offered.

Throughout the burden of sorrow

Mr. Stalter bore up bravely, and he little indicated to others the great load of grief which only a magnanimous soul could bear. He was a loving husband and father, a tireless worker, and ever congenial to all with whom he came in contact. His own misfortune was reflected more in his sympathy for others, a large capacity for which was ever evidenced.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET.

Ruth chapter, O. E. S., will hold its regular meeting at Masonic hall tomorrow night. A special program and social hour is announced by Mrs. Lena Cox, worthy matron.

BENEFIT DANCE SET.

An old-time dance will be held at Lexington grange hall Saturday night, July 4, for the benefit of the Lexington 4-H club. The Heppner orchestra will play.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the kind neighbors and friends who assisted us in our bereavement, and especially for the many beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Ralph Corrigan and the Corrigan Family.

JAMES H. HELMS CALLED BY DEATH

Lexington Wheatraiser, Native of Oregon, Resided at John Day for Many Years.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Tuesday afternoon for James H. Helms who passed away early Monday morning. Rev. Alvin L. Kleinfeldt, pastor of the Christian church of Heppner, officiated. A quartet composed of Harvey Miller, John Miller, Mrs. S. G. McMillan and Mrs. Trina Parker sang three beautiful numbers, accompanied by Miss Dona Barnett at the piano.

James H. Helms was born June 21, 1863, near Independence, Oregon. He came with his parents from the Willamette valley when a young boy, settling in the John Day valley where that part of the country was unsettled, his father taking a homestead. In later years he and his brother John took homesteads in the same valley. They helped protect settlers during the Bannock Indian uprising. He did freighting from The Dalles when it was the only trading post for 150 miles. He drove stage from Canyon City to The Dalles for several years.

In the year 1896 he married Orna D. Pomeroy and they made their home near Blalock. To this union were born three children, W. H. O. N. and Edna A., all of whom survive. They moved from Blalock to Lexington in 1906 and Mr. Helms did farm work for his brother for a short time, then moved to the present ranch. Mrs. Helms passed away in 1913, and in 1924 he married Annis Yocom of Ione, who also survives.

He had been a faithful member of the Lexington Christian church for several years, and was also a member of the Lexington L. O. O. F. lodge.

He loved to have his friends come to visit him, especially so during his last illness and appreciated so much the flowers that were sent him. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Ella Rhodes, Newberg; stepchildren, Elmer Pomeroy, Ostrander, Wash., and Mrs. Ben Cox, Heppner, and seven grand children.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw and sons have moved to Hermiston where Mr. Shaw is employed by the Grange Co-operative Co.

Elizabeth Edwards, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Edwards, received a deep cut over her right eye Wednesday afternoon and was taken to Heppner where six stitches were required to close the laceration. Rae Cowins was carrying Elizabeth downstairs when she tripped and fell. Rae received slight injuries to her back and leg.

Mrs. Raymond Jeub and son who have been visiting at the J. E. Genetics home have returned to their home at Coquille.

The Harlan McCurdy car, driven by Lamoin Cox of Heppner, collided with a car driven by Wesley Brannon of Hardman on the Lexington-Echo highway near Lexington Saturday night. No one was last. Thursday-Friday-Saturday in August.

HERMISTON TO CELEBRATE.

Hermiston American Legion post has announced a big celebration with staging of a first class fight card there, July 4. Don Allstott, former Heppner boy, is scheduled to appear in a four-round bout.

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Summer School Experiences Told at 4-H Club Meeting

The 4-H Kitchen club held its weekly meeting Wednesday, June 24. The business meeting was held then two reports were given by Ellen Hughes and Eileen Kelly who attended summer school at Corvallis. The reports were very interesting and gave the girls who hadn't attended a good idea of what summer school was like. The meeting was closed by the girls repeating the 4-H club creed.

Ellen Kelly's report follows:

At Arlington the train was two hours late. While we were waiting we saw the streamlined train. It was very pretty.

I don't know what time it was when we reached Portland but it was pretty late. We got to Corvallis about 4:30 a. m. Eileen and I were assigned to the same room at Snell hall. The other girls were sent out to sororities and fraternities. We had to make our beds, so by the time we got to bed it was after 5.

We were on the third floor at Snell. Our room number was 327.

Here is our schedule for the day: Breakfast at 7:30, classes at 8:30, dinner at 12:15, assembly at 1:30, county meetings at 2:30; then recreation classes such as dramatics, sports, folk dancing, etc. at 3. Then after this was swimming. The suits and towels were furnished and the swimming lessons were free. After swimming we could do anything we liked from 5 to 6. Supper was at 6:15. At 7:30 there was always recreation of some sort. Bedtime was at 10. The lights went out at 10:15, and we either had to be bed by then or be good at undressing in the dark.

In the classes the girls were divided into two sections which were divided into classes according to ages. I was in section 1, class B. Ellen and I wanted to be in cooking but as there could only be 32 in a class we were put into sewing. We had a little bit of everything

Broken Water Main Rouses City at 2 A. M.

Water, not fire, was the cause of the siren being sounded at 2 o'clock Monday morning, arousing residents from their slumber and bringing out the fire department. The scene presented was that of a geyser throwing mud and rocks high into the air and onto the roof of the Clark barber shop. Investigation revealed a bursted water main.

The water came out with such force for a time that it threw rocks of considerable size high into the air and some of these broke the glass above the plate glass windows in the barber shop. The basement of the building was also deluged, leaving a mess for the barber shop force to clean up. Fire hydrants below the break were opened to relieve the pressure and the geyser was subdued. The drain was heavy on the city's big reservoir.

New Grand Jury Meets, Returns One True Bill

The newly empaneled grand jury was sworn in Monday by Judge C. L. Sweek, and its labors were completed Tuesday with the return of one true bill, a secret indictment. Serving on the body are H. W. Grim, foreman; Floyd Worden, W. W. Kilcup, Olney Saling, Archie Bechdolt, A. G. Edmondson and A. M. Baldwin. The jury's report was:

"We have been in session one day. We have investigated all matters pertaining to violation of the criminal laws of the State of Oregon, committed or triable in this county, brought to our attention, or of which we had knowledge.

"We have returned one true bill.

"We have no recommendations to make at this time."

BABY DEER SHOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Casebeer stopped in front of the postoffice this morning and immediately the back seat of their car was the center of interest. In it was a three-weeks' old fawn mule-tail deer which Mr. Casebeer had picked up beside the road in the mountains shortly after it was born, and apparently deserted by its mother. He obtained a permit from the game warden to keep it. Not much larger than a good-sized jackrabbit, the fawn had a dark brown coat with broken white stripes along the back. It didn't object to being handled by the young ladies in the county agent's office who carried it up the street to show their boss.

Next year's convention was voted to be held in Honolulu with the plan to transact most of the convention business on board boat going to the Hawaiian islands, and the time on the islands to be spent in sightseeing and enjoying the various forms of entertainment to be provided. Mexico City extended invitation to hold the convention there in 1938. Mr. Notsen's election to the first vice-presidency puts him in line for the presidency next year.

Attending the convention sessions from here also were C. J. D. Baum, man sheriff, and Homer Hayes, chief of police.

Rev. Joseph Pope Ends Local M. E. Pastorate

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Pope and daughter, Miss Joanne, departed Monday morning for Corvallis to attend the annual conference of M. E. churches for Oregon. They shipped their household goods before leaving but did not know to where they might be transferred. The church congregation and friends tendered them a farewell party at the church Friday night.

Rev. Mr. Pope has completed his third year with the local church and the family's leaving brings many expressions of regret. During their residence here they acquired a large circle of friends inside and outside the church, all of whom bid them God-speed.

Crop Prospects Less Promising Says O. S. C.

Crop prospects are definitely less promising in the country as a whole than some weeks ago, says the latest report on the agricultural situation and outlook just released by the O. S. C. agricultural extension service. In respect to prices, the general level of farm prices is indicated to be slightly higher than a month ago, whereas a downward trend has prevailed mostly for several months.

Drought conditions, especially throughout the southern part of the country east of the Mississippi, account for most of the decline in crop prospects. It will require good and timely rains during the remainder of the season to bring about the usual total output of several crops, the report states. Special sections are given in respect to various farm commodities.

From the standpoint of market demand conditions, strength is indicated owing to the income of industrial workers being higher in April and May than at any time for several years. Industrial conditions continue to show improvement, considering usual seasonal trends. Business has received added activity from the soldiers' bonus.

I took swimming lessons the first week. It was fun but I couldn't learn. The second week I had such a cold I couldn't go in.

The recreation period at 7:30 were the most fun of all. There was always a dance, a show, a party, or an exchange supper. But the most fun of all I think was the backwards party among the girls of Snell hall. Everybody had to wear something backwards and almost everybody ate with them that way. The tables were set backwards and the plates were at the wrong end of the table. We sang our songs first, then ate our dessert. When our main course was served it was served on the backs of the plates. Everybody ate with his knife. Some even went so far as to eat with their fingers. We didn't do that at our table, however. Anyway it was lots of fun. We even sang grace last.

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I think the trip to summer school was highly educational as well as being lots of fun. I hope more can go next year.

Charles Bartholomew, pioneer Pine City resident, was transacting business in the city yesterday.

NOTSON HONORED BY PEACE OFFICERS

With July 3 as the last date for signing work sheets for the new Agricultural Conservation program, only one more week remains in which work sheets can be signed. It should, perhaps, again be emphasized that signing the work sheets does not form any type of contract.

The situation is similar to that of voting. Merely registering as a voter does not compel one to vote on election day but unless one has registered it would be impossible to vote. The same thing applies to this program—signing a work sheet does not require one to perform any particular act, but unless one has signed a work sheet he will be unable to apply for a grant.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding in certain cases as to the amount of acreage to be diverted under the new program. In the summer fallow section there is a leeway of between 7 1/2 and 15 percent of the total soil depleting base. This does not mean merely the acreage in wheat but the main feature of entertainment at the county-wide rallies expected to be held in counties throughout the nation.

Reporting the event at the Tuesday Lions luncheon, Mr. Notsen cited this association as being unique in its field. It was the first such association, though others have followed in its footsteps. He credited it with having had much influence for good in the field of law enforcement. The United States, Canadian and Mexican flags were flown from the same flag pole for the first time in history at the Portland convention when they grazed the flag pole at the ceremonies at Multnomah stadium.

A feature of this event was the appearance of the Canadian Royal Mounted police in a colorful drill. Mexico City's crack motorcycle policemen, and the runner-up band in last year's international band contest at Paris also from Mexico City, a bagpipe band from Vancouver, B. C., and a military band from Vancouver, Wn., also participated.

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