

BARRATT ACQUIRES JOE HAYES RANCH

Upper Butter Creek Property Passes into Hands of Heppner Man.

GAULT MAKES SALE

Receiver for Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank Awaits Comptroller's Approval.

One of the largest real estate deals of recent years was consummated in Heppner this week when the Hayes ranch on Butter creek was purchased by J. G. Barratt, local sheepman. The deal was made through J. L. Gault, receiver for the Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank. Mr. Gault declined to confirm the amount of the consideration until the sale is approved by the comptroller at Washington, but it is currently reported to be around \$25,000, making it one of the largest real estate sales made for some time in Morrow county.

The ranch in question is that owned and operated for many years by Joseph M. Hayes. It is located about 24 miles east of Heppner on upper Butter creek and consists of 4980 acres. It is a well improved stock ranch with a good stand of alfalfa, some grain land, and excellent foothill grazing land.

Mr. Barratt states that while he has taken over the property in his name no immediate change in the plan of operations of W. B. Barratt & Son is contemplated. The operations will be extended to include this place, which, with the added feed volume will help solve some of the grazing problems with which they are now confronted.

Sale of the Hayes ranch constitutes the third important transaction closed by Mr. Gault in the last 30 days, the other sales being those of the First National bank building to the First National Bank of Portland, and the Ford garage building to Ferguson Motor company. The consideration of the deal is in excess of \$40,000. All were properties of the Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank except the bank building, which was part of the assets of the First National bank of Heppner, also being liquidated by Mr. Gault.

John Hiatt Upsets Car On Heppner Hill Grade

John Hiatt had a narrow escape from serious injury Tuesday when a car he was driving ran off the grade near the Art Gemmel place on Heppner hill and upset. The car turned over at least three times and landed bottom side up.

Hiatt was on his way to the Earl Hunt ranch where he is raising a band of turkeys. The car, a pickup, was loaded with turkey feed. The grade was a little heavy near the Gemmel house and Hiatt started to shift gears when he discovered a can rolling around in the bottom of the car near his feet. He stooped over to pick up the can and evidently turned the steering wheel sufficiently to guide the car out of the road, as when he looked up he was headed for the fence on the downhill side.

The driver was tossed free of the car in the first revolution it is thought, otherwise he would have been more seriously hurt. He landed against a wire fence and his watch was thrown from his pocket. The chain wrapped around a strand of the fence wire and Hiatt had some difficulty in extricating himself.

Hiatt suffered some cracked ribs and bruises, none of which was thought to be of a serious nature, and he will be in bed a few days resting up from the shock. The car was more or less of a wreck.

James A. Knighten Dies Result of Heart Attack

James A. Knighten passed away at his home near Hardman at 2:30 a. m., Saturday, August 15. Death was due to a heart attack. Mr. Knighten had been falling for some time but there was no intimation that he was in a serious condition. His brother, Louis Knighten, learning of his illness, had gone to see him and was with him when the final summons came.

Funeral services were held at the Hardman community church at 2 p. m., Monday, Rev. R. C. Young of Heppner officiating. Burial was in the Hardman cemetery.

James A. Knighten was born near Dayton, Wash., September 14, 1874, and died at his home near Hardman, August 15, 1936, aged 61 years, 11 months and 15 days. With his parents he moved to Oregon 50 years ago and spent most of this time in Morrow county.

He leaves to mourn him two sisters, Ella Belenbrock of Courtrock, and Alice Warren of Benton City, Wash.; four brothers, Fred C. of Vale, Charles W. and Louis E. of Hardman, and Edgar A. of Monument.

RODEO CLOWN COMING

Steve Shannon, whose antics at the Rodeo last year afforded much amusement for the cash customers, has sent word that he will be on hand for this year's show.

HOT QUEEN'S RACE CLOSES SATURDAY

Dance at Heppner to See End of Spirited Contest; Miss Hanna Still Holds Lead.

Saturday night will see the close of the Rodeo queen contest which has held the attention of Rodeo enthusiasts for the last two months. The last of the queen dances will be held in Heppner, at which time the final voting and counting will take place.

This will be the big dance of the series and for the occasion the management has retained Pritchard's orchestra of The Dalles, an organization of considerable reputation in the mid-Columbia area. It furnishes the musical entertainment for patrons of Ye Olde Mill, popular resort just east of The Dalles, and its services are in demand throughout that section.

Word has gone out that Rodeo regalia will be in order Saturday evening. It is hinted that overlooking this important matter will mean a trip to the kangaroo court or some similar method of extracting additional revenue from offenders.

Miss Genevieve Hanna, Lena's entry for 1936 queen of the Rodeo, maintained the lead in last Saturday's voting at the lone dance. Miss Hanna's total vote to date is 36,400. Next in line is Miss Harriet Heliker, Willows grange candidate, with 25,600. Miss Heliker polled 4300 votes to leap from cellar position to second place. Miss Hanna garnered 2100 votes, while Miss Frances Rugg of Rhea creek got 1700 and Miss Betty Doherty of Lexington added 3100 to her count.

The votes at present are as follows: Miss Hanna, 36,400; Miss Heliker, 25,600; Miss Rugg, 24,500, and Miss Doherty, 24,000.

Rodeo Admission Prices Lowered by Association

Patrons of the 1936 Heppner Rodeo will pay less to see the show this year than formerly, according to a schedule of prices released by the ticket committee this week.

Under the new schedule children will be admitted free on Thursday and adults will pay 75 cents for any seat. On Friday, children will pay 50 cents and adults 75 cents general admission. Saturday, children 50 cents, adults 75 cents general admission, grandstand \$1.00.

It is expected that this schedule will increase the daily attendance, the average amounting to as much or more than the receipts under the former higher admission charges.

McMINNVILLE EDITOR CALLS

This office acknowledges a pleasant call from Lara Bladine, editor and publisher of the McMinnville Telephone Register, one of the larger weeklies in the state. Mr. Bladine was in the city as a member of the republican state central committee, of which he is secretary, and took time to run in and extend fraternal greetings. Mr. Bladine has been a resident of Oregon about four years, coming from Iowa where he was a prominent newspaperman and a leader in republican party circles. He was collector of internal revenue for Iowa from 1921 to 1932. At the republican luncheon Friday, Mr. Bladine paid a high tribute to the Gazette Times, referring to the regard in which the paper is held by other newspapermen of the state and the recognition given it as Oregon's outstanding country newspaper in 1931. Mr. Bladine modestly referred to similar recognition given his paper at a recent meeting of the Oregon newspapermen's association.

D. A. Daugh's of The Dalles is making his headquarters at Hotel Heppner while looking after matters in connection with the Western Pine Lumber company here. The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hayes Wednesday evening, August 19, and left an 8 1-2 pound son.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Notson received formal notification today of the birth of Samuel Edward Notson, previous announcement of which was received a few weeks ago by amateur radiogram. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Notson, missionaries to China.

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Circus Performer Hurt Doing Iron Jaw Act

An unheralded thrill was given patrons of the Seal Bros. circus here Friday afternoon when the mouthpiece used in the "iron jaw" act broke and the performer, Mrs. Lillian Wilson, was hurled 20 feet to the ground. The woman was in the midst of the unwinding part of the act and her body was revolving at a rapid rate when she fell. This motion added to the shock of the fall to cause a compound fracture of the right leg and other injuries that will doubtless keep her out of the show for many months.

Examination was given by a local physician and an ambulance was called which took the injured woman to a hospital at Pendleton. Reports from there indicate that Mrs. Wilson will recover.

Funeral Services Held For Hardman Matron

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the community church in Hardman for Mrs. O. C. Stephens, whose death occurred Friday, August 14. The services were conducted by Rev. R. C. Young, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church, and interment was in the Hardman cemetery.

Death occurred in Heppner where she was brought for medical assistance, and followed an illness of six days.

Ruth Cecil Rue was a native of the Willamette valley where she was born January 28, 1896, and at the time of her passing was 40 years, six months and 17 days of age. On June 10, 1917, she became the bride of Otha C. Stephens, the ceremony taking place in the home of her parents at Monument. Three children, Joseph Clark, Edna Carol, and Laura Lyle, were born to this union and survive the mother.

Other survivors include the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rue of Monument; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Gillenwater of Mitchell, and Cora Mae-Rue of Powell Butte; and a brother, Albert S. Rue of Prineville, besides several aunts and uncles.

Mrs. Stephens was a member of Rhea Creek grange, having been its secretary, and of the Baptist church.

PREPARING TO MOVE

Work of removing shelving from the Heppner Variety store has been under way this week. Mrs. Flora Dimick, proprietor, has rented a space in the new Peters building and will have the shelving put in place and ready to receive the stocks as soon as the room can be occupied, which will be shortly after the first of September. Temporary tables were constructed to accommodate the stock until moving time.

FORMER AGENT HERE

Charles W. Smith, for several years Morrow county agricultural agent, was visiting friends in Heppner Saturday while here on business in connection with the office of state county agent leader. Mr. Smith resigned the office of county agent here two years ago to accept a state position with the federal agriculture control agencies.

CRUISING TIMBER

Walter Williams and P. M. King of Dallas are in the county this week on business in connection with a tract of timber. They are cruising the Gainer tract in the vicinity of the old Volle mill ostensibly for the purpose of fixing a sale price on it. Mr. Williams is a brother of Ralph E. Williams, vice-chairman of the Republican national committee.

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G. O. P. GETS SET FOR CAMPAIGN

Tooze, Bladine Meet With Local Organization; Support for McNary and Ritner Sought.

Interest in republican circles was given a boost last Friday when Walter L. Tooze, assistant state chairman, and Lars Bladine, secretary of the state republican organization, visited Heppner. These men made a tour of eastern Oregon counties last week to effect a better understanding among the several groups working under the republican banner and to strengthen local organizations.

A brief meeting was held in the office of S. E. Notson, county central committeeman, at which time the committee work of the county was outlined and suggestions for more complete organization were offered. Notson had previously sent out notices to precinct committeemen asking that they appoint five men and five women in each precinct for the purpose of getting out the vote, regardless of party affiliation. The state workers suggested that there be a woman appointed as assistant to the committeemen in each precinct where women are not serving as committeeholds.

Due to short notice and to the fact that there were other attractions in town Friday, a small group gathered at Hotel Heppner at the noon hour for luncheon with the state committeemen.

Mr. Tooze addressed the gathering and pointed out the things that must be done if the republican party is to attain success this fall. He stated that Mr. Farley officially buried the republican party some months ago only to find that he had interred a very live corpse. He also pointed to some of the reasons why republicans should rally to the standard of Senator Charles McNary and to put forth every effort to replace Congressman Walter M. Pierce.

"If we are to have a republican president, and we will, why send democrats to congress to hinder his work?" asked Mr. Tooze. It is the object of the state central committee to mold all the organizations—the Young Republicans, Pro America, Oregon Republican club—into one active group and as soon as this is completed the way will be cleared for opening the campaign in earnest.

Mr. Bladine spoke briefly as did Dave Hoss, son of the late Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, who is active in the Young Republicans organization.

Immediately after the luncheon the visitors left for Pendleton where similar meetings were held. Mr. Tooze told of a meeting to be held at Bend, Saturday, August 22, to which leaders of Morrow county and all loyal republicans are invited. Paul R. Kelly, editor of The Oregonian, will deliver the keynote address.

This meeting which has for its primary purpose the launching of a systematic campaign to elect Roy W. Ritner of Pendleton to congress from this district has been called by Arthur W. Prieaux, state chairman.

Geo. N. Ely, congressional committeeman for this district, will have the local delegation attending the session.

Special Train Takes 16 Cars of Sheep Monday

Sixteen cars of sheep left the Heppner yards Monday by special train. Thirteen cars were consigned to Washington, Illinois, and three cars were destined for California points.

T. F. Boylen was the buyer and shipper. He bought from R. A. Thompson, Harold Cohn, Emil Groshens and Frank Wilkinson.

Saturday's train carried seven cars of cattle, mostly steers, for the North Portland yards. Chance Wilson of Monument was the shipper.

Harry Dinges and son were up from Lexington today.

Seeing Mt. Hood From Air is Real Thrill

Ten Morrow county people got a new thrill Wednesday afternoon when they took a Mount Hood loop trip by air. The plane of the Kammer Airplane Service took off from the temporary landing field on the Hughes place north of Heppner about 4:15, flew over the hills of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties, circled the peak and returned to the local landing field by 6:45—a two and one-half hour trip of unusual joy, according to those in the party.

"Everyone should take this trip—if he feels he can afford it—for it presents an entirely different picture of eastern Oregon scenes and the mountain itself," said Dr. A. D. McMurdo, one of the enthusiastic passengers. "I was surprised to see so little snow on the mountain, but that fact detracted little from the beauty of the peak and surrounding mountains. The sailing was smooth and all the passengers had to do was sit and look at the scenery. It's a glorious sight and one not soon to be forgotten."

Nine Heppner people and one from Lexington comprised the party and included Mrs. Lonnie Henderson of Lexington, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ward, and Emil Groshens of Heppner.

William Henry Ayers Answers Death's Call

William H. Ayers, for many years a resident of Morrow county, died Monday, August 17, at Morrow General hospital in Heppner, following an illness of three months.

Funeral services were held from the Hardman community church, Wednesday at 2 p. m., Rev. R. C. Young of Heppner officiating. Interment was in the Hardman I. O. O. F. cemetery.

William Henry Ayers was born in Galesburg, Illinois, February 3, 1864. On May 6, 1887, at Galesburg, he married Ida Jane Riggs. A barber by trade, he followed that pursuit many years at Hardman and had worked in Heppner, where he was a resident for eight years before leaving here a few years ago. He was in Baker when he became ill about three months ago and was brought here for treatment.

Mr. Ayers is survived by a daughter, Pearl McConkie of Olex, and a son, Enmit Ayers of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jared C. Alken arrived Tuesday night from their home in Los Angeles for a visit with Heppner relatives and friends. They expect to take in the Rodeo before returning to the southern metropolis where Mr. Alken is city manager for Rathbone, King and Seelye, insurance brokers.

Morrow County Folks Enjoying Plane Rides

Morrow county folks are taking to the air this week. The Mamer Airplane Service of Wenatchee landed a big tri-motored Stinson plane here Tuesday and is giving the local people an opportunity to see the hills and valleys from the air.

In lieu of a landing field, the plane is using the Joe Hughes field as a port. The Stinson is a nine-passenger cabin type and is said to have cost \$49,000.

Heppner Has Chance to Play 'Best Man' at Long Creek Fete

Several cars of Heppner people will attend the highway celebration at Long Creek tomorrow, according to a brief survey made this morning.

The celebration is being staged to mark the completion of the Pendleton-John Day highway and is expected to draw people from several counties. Pendleton has announced a large delegation and it is reported that a general holiday will prevail in Grant county.

A statement in the East Oregonian of Monday attributed to C. C. Clarkson, chairman of the Pendleton chamber of commerce highway committee, was to the effect that "the meeting of Pendleton and Grant county business men will be sort of a marriage at Long Creek, it seems to me. Grant county business which has long gone to Baker absolutely should come to Pendleton from now on. But it won't come here unless business men of this city make a real effort to get it and show Grant county people that they are very interested."

Since Heppner has long been a trading point for John Day people and a spirit of friendship prevails between the two sections, local business men feel that, although they have not been invited to officiate in any such manner, this city should tender its services as "best man" at the "wedding."

Long Creek has invited Heppner to participate in the festivities and while no effort has been made to organize a caravan from here, a delegation from here is assured.

Long Creek has arranged a program of entertainment to keep the crowd in good humor. E. B. Aldrich of the state highway commission will make a short talk, and Pendleton will take her 36-piece band as a contribution to the program. A free buckaroo supper will be served at 5 p. m. The afternoon program will be taken up with speeches and band music. The evening's program lists a smoker and an all-night dance.

The celebration is sponsored by the Long Creek chamber of commerce.

WOMEN PLAN FOR '36 WOOL EXHIBIT

Showing of New and Old Articles Will be Held During Rodeo at Bank Building.

Plans for a wool show to be held during the Heppner Rodeo were formulated by the Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary at a luncheon held at the Lucas Place last Friday. The show will be held in the First National bank building and a judge will be brought in from the outside to pass on the merits of the exhibits.

Woolen articles old and new will be accepted for judging. It is urged that people having old articles will send in as many as possible. Anyone in the county is eligible to enter anything woolen, it being prescribed that there be three articles in each class to qualify for judging.

In the older article class it is suggested that written descriptions will be appreciated, although this will in no wise affect the judging of the articles. The newer articles must have been made since June, 1935.

Articles may be checked in at the Gordon Drug store. Mrs. Earl Gordon is in charge of this work. All articles will be numbered and checked by Mrs. Gordon and rechecked at the bank building. This safeguard was used last year and out of 80 entries made nothing was lost.

Information on entries may be obtained from Mrs. Frank Wilkinson.

The auxiliary will call for exhibits if exhibitors will notify Mrs. Earl Gordon.

Plans for a float to represent the auxiliary in the Rodeo parade on Friday, August 28, were also made at this meeting.

Mrs. Ralph Thompson, president of the auxiliary, presided, and others attending the luncheon meeting were Mrs. W. H. Cleveland, Mrs. Joe Belanger, Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mrs. L. D. Tibbles, Mrs. W. O. Bayless, Mrs. Walter Beckett, Mrs. Marvin Wightman, Mrs. Marlo Lauer, Mrs. C. W. McNamer, Mrs. Blanche Moore and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson.

Fines Feature Lions Club Meeting Tuesday Noon

Fines were the order of the day at the weekly luncheon of the Heppner Lions Club. The tall twister was ready to pass the collection plate on the slightest infringement of Lion ethics and the result was a sizeable collection for the flower fund or whatever it is such money is used for.

Some of the Lions were sans Rodeo regalia, namely a tie specified to be worn by all Lions until the big show is over. Warning was given in a previous meeting so Tall Twister Joe Belanger collected.

Randall Grimes, Smith-Hughes instructor, was introduced to the Lions and explained briefly the purpose of the course. Mr. Grimes is engaged in installing the equipment for the new department in the Heppner schools.

The club's Rodeo float committee reported progress, indicating that something novel is in state of preparation.

The swimming tank committee had no progress to report this week. The question of how best to finance the project is under consideration and until that is settled there is little to report.

Pioneer Sheepman Dies At Pendleton Tuesday

Joseph Vey, aged 95, died Tuesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, after an illness of nine months.

Mr. Vey was a native of Portugal where he was born October 5, 1842. He came to the United States at the age of 29 and for a time resided in New York. He later came to California with his brother, the late John Vey, and from California to Oregon in 1869. He was first employed in mining, but later, near Echo, engaged in the cattle business. After this venture he sold the cattle and went into the sheep business. He had lived in Pendleton for 30 years.

Mr. Vey is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Monese, Mrs. Elizabeth Underhill and Mrs. Mary January of Pendleton, and a half-brother, Antone Vey, of Pendleton.

TOWNSEND MEETING

A meeting of Heppner Townsend club has been called for next Tuesday evening at the court house. The time is 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. Chris Brown, Morrow county Townsend representative to the national convention, will make a report on the convention. An invitation has been extended to local candidates to tell how they stand on the Townsend plan.

DIVORCE COMPLAINT FILED

During the last week two suits for divorce were filed in the office of the Morrow county clerk, Joseph W. Sibley, through his attorney, J. J. Nys, is seeking legal separation from Jannie Sibley, and Lawrence Compton of Boardman is suing for a divorce from Sophronia Compton. Peterson and Peterson of Pendleton are representing Compton.

Orchestra and Entertainers Coming to Heppner Rodeo, August 27-8-9



Jack Decker's orchestra and group of entertainers of addition Mr. Decker carries a group of six entertainers who this year. The Rodeo association considers it a stroke of good fortune to be able to sign this high class organization to provide music and entertainment at the dances during a high class floor show. Decker and his troupe have been and promises Rodeo dance patrons entertainment extraordinary throughout the show.