

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## First Quarter Tax Collections Half Of Year's Total

### Sheriff Advises Personal Property Tax Must be Paid

A total of \$145,006.37, more than half the total rolls, was credited against collections on the 1938 tax rolls in Morrow county with turnover yesterday of first quarter collections by the sheriff's office. The year's total to be collected is \$271,545.98.

In computing the credit, discount for full payment on year's tax was allowed at \$4,165.28, leaving the actual cash collected at \$140,841.09.

While collections for the period are considered generally good by the sheriff's office, the payments on personal property tax have not been forthcoming as required by law, and the tax collector's office is issuing a statement within a short time to all delinquent personal property taxpayers advising them of the law which requires collection of all personal property taxes when due. The collector's "Notice to Taxpayers" in under the law except to enforce payment of these taxes, and where necessary assessor's collection of tax will be made.

The form of notice delinquent personal property taxpayers may expect to receive soon is shown in the collector's "Notice to Taxpayers" in another column.

## New Books at Libe Give Wide Variety

New books recently received by the Heppner Public library were chosen by the committee with the desire to provide interesting reading for all types of readers. They include The Story of Little Black Sambo, Little Erik of Sweden, Humphrey the Pig, Katie the Caterpillar, for the juveniles; Half Back, For the Honor of the School, The School That Didn't Care, Diana Can Do It, Garry, for the teen-age group.

On the rental shelf are Amelia Earhart's "Last Flight," notes written by the famous aviatrix shortly before commencing her tragic round-the-world flight and compiled by her husband; "Big Timber," a tale of the Oregon woods; "Winter in April," a charming story of the friendship between a young girl (in the throes of her "first crush") and her grandfather; "The Nutmeg Tree," witty and sometimes downright funny; two Van Dine mystery stories, "Scarab Murder Case" and "Dragon Murder Case"; two outdoor stories, "To Ride the River With" and "The Tonto Kid."

Other books are "Return to Religion," an interesting discussion on human behavior, and Margery Wilson's "New Etiquette," etiquette for everyday people.

Mrs. W. Y. Ball has contributed a large number of text and reference books and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" has been added to the Sigsbee shelf. There is also a fifty-book travelling library from the Oregon State library, books of which will be available for a few more weeks.

### MEETINGS SET

Meetings are being held today at Boardman and Irrigon for explanation of the new agricultural conservation program. Meetings next week will be held at Lexington, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., I. O. O. F. hall; Rhea Creek, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Grange hall; Ione, Friday, 7:30 p. m.

### KARL MILLER SELLS LAND

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller were visiting Morrow county relatives and friends the end of the week from Salem, while Karl completed the sale of a quarter section of land in the Lexington district to O. W. Cutsforth.

## George Bleakman Makes Enviably Safe Driving Record

"There have been monuments to lesser men," observes an editorial in the Portland Oregonian in commenting on the record of George Bleakman, Hardman stage driver, who has driven a car for these many years without an accident. That Mr. Bleakman's feat was accomplished in everyday driving over much bad road and in all kinds of weather is noted as a special commendation for his carefulness.

There may be those who will take exception to the distance Mr. Bleakman estimates to have driven a car, some 1,248,000 miles. Cold arithmetic shows that an average drive of 100 miles a day each day in the year would necessitate driving for 113 years to attain this total. Double the average miles per day, and the number of years is cut in half, but that still seems a deal of driving.

This, not to detract from Mr. Bleakman's safe driving record—which is remarkable in any event—but just as an observation.

The Oregonian quotes Mr. Bleakman's opinion on car accidents:

"From my observation I think speed is the cause of 70 per cent of the accidents, drunkenness 25 per cent and 5 per cent just can't be helped."

## J. G. JOHNSON WAS 30-YEAR RESIDENT

Janitor of Lexington School for 22 Years Given Tribute at Last Rites, Sunday

James Galey Johnson, janitor of the Lexington school for the last 22 years and an outstanding citizen of the community, died at Heppner hospital last Thursday afternoon from heart failure following a major operation.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Lexington Christian church, with Rev. Cecil Warner of Hermiston officiating, and interment was in the Lexington I. O. O. F. cemetery. The large concourse of friends and relatives in attendance and the large floral tribute gave evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew him.

James Galey Johnson was born at McKinley, Mo., July 26, 1874, the son of William and Melinda (Breshers) Johnson, being aged 64 years, 7 months and 28 days at death. He married at Marionville, Mo., Dec. 28, 1900, and thirty years ago came to Lexington where the family home has since been made. As janitor of the Lexington school for the last 22 years, he had become almost a part of that institution, and as tribute to the esteem in which he was held by the school students, the entire student body attended the last rites in a body.

Surviving are the widow, Tempa E. Johnson; J. W. Johnson, C. L. Johnson, R. C. Johnson, J. D. Johnson, all of Marionville, Mo.; Francis Stockard, Martha Arnsweyer, Myrtle Rill, Ethel Kerr, all of Billings, Mo., and Mae Nichols of Corvallis, besides four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

I cannot say, and I will not say That he is dead. He is just away! With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand, He has wandered into an unknown land And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must be, since he lingers there. And you—oh, you, who the wildest years For the old-time step and the glad return— Think of him faring on, as dear In the love of There as the love of Here; Think of him still as the same, I say: He is not dead—he is just away! —Contributed.

## Showing of FFA Boys At Arlington Meet Recognized by Lions

### Jack Healy Wins Right to Attend Portland State Meet

Heppner FFA chapter's good showing in the sectional meet at Arlington last Friday was recognized by the Lions club at its Monday luncheon when they voted a gift of appreciation to be given through the committee, F. W. Turner and William Bennett, FFA adviser.

Mr. Bennett brought the report to the club of Jack Healy's winning first place in the speaking contest with right to represent the section, comprising chapters of The Dalels, Condon, Arlington, Heppner, Boardman, Dufur and Redmond, at the state contest to be held in Portland in the near future.

Other winners reported were Howard Patton, first in rafter cutting; Johnny Hays and Guy Moore who placed first in milk testing; Alan Gibb, first in poultry judging; Bill Browning, second in poultry judging; Arthur Vance, fourth in rope work.

As a further sample of the work of the local chapter, Mr. Bennett introduced Howard Patton, third place winner in the local speaking competition, who gave his speech on "Prevention of Soil Erosion."

A special entertainment feature of the luncheon was a baritone solo by Hugh Crawford, accompanied at the piano by Miss Katherine Parker.

Thomas J. Wells, introduced as a new member, as scoutmaster, introduced the subject of organization of a patrol of cub scouts for which there appears to be a demand. Discussion revealed that much of the cub work must of necessity be taken care of through parents, and the matter was left in the hands of the club's scout committee for further investigation.

C. J. D. Bauman introduced the matter of organization of four soft ball teams with a series of twilight games to be played as a recreational outlet for Heppners' male population during the spring season. Considerable interest has been evidenced by men about town, he said, and he believed the CCC camp would enter a team or two.

Wanted—Piano to rent, reasonable terms. Inquire this office.

## Many Deer Now Seen In Mountain Foothills; 380 in One Band

Monroe Turner is reported to have seen 380 deer in one band, grazing like sheep, in an opening near the Lester Doolittle cabin a few miles above the forks of Willow creek last Sunday.

Max Schulz, who took Horace Yoakum to the latter's cabin up the right fork of Willow creek last Thursday, reported seeing 30 deer in one band just above the Frank Nixon cabin on his return home.

The reports indicate that the deer are in bands along the lower timberline of the mountains, and may be seen most any time of day.

Turner reported that he visited the same spot last year where the 380 deer were seen this year, and at that time counted 270 of the animals. A goodly percentage of bucks were said to be present in the band this year.

## Shooters Hang Up 74 Team Score

With Dr. McMurdo and H. E. Warner going straight on their first 25 birds and Chas. H. Latourell turning in a 24, Heppner Rod and Gun club reported a 74 in Sunday's round of the Oregonian telegraphic trapshooting tournament. Individual scores for the day were:

125 birds, Ralph Jackson 95.  
100 birds, A. D. McMurdo 98, L. Van Marter 91, C. C. Carmichael 87.  
75 birds, John Lane 69, Tom Clark 65.

50 birds, E. O. Ferguson 41, Rod Thomson 39, V. Kane 38, W. H. Clark 33, Mark Merrill 30.

25 birds, H. E. Warner 25, Chas. Latourell 24, Claude Cox 22, R. M. Rice 20, Ray Massey 18, H. C. Hapgood 18, C. A. Kane 18, Bob Cutler 16.

### ARRIVE FROM WALLA WALLA

Mr. and Mrs. Ted A. Stone arrived the end of the week from Walla Walla, and Mr. Stone has taken a position as meat cutter with Central market.

### LICENSE ISSUED

A license to wed was issued yesterday at the clerk's office to Bryce Keene and Louise McFerrin, both of this county.

Mrs. Lana Padberg and son, Arley Padberg, were transacting business here yesterday from the farm in the Ione section. Mrs. Padberg was in town for the first time since a recent prolonged attack of influenza, from which she was quite well recovered.

## Minstrels to Draw Packed House Saturday, Predicted

### Stellar Performance of Kind Expectation of Committee

A packed house will greet the Elks minstrels when they appear at the school gym-auditorium Saturday night. That prediction is made by the committee in charge, based on the successful pre-sale of reserved seat tickets which included an extra 50 seats placed on reserve this week; on the fact that a general public anticipation has been awakened by reports emerging from the rehearsal hall, and by the further fact that everybody is interested in doing his bit toward sending the school band to the state contest.

Tonight the first rehearsal is being held in the gym, those to date having taken place at the Elks hall, and tomorrow night a full dress preview will be staged to eliminate the last remaining rough spots.

Dr. R. C. Lawrence, D. A. Wilson and F. W. Turner, the Elks committee in charge, say they have no qualms in promising the people of Morrow county the best minstrel ever staged locally. They are pleased to report a splendid spirit of community cooperation in every way, and are grateful to the many non-members of the lodge who are participating to help the band on its way to Eugene the following week end.

Forty people will appear in the minstrel, with large men's and women's mixed chorus, directed by Miss Helen Ralph of Ione. Eight blackfaced end men, with C. J. D. Bauman as interlocutor, will crack lively jokes and sing solos with chorus singing chorus to each. Miss Ralph and Russell McNeill will be featured soloists, and Teddy Ferguson and Robert Knox will present tap dancing acts.

Following the minstrel, a dance will be staged at the Elks hall, also for the band benefit.

## 67 CCC Boys Return To New York Today

Sixty-seven members of Heppner's CCC camp are slated to start their return journey to New York state this evening, according to word released by the camp.

Replacements are expected to arrive in the near future.

### McFERRIN-KEENE

Alvin Kleinfeldt performed a quiet wedding at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Campbell, uniting Miss Louise McFerrin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loy McFerrin, and Mr. Bryce Keene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keene. Present besides the parents were Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, grandparents of the bridegroom, and Mr. and Mrs. William McFerrin, grandparents of the bride. Following the ceremony the newlyweds departed on a wedding trip by motor.

### LEAVE FOR CANBY

A. H. Nelson was in town Saturday attending to business matters in preparation for leaving with Mrs. Nelson for Canby where they will make their home. They left the farming interests here in the hands of their sons. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have resided continuously for the last 30 years in the north Lexington section and Mr. Nelson believed it about time for a change of climate. They expected to make the change for a time, at least, in the interests of better health.

### C. A. WARREN BUYS LAND

C. A. Warren yesterday closed a contract for purchase of 1280 acres of land adjoining his place in the Dry Fork section from the State Land Board. Mr. and Mrs. Warren were in the city yesterday.

## The Truth—Stark Naked

Stripped of frills, divested of theory, isn't this the fact? THE GREATEST CREATOR OF EMPLOYMENT is WORK! Every time a stoppage has hit one of our Columbia Empire industries, three things have happened! Down go pay rolls; out go our workers; and in comes worry, suspicion and misery! When any of our industries, large or small, lacks buying support, it must shut down. BUT when we give it our BUYING SUPPORT, it thrives and creates more OPPORTUNITY for WORK and thus more OPPORTUNITY for BUYING. Through our purchases, we signal "STOP" or "GO" for our own OPPORTUNITIES for WORK!



Ask: IS IT PRODUCED IN THE COLUMBIA EMPIRE?