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## Safety Driving School Comes Here; Next Class Monday

Lions Back Work; Swim Tank, Boys' Projects Acted on

Everything a driver should know to become a capable driver is being taught at the safety driving school held here weekly which started last Monday under sponsorship of Earl Snell, secretary of state. The next class will be held next Monday at 1 o'clock p. m. at the city council chambers.

E. L. Van Blaricom, instructor, was given the school's endorsement by the Lions club at its Monday luncheon, and city and county officials are cooperating wholeheartedly.

Mr. Van Blaricom told the Lions that highly encouraging response has been received in 29 other communities where the school has already been held. It is open to anyone 15 years of age or older, and students are asked to furnish their own cars. If it is found necessary to organize more than one class here, two or more students can use the same car by enrolling in different classes.

All the basic elements of driving will be taught, including shifting gears, using the clutch, starting and stopping the motor, backing and driving forward, parallel parking, starting on hills, keeping proper highway position, behavior at intersections and care of the car.

Drivers of some experience will find the school valuable in correcting faulty habits and improving their technique. Actual practice in driving in traffic will be afforded by the school to those students who have obtained instruction permits from state examiners or who already hold drivers' licenses.

Students numbering 1169 had been instructed since last October, Mr. Van Blaricom said. He quoted Mr. Snell as saying:

"Experience with such schools has shown they have immense value in starting beginners off on the right foot. Experience has also proved that a driver's length of service is not necessarily indicative of his ability. The schools are worthwhile not only in teaching students the fundamentals of good driving, but also in impressing upon them the fact that good driving is an art which must be approached and studied seriously and practiced unremittingly."

This school is a part of the campaign of safety education sponsored by Mr. Snell to reduce automobile fatalities and accidents in this state.

Lions also voted to send a boy to the Beaver Boy State camp, a summer citizenship educational institution sponsored by the American Legion. A second enrollee is being sponsored by the local legion post.

Discussion of a Boy Scout summer camp brought a balance of opinion in favor of locating a camp for this district at Ritter hot springs.

Endorsement was also given to the latest plan for acquiring a swimming tank in the city and Ray Kinne, Millard Rodman and Fred Wehmeyer were named as a committee to present the plan to the council that evening.

Election of club officers, slated for the day, was postponed until next Monday.

### HAS SONG PUBLISHED

Mrs. Hilda Swenson Nelson of Firth, Idaho, former Morrow county resident and sister of C. E. and C. W. Carlson of Ione, is author of a song, "Memories of My Mother," recently published in the "Album of New Radio Favorites," issued by the Master Music Makers of Portland. The song appears in book number 13. Mrs. Nelson lived for many years near Morgan and has many friends in this county who will be pleased to learn of her success.

## "Safety" Instructor Thanks Lucky Star; Favored by Chance

Probably no surer way to obtain a glimpse into eternity can be found than by being washed overboard at night from a boat in a storm at sea. E. L. Van Blaricom glimpsed it that way, was favored by the single chance in a thousand that seasoned seamen say a person in such predicament stands of again smiling upon his family, and is thus well qualified to tell beginning automobile drivers that a premature glimpse of the hereafter is not especially to be desired.

Had it not been for Van Blaricom's lucky star, he might not now be holding the position with the secretary of state's office as teacher of beginning automobile drivers, in which role he visited Heppner last Monday and will call again next Monday.

It was just before the Astoria regatta last fall, between Newport and Astoria, that Van Blaricom had his death-facing experience. On the boat also was Earl Snell, his present "boss" and party of companions. It was a sailing boat and Van was helping reef the main sail when part of the rigging carried by the wind swept him overboard. It was pitch dark and the waves of the storm were rolling high. Had the wave greeting him as he returned to the surface carried by the wind swept him over instead of beside it, his doom would have been sealed. Mr. Snell and others of the party formed a human chain over the side of the boat to effect his rescue.

## Fine John Day Ranch Purchased by Duvall

Confirmation of sale of the Joe Simas ranch at Monument to H. L. Duvall of Lexington was received this week by J. L. Gault, receiver for First National Bank of Heppner, who sold part of the ranch in connection with the bank's liquidation. Purchased from the bank were 92 acres, all under ditch, and 1177 acres from Mr. Simas, at a total purchase price of \$13,500.

The Simas ranch is considered one of the finest hay ranches on the John Day river, being served by a concrete irrigation system constructed about 1918 at a cost of \$40,000. Included in the Simas acreage was 1032 acres of range land, 115 acres under ditch and 30 acres of plow land. In reporting the sale, Mr. Gault said it was one of the finest real estate bargains of his knowledge.

## Ransom Note List Available Here

The Gazette Times has received the list of more than 1000 bank notes given as ransom in the Florida kidnapping of the Cash baby. The list is available to anyone wishing to check their currency.

The federal bureau of investigation has announced that any note on the list will be redeemed at double its face value. Five dollar silver certificates and federal reserve notes, ten, twenty and fifty dollar federal reserve notes are included in the list.

### INDIAN RESISTS ARREST

Farmers complained that Henry George, crippled Columbia river Indian, had let down fences, run stock off ranges. When Herbert Sauter, state game patrolman, accosted George on Porter creek in the Umattilla forest last Thursday, the Indian resisted, attacked the patrolman. Sauter was forced to overpower him to make the arrest brought George to Heppner where he was bound over to the grand jury.

### COURT OPENS MONDAY

The June term of circuit court will be convened at the courthouse next Monday morning by Judge C. L. Sweek.

## State Highway Body Expected to View Roads Next Tuesday

Surfacing of Rhea Creek Road Stressed; Hearing Asked

Oregon's state highway commission will view Morrow county's road situation next Tuesday, announces Judge Bert Johnson. Judge Johnson expected the county court would meet the commission at Condon and go over as many of the roads as the commission found the time and inclination to view.

An invitation would be extended the state highway body to meet with citizens of the county at a dinner meeting in the evening, the judge said, hoping thus to give the people an opportunity to express their desires.

This visit of the commission resulted from an invitation extended by the court when meeting with it in Portland recently.

The point the court is stressing in bringing the commission here is the necessity for immediate oil surfacing of the Heppner-Rhea creek road. The tentative schedule calls for oiling five miles of this sector next year, but the court has emphasized the small amount of federal aid road money to which Morrow county has claim, and the importance of this stretch of road in getting earlier and more assistance. The road is a double secondary, the court points out, being a part of both the Heppner-Spray and Heppner-Condon secondary highways.

Considerable public interest has already been expressed in the commission's proposed visit here, lending strength to Judge Johnson's invitation that the commission give the public a hearing next Tuesday evening.

## First Forest Fires Reported in District

A 51-acre fire on Butte creek and another 75-acre fire on Pine creek near Fossil together with two other small fires were reported this week by F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger in charge of the local district. All were under control. Three look-outs have already been placed at stations in the west end due to the early drouth, Wehmeyer said.

A large contracting company started a logging crew under R. N. Manary to work this week on Johnson creek. They are getting out peeler logs for shipment to a veneering plant at Seattle.

A crew in charge of Kenneth Im-lah is also at work poisoning Coulee crickets over a 500-acre area on Rocky flats. An estimated 1500 pounds of poison is being put out. Mr. Corson from the bureau of entomology was here Monday to assist with the work.

Mr. Wehmeyer reported 125,000 head of sheep would cross into the district this year.

## Community Auction Postponed

The community auction sale announced two weeks ago by V. R. Runnion and F. W. Turner to be held Saturday, June 18, has been postponed until after harvest.

Staging the sale seems inopportune at this time due to the press of farming activities, said Mr. Runnion. He asks everyone to keep the event in mind and to look forward to a big opening sale soon after harvest.

### ASSISTS WITH RODEO

Emery Moore was advertising the St. Paul (Ore.) Rodeo this week. He expects to assist in staging the show July 2-3-4.

Vacancy, 3 rooms and bath, furnished, June 15. Bonnie Cochran.

## TRAIN FALL FATAL TO WALLA WALLAN

W. H. Taylor Dies Here After Emergency Operation on Arm Severed in Accident Near Morgan

W. H. Taylor of Walla Walla, severely injured when he fell off the moving branch train near Morgan last Thursday night, succumbed at Heppner hospital Monday evening following an emergency operation. Gas gangrene had set in at the wound where his right arm had been removed following the accident, having been nearly severed at that time.

Taylor was riding the tender of the engine at the time he fell. A mechanic by trade, he was formerly employed with the Diamond Match company and had been to Heppner seeking employment.

The accident happened between 11 and 12 o'clock Thursday night. The injured man was brought to Heppner by Elmer Griffith and Martin Bauernfeind of Morgan and was given first aid treatment immediately upon arrival.

A brother, Robert Taylor, arrived from Walla Walla the end of the week to be with him. The body was removed to Walla Walla, home of his parents, for interment.

## Wool Ladies Plan Float, Annal Picnic

The woollens exhibit staged in past years in the bank lobby at Rodeo time will not be held this year, but Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary, sponsors, will enter a float in the Saturday parade, it was voted at the unit's meeting at the Lucas Place last Friday. Named on the float committee were Mrs. W. H. Cleveland, Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson, Mrs. C. C. Patterson, Mrs. B. C. Pinckney, Mrs. Percy Hughes, Mrs. Philip Mahoney, Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Mrs. R. A. Thompson and Mrs. D. M. Ward.

Also in connection with Rodeo, Aug. 26-27-28, will be held the annual blanket sale in charge of Mrs. E. R. Schafer, Mrs. Harold Cohn, Mrs. Garnet Barratt, Mrs. Joe Belanger, Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, Mrs. Jasper Crawford, Mrs. Billy Instone, Mrs. Richard Wells and Mrs. Ray Kinne.

In lieu of the July meeting it was decided to have the annual picnic at Ditch creek camp grounds on June 19, with all auxiliary members, families and friends invited. Ice cream will be served by the auxiliary to augment the individual picnic lunches.

## Local Shooters Off For State Tourney

Heppner Rod and Gun club's contingent of shooters left today for Bend to participate in the Oregon state trapshooting tournament tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. From those making the trip will be selected the five-man team to compete in the shoot-off of the recently completed Oregonian telegraphic tournament in which Heppner placed seventh high.

Among those who expected to make the trip were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kane, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bibby, Ralph Jackson, Earl Warner, John Lane and Clarence Carmichael.

### BLAZE EXCITING

Considerable excitement Saturday evening was caused by a blaze in the wheat field at the corner of the Charles and Louis Marquardt fields north of Lexington. M. J. Fitzpatrick, Esie Walker, Leo Gorgor and Tom Craig were among the men who gathered to put out the fire. The damage was slight.

### SHOOTING EXHIBITION

Claude Parmlee, Winchester shooting expert, will put on a shooting demonstration at the local trap club next Monday, June 13, at 6:30 p. m., just before his lecture at the Elks club. Everyone is invited announces Gilliam & Bisbee, local sponsors.

## Swimming Tank Proposal Heard by Council; Lives

CCC, Forest Service Aid Seen; Willow Road Gets Action

Nothing is so sure of revival by the return of hot weather as the annual discussion of a swimming pool.

The latest proposal made its way into Monday evening's council meeting and emerged a bit tattered though bearing favorable signs of survival. It was left in the hands of Councilman L. D. Tibbles to produce further cost data before decisive action is taken.

Ray Kinne, Millard Rodman and Fred Wehmeyer as a committee appointed from the Lions club at noon the same day assisted in presenting the proposal, viz: That the CCC and soil conservation service would furnish labor and equipment for excavation and other required labor; that the forest service would lend the use of rock crusher and cement mixer, if the city would supply materials and pay cash cost of operating machinery; in exchange for which service the CCCs asked permission for use of the tank one day a week and two hours another day during the term of residence of the present company. The estimated cash cost to the city was placed at \$1500.

It was further proposed that the site of the old power house be used, Mr. Kinne offering as his opinion that Pacific Power & Light company would make possible acquisition of adjoining needed property at reasonable cost.

A sticker with some members of the council remained, as voiced in past seasons, the provision of water. They did not feel the city was in position to guarantee supply from the city system as the height of the swimming season comes when the supply is at its lowest ebb, and they felt that pumping from the deep wells at the power house site would be too expensive. The possibility of obtaining a shallow well was believed best in overcoming this difficulty, however.

Straightening the upper Willow creek road outlet in the south end of town, part of the work on which is already under way, was brought a step nearer accomplishment when the council voted to accept the offer of J. O. Hager to sell right of way for \$75 plus construction of fence by the city.

Rejected for lack of funds was the request of Truman Babb for installation of flume and filling in of ditch along Green street, and council discussed repair of bridge on same street.

Request of Mrs. J. G. Thomson for permission to fix driveway approach to her newly constructed house on Chase street was granted provided the work was done to the satisfaction of the street committee.

### MRS. BENGSTON HONOREE

Miss Gladys Benge was hostess for tea at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rosa Eskelson, in honor of her cousin, Mrs. O. Hilding Bengston of Medford, last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Bengston, nee Luola Benge, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Benge. Guests besides the honoree included Mrs. R. L. Benge, Mrs. Gordon Ridings, Mrs. LeGrand Guild, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. Orrin Furlong, Mrs. Terrel L. Benge, Mrs. Rosa Eskelson and Miss Leta Humphreys.

F. C. Fredrickson was a visitor in the city Saturday from Irrigon. He reported extra good potato and apricot crops on the project this season. Watermelons would not start setting on good until about the middle of August and it was yet too early to predict prospects. Cherries, he reported, were fair.