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## Tax Collections Slow Up Second Period, Total 60 Pct.

\$169,130 in on Current Roll, \$30,614 on Delinquent Roll

Following a brisk first quarter in which 53.7 per cent of the current tax roll had been collected at the sheriff's office, payments hit a snail's pace in the second quarter as collection had risen to but 60 per cent of the total.

Collections as of July 1 turned over to the clerk totalled \$169,130.27 on the current roll of \$281,489.99, leaving an uncollected balance of \$112,359.72.

At the end of the second quarter, unpaid delinquent taxes of \$300,849.41 had dropped but \$30,614.13, the amount collected, leaving an uncollected balance in this account of \$270,235.28.

Interest collected on delinquent taxes totalled \$2,126.76 while interest collected on current tax amounted to \$39.81. Discount, allowed only for payment of year's tax in full in first quarter, amounted to \$4,421.51.

Total receipts, both current and delinquent, for year to date, allocated to state, county and general school are \$41,757; general roads, \$27,029; market roads, \$6,283; city of Heppner, \$6,461; city of Ione, \$1,435; city of Lexington, \$945; School District No. 1, \$13,148. Other tax levying sub-divisions are carried on the full report, each with total levies, amounts collected and amounts outstanding as carried in the report just issued by the clerk's office.

## Scott McMurdo Puts Heppner on Fair Map

Scott McMurdo put Heppner on the map twice while attending the world fair at San Francisco from where he returned last Friday. The map was in the Bell Telephone company exhibit, and on it were displayed names of the towns which visitors were permitted to call free. Scott, who had six days at the fair as a guest of Portland Oregonian as a winner in its subscription contest, got in two free calls to Heppner, having the home town indicated twice.

With room and meal expenses furnished, besides transportation and tickets to the fair, Scott was enabled to take in the fair quite thoroughly in the time allotted. He says he had a great trip.

## Rodeo Underwriting Making Progress

More than half of the 50 signatures asked for underwriting the coming Rodeo, August 24-25-26, were in hand yesterday, reported Frank Alfred, chairman of the committee. Each signer pledges to obligate himself not to exceed \$25 for any deficit the show might incur for ordinary necessary running expenses.

Ready response has been found among people so far contacted, Alfred said, and he anticipated no difficulty in obtaining well over the fifty guarantors asked by the directors. Those who have not been contacted may expect a call soon, he said.

## JOHN VAUGHNS MOVE

The John Vaughn family spent the Fourth of July moving the family home from here to Bend where Mr. Vaughn is located as salesman for a Bend automobile firm. Since leaving here some time ago Mr. Vaughn first decided to locate at Bend, then changed his mind to accept another position at The Dalles; but after reconsideration accepted the Bend position. He came from the central Oregon city to assist with moving the household goods.

## Newsy News Views

PAUL McCARTY

A recent incident, local in setting but possibly world-wide in scope, indicated that perhaps the government was expecting something to bust wide open in the current international crisis. . . . Monday night the local telegraph operator phoned a telegram to the John Kennys that was to be delivered to son Matt Kenly. . . . completely ignorant of news that Matt was coming home, the Kennys on Tuesday morning surprisingly welcomed home Matt, who was on two-weeks' furlough from the United States navy. . . . then Matt's folks told him of the telegram that arrived in Heppner several hours ahead of him. . . . Matt left Tuesday night, the same day on which he arrived, as the telegram instructed him to report to his headquarters in San Diego within 48 hours.

Last week's Gazette carried the news that Alden H. Blankenship, superintendent of local schools, was on his way east to take advanced study at Columbia university. . . . Mr. Blankenship was awarded his master's degree last summer at the University of Washington. . . . Norbert Peavy, English instructor who earned his master's degree at Oregon State college the year after graduation, is studying at Stanford. . . . Robert Knox, coach, already has his master's degree and has studied at Oregon, Stanford, and Columbia. . . . this all sums up that the members of Heppner's teaching staff, advancing in their field, are raising the status of this school in educational ranks.

The bank nearly went broke Monday morning but no one was worried enough to rush to the tellers' windows and withdraw funds. . . . employers paying off employees, holders of checks cashing them, and failure of money ordered from the head bank in Portland to arrive put the local branch on the spot.

A well-dressed, cigar-smoking gentleman appeared in town last Thursday, registered at Hotel Heppner, finished all matters of business Friday forenoon and left town shortly thereafter. . . . he was a member of the famous William J. Burns international detective agency.

Local fight fans can plan on reserving the evening of July 15 for a smoker, if Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman can line up the second half of a boxing card. . . . Bauman has "feelers" at Squaw Creek CCC camp and Walla Walla in an effort to find opponents for Kid Torpedo, semi-finalist at the Echo July 4th celebration, Stanley Partlow, Boardman, and Sammy McCracken, Pendleton. . . . this smoker would be held the evening of the queen dance scheduled for the 15th.

The soon-to-be home of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Lundell, nee Harriet Heliker, on Chase street south of the Lundell service station is now on its way to completion. . . . the Mrs. obtained modern ideas for the family's new home at the Northwest home show in Portland.

Plans are now in the making for a reunion of the eighth grade class of 1902. Joe Kenny's latest car is a Buick, around 1923 vintage. The large plate glass window broken Saturday night at Harry O'Donnell's pastime cost someone, other than O'Donnell, \$65. In the opinion of Danny Dinges, Lexington '39, and now employed at the Heppner bank, "The Fourth is alright but I wish they'd do away with the fifth."

## OREGONIAN PUBLISHER VISITS

Edwin P. Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian, with Mrs. Hoyt visited over Sunday at the J. G. Barratt farm home. They came from the state editorial association convention at Timberline Lodge to pick up their son, Dick, who had visited for several weeks at the Barratt home. Mrs. Hoyt was formerly Miss Cecile DeVore who resided in Heppner as a girl and was graduated from Heppner high school.

## Morrow County 97 Pct. Signed Up For AAA Compliance

293,720 Acres and 704 Farms Included 87 Pct. in State

Approximately 97 per cent of Morrow county's crop land is included under this year's AAA farm program, according to a summary compiled at the county agricultural conservation office in Heppner.

This represents 293,720 acres of land on 704 farms, said E. H. Miller, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee.

Mr. Miller pointed out that farmers receive benefit payments only by carrying out conservation practices on these lands, preventing soil losses and building values for the future.

"The government payments are not all profit for cooperating farmers," he declared. "Usually the cost of carrying on the conservation practices is greater than the payment received."

Operators of eighty-seven per cent of all Oregon crop land have indicated their intention to participate in the 1939 farm program, according to word from the state AAA office at Corvallis. This represents nearly 42,000 farmers who operate 3,800,000 acres of crop land.

The information was compiled on the basis of "farm plan and estimate sheets" which all farmers were required to sign if they wished to take part in this year's program.

## Plunge at Tank Slapstick as Dive Made Into Paint

"Pewee" Evans had not been advised that the new city swimming tank was not yet ready for opening. Nor was he forewarned that the scaffolding on which he was working painting the tank walls was going to give way.

The scaffolding broke shortly after noon yesterday and Evans dove headfirst into the paint bucket. The result was more ludicrous for onlookers than it was detrimental to the victim who spouted paint as he emerged but sustained no great injury.

## Wm. Bucknum Buys Pastime Interest

Sale of the interest of Mrs. Lucille McAtee in McAtee & Co. pastime to Wm. Bucknum was reported this week, and filing of assumed name of McAtee and Bucknum was filed at the clerk's office. Mr. Bucknum has been assisting in the pastime for several years, and now assumes a partnership interest with Dave McAtee, veteran firm member.

Mrs. McAtee and sons, Arthur and Austin, expect to move to Michigan to reside when business interests here are settled.

## CLUB ENJOYS DINNER

A Chemistry club dinner was held at Hotel Heppner Thursday evening last week with Omer McCaleb master of ceremonies. The dinner was a farewell party for Arthur and Austin McAtee who expect to leave soon for Michigan to make their home. Others in attendance included Clifford Fay, Dan Chinn, Billy McCaleb, Sanley Minor, Howard Patton and Don Frederickson.

## STOCK DOING WELL

In spite of dryness in the early growing season, livestock generally in the local forest area are doing well, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger. R. A. Thompson reported that he would turn off some of the best lambs in years, shipment of which would start about the 15th.

## St. Paul Hails Rodeo Court; Kick-Off 15th

Rodeo's queen court—including Constance Instone, named this week as representative of Lena grange—was given an ovation at the St. Paul Rodeo over the Fourth, announces President Henry Aiken, who with Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Wm. Instone, accompanied the young ladies.

Other members of the court making the trip were Dorothy Howell, Dorothy Brady and Katherine Thompson.

Finances for the trip were raised at a dance sponsored by the participating granges at the county pavilion last Saturday night when a large crowd danced to tunes of Jack Merrill's orchestra.

Official opening of the Rodeo season here will take place on Saturday the 15th with the kick-off of the queen's dances. These dances will occur each Saturday night until Rodeo time, August 24-25-26, with complete schedule as follows: Heppner, July 15; Lexington, July 22; Rhea Creek, July 29; Lena, Aug. 5; Willows, Aug. 12; Heppner, Aug. 13.

## Local Exalted Ruler In State Lodge Chair

Recognition was given Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, at the state lodge meeting in Klamath Falls last week when E. Harvey Miller, local exalted ruler, was raised to the office of third vice-president in the Oregon Elks association. Mr. Miller and Loyal R. Parker, secretary, represented the local lodge, being accompanied by their wives. Just at the close of the lodge sessions, Mr. and Mrs. Parker were called to Gold Hill to attend funeral services for Mr. Parker's mother, the late Mrs. Matilda Elmira Parker of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Miller returned home together. Stopping in Salem over the Fourth, Mr. and Mrs. Miller attended a family reunion at the Miller parental home where all children were present except John and Merle and a sister in California, and Mr. and Mrs. Parker had dinner with the Paul Gemmill family and attended the nation's birthday program and motorcycle races at the state fair grounds.

## Kinzua Pine Mills Building Logging Road

Kinzua Pine Mills is making the dirt fly on a logging road that will connect up the end of their railroad with the Heppner-Spray road at Courter prairie at the W. H. French ranch, reported F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest ranger.

Plans are to complete clearing of right-of-way and building grade this year, and to gravel the road next year, said Wehmeyer. When the road is completed it was expected main logging headquarters of the company will be established at Courter prairie where two or three hundred men will be located.

## MALLORYS VISIT

Visitors here the first of the week were Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mallory and two sons. They were visiting relatives in Portland and other western Oregon points and took time to drive up to the old home town. Mr. Mallory's brother, Lester, is located at Junction City, where he operates a tourist camp and is also employed with the Oregon Electric company. This was the Mallorys' first visit to Heppner in 22 years and while they found many changes they also found many of their old friends. They now reside at San Anselmo, Calif., to which place they returned Tuesday afternoon.

## TO HONOR "NEW PREACHER"

A reception for the "new preacher" and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Young, will be held on the parsonage lawn Friday evening, July 7th at 7:30. All members and friends of the church are invited. All are welcome.

## Tank Opening May Come 15th; Work Being Pushed

Willow Road Outlet Change Ready to Get Under Way

Possibility that Heppner's new swimming tank will be ready for opening on the 15th was announced yesterday by Dr. L. D. Tibbles, chairman of the council committee.

This is only a possibility, however, and should not be too strongly relied upon as it is impossible to tell just how much time will be required for the finishing touches. Painting of the tank walls was under way the first of the week, and the dressing room building was ready for finishing yesterday. Laying of floor and installation of toilets and dressing rooms yet remained.

Definite operating schedule had not been decided, though Tibbles believed family rates on swims by the season would be obtainable. Single swims where swimmers have own suits would probably be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults, he thought, though final approval must be given by the council.

Harold Buhman will be tank manager and swimming instructor, and regular classes will be organized for beginners.

Plans are being laid for appropriate program at time of the tank's opening.

Paying of tank construction bills and authorizing sale of the \$3000 bonds recently voted by the citizens constituted a large part of the business at Monday evening's council meeting. Opening of bids on bonds is called for 7:30 p. m., Saturday, July 22.

The street committee reported that the matter of clearing title to right-of-way for change in the upper Willow creek road outlet had been completed and that construction work would start within a few days. New construction will cover a distance of 2180 feet to eliminate curves on the present outlet on Racetrack street.

## Mrs. Matilda Parker Passes at Gold Hill

Funeral services were held at Gold Hill on Monday for Mrs. Matilda Parker, 85, mother of Frank E. and Loyal Parker of this city, who died at that place Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Parker, who were in Klamath Falls when word was received, attended the services. Interment was in Rock Point cemetery near Gold Hill.

Matilda Elmira Carey was born on the Calapooia river near Brownsville, this state, October 21, 1854. She moved to southern Oregon with her parents when 16 years of age. There she married Curtis Parker and resided until 1900 when the family came to Morrow county and located on a farm near Lexington. The following year Mr. Parker was accidentally killed, and several years later she married his brother, F. M. Parker. With him she returned to Gold Hill about 1920 where he died in 1928, and where she had since resided. Mrs. Parker was among the first white children born in Oregon.

Surviving are eight children, Mrs. Ada L. Bundy, Granite City, Ill.; Mrs. Imogene Wells, Pendleton; Mrs. Katherine Kellogg, Medford; Frank E. and Loyal Parker, Heppner; Arthur and Curtis Parker, Gold Hill; Lester Parker, Hayward, Cal., a brother, Charles E. Carey, Gold Hill; two half-sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Mee, Eugene, and Mrs. William Jordan, Gold Hill; a half-brother, R. Thompson, Applegate.

Anyone wanting a good sack sewer for combine, call Lotus Robison, Heppner.