

Marriages Beat Divorces by Slim Margin in 1939

Dan Cupid Feels Slump During Year, County Books Show

Morrow county's marriage record for the 1939 period shows disinterest on the part of Dan Cupid, records at the court house reveal. During the year only 14 marriage licenses were purchased at County Clerk C. W. Barlow's counter. On the other hand a total of 12 divorces were granted dissolving the bonds of Morrow county people. The 12 divorces were not all filed in 1939, three or four of them having been carried over from 1938. Neither do the 14 marriage licenses issued cover all the marriages of Morrow county people during the year. There were several weddings involving Morrow county people performed outside the county.

A perusal of the marriage record book brought to light the names of the 14 couples granted licenses in 1939 as follows:

Jan. 25—Marjorie McFerrin and Vester Dallas Hams.

May 15—Florence Mae Jones and James M. Harper.

July 8—Evelyn Creth Craber and Darrel Presley Harris.

July 20—Ola Hiatt and Charles B. Johnson.

July 21—Neva S. Cochell and Thomas J. Wells.

August 25—Gladys Lovgren and Archie H. Alderman.

Sept. 1—Lois Pauline Ashbaugh and Boyd Everett Redding; Bernice Ellen Martin and James Patrick Healy.

Oct. 18—Lola Cannon and Marvin Hughes.

Nov. 15—Norma Maude Parmenter and Raymond K. Drake, Jr.

Nov. 17—Mary Jane Casteel and Bernard J. Doherty.

Nov. 22—Emerald Padberg and Leslie Roudy.

Dec. 5—Dorothy Fern Howell and Alfred Melvin Huit.

Dec. 23—Alma Dorine Van Winkle and Herman James Green.

With four days to go, the marriage record might be raised. There are also some divorces pending but there are legal impediments in the way of closing them for some time to come.

Power Shut Off Due Friday Afternoon

The Pacific Power & Light company announced today that it will be necessary to shut off the electric current in this district tomorrow, Friday, afternoon between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock. It is an emergency move to permit repairs to the high power line between Dufur and Olex.

"We regret very much the necessity for this shutdown, but believe it is better to do it at this time and be prepared for future emergencies and possible longer shutdowns," stated Ray P. Kinne, local manager.

Users of Iron Firemen, oil burners or other heating devices employing fans are urged to build up their heat supply to cover this period.

WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY

Morrow County Wool Growers auxiliary will hold a white elephant party at their next regular meeting, Jan. 5, at the Lucas Place. The party will begin at 1:15 p. m. and each member or guest is asked to bring her white elephant and the reason it is so carefully wrapped. The white elephant party given last year proved to be lots of fun. At this meeting a delegate will be elected for the annual state wool growers convention to be held at Burns, Jan. 8-9.

Church Wedding Is Christmas Event

Miss Alma Van Winkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Van Winkle of Lexington, became the bride of Mr. Herman Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green of Heppner, at a beautiful candle-light ceremony on Christmas night at the Methodist church, Rev. R. Carl Young officiating.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of white lace and net made with fitted bodice and full skirt, with a net and lace, finger-tip length veil which fell from a crown of seed pearls and orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white bouvardia and lilies.

Miss Florence Bergstrom, maid of honor, wore a rose taffeta dress with short blue veil trimmed in pearls, and carried a bouquet of blue iris and sweet peas. Miss Ruth Green, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid and wore a powder blue taffeta dress with short pink, pearl trimmed veil and carried a bouquet of pink lilies and sweet peas. Little Miss June Van Winkle, sister of the bride was flower girl and Lorene Van Winkle, also sister of the bride, lit the candles preceding the ceremony.

Miss Kathryn Parker sang, "Because," accompanied by Virginia Dix, who played the Mendelssohn wedding march.

The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Joe Green, as best man. Ushers were Alfred Van Winkle, Howard Bryant and Marcel Jones.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the church. Assisting with the serving were Mrs. Wallace Green, Mrs. Cornett Green, Mrs. J. O. Hager and Mrs. George Peck.

The young couple left after the reception on a wedding trip to Portland and western Oregon. They will be at home to their friends after the first of the year at the Case apartments.

Cadet Band May Appear in Spring

Heppner may have the privilege of enjoying a concert by the Oregon State college cadet band if a proposal submitted here this week is accepted. Lee A. Wells, Jr., and Frank L. Wells, student representatives of the popular college organization, were in Heppner Wednesday contacting organizations with the purpose of obtaining a local sponsor.

The band's plan of operation calls for a flat guarantee. In return the band plays the concert and furnishes an orchestra for a dance following the concert. It usually follows that this schedule more than pays all expenses, including guarantee and orchestra musicians, and not infrequently has a balance for some local cause. The band personnel numbers about 45 and, it is pointed out, this number of people will leave a considerable part of the guarantee money right here in the form of legitimate expenses.

Captain H. L. Beard is director of the band, a position he has held for more than 35 years. He is no stranger in Heppner as he has appeared here with his bands of past years.

Cars Collide on Hardman Grade

Cars driven by O. A. Devin of Reed's mill and Carl Leathers of Hardman collided Saturday afternoon on the Heppner-Spray highway. The accident occurred at a point a few miles north of Hardman where the grade is narrow. Devin was driving south and Leathers, north.

Fog had descended upon the hills in that section, causing visibility to be shortened. Both cars were traveling slowly and met on a curve. Passengers in both cars were shaken up but not injured. The cars did not fare so well and had to be taken in for repairs.

Local Happenings

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo have a number of house guests this week. Their sons, Bernard, student at North Pacific Dental college, Portland, and Scott, Oregon State college student, are spending the vacation at home, and invited guests include Clifford Sims and children, Zan, Florence and Jeanette of Milton, Miss Olive Kendrick of Staunton, Va., and Miss Lora Brenner of Corvallis, students at Oregon State college. Miss Kendrick is a student in the school of agriculture at the college where she is majoring in farm management.

Dallas Ward spent the Christmas holiday with his mother, Mrs. Lawrence Redding of Eight Mile. His sister, Mrs. Eldon Winkley of Corvallis was also a guest at the Redding home. Dallas left by stage Wednesday morning for Minneapolis where he is assistant varsity coach at University of Minnesota and head coach of the freshman football squad. Mrs. Winkley returned to Corvallis Tuesday.

Snow and freezing temperatures which struck this region Saturday night were not in evidence in the Willamette valley, according to Frank E. Alfred, who, with Mrs. Alfred spent the week end at Silverton and Salem. The only disagreeable weather encountered was fog at Salem. Roads were comparatively dry and safe for the holiday travel.

P. J. O'Meara, Ione blacksmith, was a business visitor in Heppner Saturday. He stated that the people of that section are getting real enjoyment out of the new Willows grange hall recently completed in Ione. Numerous social affairs are planned, which, with the regular grange meetings make the hall a center of interest for the people of that area.

Walter Moore, manager of the Pendleton Production Credit corporation, was transacting business in Heppner Wednesday. He was accompanied by his daughters, who spent the day as guests at the F. W. Turner home.

Miss Dorothy Vaught of Pendleton is a guest of Miss Nelma Hanlon this week. She will return home Friday.

Mrs. M. L. Curran spent Christmas in Portland, returning to Heppner Wednesday evening.

D. M. Ward proprietor of Hotel Heppner, left for Portland today on a brief business trip.

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Spencer Crawford Undergoes Operation

Spencer Crawford, manager of the Gazette Times, underwent a major operation at the veterans hospital in Portland yesterday, after receiving observation there for two weeks.

Telephone report yesterday afternoon said that he withstood the operation and was resting quite easy. This paper acknowledges with appreciation the many inquiries concerning his progress.

Mrs. Crawford and son John went to Portland Tuesday evening to be with Mr. Crawford.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

A well filled auditorium greeted the rector and singers at the Episcopal church Sunday night on the occasion of the midnight service. A group of young people sang carols from 10:30 to 11 p. m., at which time the choir ascended to the loft. Holy Communion was administered and Archdeacon Robathan delivered a short sermon. A special musical number was Gounod's "Ave Maria," sung by Mrs. O. G. Crawford.

Mrs. Wallace Green came from Portland to spend Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green and to attend the wedding of her brother, Herman, and Miss Alma Van Winkle.

Courthouse Crew Observes Christmas

Santa Claus arrived a little early in Heppner this year, making his appearance Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the courthouse. The occasion for his appearance was the annual Christmas tree for the county officials. Drawing of names for gifts was held several days prior and a nice little tree was set up in the main hall. Gifts began to accumulate around the tree as soon as it was in readiness and when Santa, who in this instance was Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, arrived, there were gifts for all the force.

Participating in the event were County Clerk C. W. Barlow and Harriet Pointer, deputy; Sheriff Bauman and his deputies, Neva Wells and Earle Bryant; Assessor Tom Wells and deputies Eddie Kenney and Gertrude Doherty; Superintendent Lucy Rodgers; Treasurer Leon Briggs; Justice of the Peace J. O. Hager and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson and William McCaleb, representing the abstract and title companies. Absent at the gift distribution were Judge Bert Johnson, Attorney Frank Alfred, Engineer Harry Tamblyn and Janitor James Archer.

Fingerprinting Said Aid in Sleuthing

Fingerprinting has long been used in securing evidence in criminal cases and its use is spreading. Accepted methods have been in use in the sheriff's office here for a number of years and this week Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman received a later development of the process known as the iodine-silver transfer outfit.

The addition of iodine permits taking of impressions several weeks old from almost any kind of surface. It is particularly valuable in securing prints from oily or greasy surfaces. The iodine crystals are warmed to evaporation state and the vapor is blown over the finger prints. A brownish cast is thus given the prints which make it possible to study them more closely. The study has to be made promptly inasmuch as the coloring fades out in from 40 to 50 minutes.

Sheriff Bauman received a book of instruction which he is studying diligently and expects to be able to work the apparatus in a satisfactory manner within a short time.

World War Bonus File Date Closes

Closing date for application for adjusted compensation in behalf of World War veterans and their dependents has been set for Jan. 2, 1940, according to announcement by the Morrow county chapter of the American Red Cross. All applications must be filed with the Veterans' Administration prior to that date. The Red Cross and the American Legion stand ready to assist applicants with this work.

It is emphasized that this closing date has reference to application for bonus only; it does not apply to the cashing of bonus certificates.

The local Red Cross chapter urges the cooperation of all interested persons, so that all eligible veterans or their dependents may receive these benefits, to which they are entitled under the law.

FATHER BURIED IN PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. John Skuzeski and children drove to Portland Sunday, being called there by the death of Mrs. Skuzeski's father, John Chorubski. Funeral services were held Tuesday and burial was made in Mt. Calvary cemetery. Mr. Chorubski died last Friday.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stuart and children, Betty and Walter, of Albany. Mr. Stuart is Mrs. Huston's brother. Miss Stuart, who is a trained nurse, joined her family at Portland for the trip to Heppner.

Road Program Extended During Last 16 Months

Design New Routes to Aid Rural Areas in Market Hauling

There has been no outstanding road development in Morrow county during the last year but a program of improvement and extension has been carried out which proves that the county court and the engineering staff have not been un-mindful of the rural areas.

As the year draws to a close, the county is likewise bringing to a close some projects that have claimed the attention of the engineering department for the last 16 months. One of these projects, the Clarks canyon road, may require a few days of 1940 to complete. Since the work started in September, 1938, ten miles of grade has been built and about half that distance has been surfaced. This makes a serviceable road from the end of the present paving on the Heppner-Spray highway to the original post road below the William Padberg place.

Jumping over to the east side of Willow creek the new grade running up Blackhorse from the Doherty place to the head of Single canyon, where it joins the Sand Hollow road leading to the O-W highway and into Heppner.

A little further to the east is a stretch of surfaced and completed road leading from Sand Hollow to the Ferguson ranch. Continuing northeast to near the county line is the three-mile stretch of oiled surface highway extending from Pine City to the Jarmon ranch.

Switching to the west side of the county there is a three-mile stretch of new road from the top of the hill above the Dry Fork schoolhouse down almost to the Gilliam county line. About five miles of surfacing was put on the Eight Mile road from the end of the McNabb road. Out at Eight Mile postoffice two miles of grading and native surfacing were done on the road past the Lawrence Redding place. Another two miles of semi-grading was done in Porcupine canyon.

Coming closer to Heppner is the work on the Balm Fork road. In this work the county had the assistance of the Civilian Conservation corps. The CCC has been hauling rock from the Osmin quarry and willingly joined with the county in improving the road. Four miles of this route received surfacing, covering the distance from the Hugh Smith ranch to Heppner city limits.

In commenting on road matters, Engineer Harry Tamblyn stated that the county has 1414 miles of roads under its maintenance jurisdiction. For this work and the extension of roads the county has about \$60,000 annually to spend. Contrasted with this mileage and road fund are the neighboring counties of Umatilla and Gilliam. In Umatilla county the mileage is about 2300 and the road fund \$130,000, while in Gilliam county the mileage is 500 and the fund \$25,000. This county's fund averages about \$42 per mile, Umatilla's \$56 and Gilliam's \$50. It requires judicious expenditure of funds to keep this county's roads on a comparable basis with those of the neighbors. It has been the policy of the court to allocate funds to roads that serve as pay-load arteries. This policy has caused disappointment to some neighborhoods, the engineer states, and while it is the purpose of the road department to make every road usable it is not possible to make every road a modern highway, he concluded.

Guests at the M. L. Case home for the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Case and daughter Janet of Baker.