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Michael Kenny, 81 Receives Tribute At Final Rites

Pioneer Who Drove Stagecoach, Passes While Reading

Relatives and friends over a wide area assembled at St. Patrick's Catholic church at 10:30 this morning to pay last respects to Michael Kenny, 81, an honored pioneer. Mr. Kenny passed away in this city shortly after 5 o'clock Monday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Bucknum, dropping into the permanent sleep while sitting reading the paper and smoking his pipe.

Rev. Francis McCormick, pastor, conducted services at the church, with interment following in Heppner cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Kenny who passed away several months ago.

Michael Kenny was one of the few remaining Morrow county builders to whom tribute was paid in the history of Morrow county written by W. S. Shiach in 1902.

Born in Corrigallen, county Leitrim, Ireland, March 2, 1859, the son of Michael and Bridget (McEntire) Kenny, Mr. Kenny spent his minority on the Emerald Isle before coming to America and directly to Oregon as a young man in 1879. Landing was made at the old Umatilla landing from where most of the goods were freighted into the Heppner section at the time.

For a number of years upon his arrival in this section he and a brother operated a stagecoach line between Ukiah and Pilot Rock and not uncommonly carried mail by horseback into Heppner and other points about their base of operations.

Mr. Kenny first settled in Kenyon canyon, a branch of Sand Hollow, taking a homestead right and from this small beginning built up a stock-raising and farming operation that included seven thousand acres. He was one of the earlier sheep raisers in this section and throughout the years sheep raising continued as a major part of his operations.

While building for himself—the fine home and barns of the home ranch being an example—Mr. Kenny also took active interest in the affairs of the community. His interest was unselfishly shown in educating the rising generation thru many years' service on the district school board.

On December 16, 1884, Mr. Kenny married Miss Mary Doherty, native of county Donegal, Ireland, daughter of Francis and Katherine (Grant) Doherty, who arrived in the United States the year before on the steamer Encoria, arriving October 8, 1883. To this union were born John F., Sarah, Rose Ann, James T., Michael F., Joseph B., Emmett F. and Cecelia, of whom John F., Sarah (Farley), Rose Ann (Healy), Joseph B. and Cecelia (Bucknum), all of this county, survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny retired from the farm in 1924 and made their home in this city for several years before returning to the farm to reside again for several years. They were both active supporters of the local Catholic church throughout their residence here. Mr. Shiach's history records that Michael Kenny, paternal grandfather of the deceased, "rendered himself famous in Irish history by his firm advocacy of Irish independence."

WIGHTMAN BUYS GUERNSEY

Salt Lake City.—The American Guernsey Cattle club, Petersburg, N. H., reports the sale of a registered Guernsey bull by Minnie W. Miller to J. J. Wightman of Heppner. This animal is Esquire of Thousand Springs 281076.

E. O. W. L. SPEAKER



N. E. Dodd

N. E. Dodd, director of the western region of the AAA, who will speak at Pendleton on "Farmer Programs for Meeting Wheat Problems."

Committees Preparing For E. O. W. L. Meet

Pendleton.—Committeemen from all parts of the Columbia basin wheat belt will arrive here Thursday, Dec. 5, for the preliminary sessions of five committees of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, which will open its thirteenth annual convention Friday. The committee meetings begin at 1:30 o'clock and will continue throughout the afternoon and evening.

The advance committee method of handling farmers' meetings was originated by the wheat league at its first session in Moro and has been continued ever since. The idea has been adopted by a number of other state associations as a method of making sure that action taken by the session has been thoroughly considered in advance.

Following are the committees and their officers as appointed by C. K. Barker, Condon, president of the league:

Federal Agricultural and Conservation Programs—Robert Taylor, Adams, chairman; Roy Ritner, Pendleton, vice-chairman, and W. A. Holt, Pendleton, secretary.

Land Use—E. H. DeLong, La Grande, chairman; H. V. Smouse, Ione, vice-chairman, and C. D. Conrad, Heppner, secretary.

Production, Handling, Marketing, and Weed Control—Charles Nish, Mikkalo, chairman; Clarence Pyles, Enterprise, vice-chairman, and G. R. Hyslop, O.S.C., secretary.

Taxation, Legislation, and Rural Electrification—Millard Eakin, Grass Valley, chairman; George N. Peck, Lexington, vice-chairman, and L. C. Wright, Moro, secretary.

Transportation—Ed Hulden, Arlington, chairman; James Hill, Jr., Pendleton, vice-chairman, and W. F. Marshall, Condon, secretary.

BLEAKMAN-EVANS

Their many friends have welcome received announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Ora Bleakman and Mr. Harold Evans, an event of Thanksgiving night at Lewiston, Idaho. After a short wedding trip to Spokane the newlyweds returned to Heppner and are making their home on the farm down Willow creek which Mr. Evans assists in operating. Mrs. Evans will continue her work as operator on the local telephone switch board.

BENEFIT DANCE AT LEX

There will be a benefit dance at the Lexington grange hall next Saturday, November 30 for the benefit of the local Boy Scout troop. The affair is sponsored by the Lexington P. T. A. and the Grange. Wright's Orchestra from Pendleton has been engaged to play.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard French were in the city today to attend rites for their late neighbor, Michael Kenny.

Basketball Season Starts Tomorrow With Ione Here

Both 'A' and 'B' Teams Play; Mus- tangs Show Strength

The basketball season gets under way here Friday (tomorrow) night when the Mustangs entertain the Ione boys at the high school gymnasium. Both the "A" and "B" teams will play, the first game to start at 7:15 o'clock.

Although but two lettermen from last year are back, the team is expected to be quite strong this year because of many experienced reserves. The boys have had two practice games to date, one with the CCC team and the other with a pick up team of former players. In both of these games the Mustangs demonstrated potential scoring punch by running up large scores and defeating their opponents.

Buddy Blakely, Don Evans, Claude Snow, Jim Barratt, Hugh Crawford, Don Bennett, Bob Pinckney, Bill Scrivner, John Skuzeski, Dubby Aiken are making strong bids for first string positions. The "B" squad consists of Kay Ferguson, Claude Drake, Bill Padberg, Wade Bothwell, Ray Parrish, George Davidson, Herbert Schunk and Calvin Crawford.

The season's schedule, with the two Hermiston dates as tentative, is given by Coach Bob Knox as follows:

Ione at Heppner, Nov. 29; Pendleton at Pendleton, Dec. 7; Lexington at Lexington, Dec. 17; Hermiston at Heppner, Dec. 18; Condon at Condon, Jan. 10; Ione at Ione, Jan. 14; Arlington at Heppner, Jan. 17; Fossil at Fossil, Jan. 24; Pendleton at Heppner, Jan. 28; Arlington at Arlington, Jan. 31; Lexington at Heppner, Feb. 4; Condon at Heppner, Feb. 7; Hermiston at Hermiston, Feb. 11; Fossil at Heppner, Feb. 14.

Christmas Seal Sale In County Organized

The Christmas seal sale money collected by local chairmen in Morrow county is used to pay \$200 a year towards the county nursing service, reports Miss Rose Leibbrand, seal sale chairman. Last year, 75 per cent of all monies remained in the community for local use.

The Christmas seal sale will be conducted in communities throughout Morrow county by the following local chairmen: Heppner, Rose Leibbrand; Eightmile, Leonard Carlson; Hardman, Mrs. Neil Knighten; Lexington, Alonzo Henderson; Ione, Mrs. Omar Rietmann; Boardman, Mr. George Corwin; Irignon, Mr. Ladd Sherman; Pine City and Lena, Fay Finch and Mrs. Ed Hughes.

Primary purpose of the seal sale is to detect and prevent the spread of tuberculosis. This disease is on the decrease, but only by constant vigilance exercised by the county health nurse, Lucile Vale, can this menace be kept under control. Other diseases and needy children requiring medical care are under the supervision of the county nurse.

Your Christmas seal money, by the new census, will allow 80 per cent to remain in this county if we keep our sales equal to those of 1939, is all spent at home. There has been no money spent the last two years for any administrative work, and supplies bought have been kept at a minimum.

Support your county nursing service—work for the six months to be extended to twelve—and buy Christmas seals, beginning December 1st.

Electric Co-Op in Engineering Stage

Morrow County Electric Co-Op has made good progress with sign-up of prospective users and now has an engineer on the job drawing a rough prospectus for submission to Washington, D. C., for approval, reported Lester Rambo, project manager, to the Monday Lions luncheon at Lucas Place. If approval of the Rural Electrification Administration is given the rough prospectus, then complete engineering estimates will be formulated and submitted to contractors for bids to do the actual line construction, Mr. Rambo said. Rhea Luper of Portland, who received his elementary schooling in Heppner, is doing the engineering work at present.

A proposal to bring Helen Keller, internationally famous blind woman, to Heppner sometime in the spring was discussed by the club and favorably considered though further details on arrangements were needed before final action can be taken. Miss Keller's proposed tour is in connection with her work with the American Foundation for the Blind which she helped institute.

Frank W. Turner and Conley Latham were named by President C. D. Conrad to represent the Lions on the community Christmas committee.

Harry Brown Dies From Lingering Illness

Funeral services were held from All Saints Episcopal church here at 10:30 yesterday morning for Harry Brown, 57, long time resident of the county who passed away at his home in this city Sunday following a long illness. Rev. Eric O. Robathan conducted the services, largely attended by relatives and friends, and interment was in Masonic cemetery.

Harry Brown was born in Nebraska City, Neb., January 22, 1888, being the son of John and Sarah (Gentry) Brown. He had lived in this county for the last 53 years.

He married Blanche Frye in Heppner, Sept. 3, 1916, who survives besides one sister, Mrs. E. J. Starkey of Naches, Wash., and one brother, Orve of Heppner.

Spending the majority of his life in Heppner and vicinity, Mr. Brown followed farming and the trade of blacksmithing, having the reputation of being a hard, conscientious worker and considerate of his friends.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME

Many college students returned to their respective Morrow county home for Thanksgiving, most of them departing Sunday for their studies. Among those noted were Len Gilman, Harlan and Maxine McCurdy from Pacific university; Paul and Frances McCarty, Norton King, Shirley Wilson, Clifford Carlson and Kemp Dick from University of Oregon; Betty Happold and Frank Anderson from Oregon State college. Their presence enlivened events of the holiday season.

MARKETING FINE HONEY

E. B. Wattenburger of Pine City reports a lively demand for his fine alfalfa honey, for the marketing of which he recently adopted a specially made jar with small wire bail. Mr. Wattenburger has been selling honey for many years, but reported when in the city Tuesday that the new container, which also bears a neat label, has abetted sales through merchants of the territory.

TAKES CCC POST

Ed Burchell, who has been in Heppner for several months with his family, left Monday for Vancouver, Wash., to report for CCC duty, having been called by virtue of a commission in the reserve officers training corps. He will be stationed with a camp at Reedsport on the coast. Mrs. Burchell and children will remain here for the present.

Burton H. Peck was in the city today from the Lexington farm.

Open House at New Postoffice Set for Saturday

Heppner to Get Mail at New Stand Beginning Sunday

Open house will be held in Heppner's new postoffice from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. next Saturday, and on Sunday morning people of the city will receive their mail from the new plant for the first time, announces Charles B. Cox, postmaster. Assisting Mr. Cox in receiving the public will be members of the force, James Driscoll, Mrs. Vera Happold and Walter Carlson.

The new arrangement of boxes does not permit giving each subscriber the same box number as he has been accustomed to, and the combinations on the new boxes are different from those at the old stand, but to aid folks in getting their mail slips showing the new numbers and combinations will be placed in the present boxes before the new postoffice is opened, the postmaster says.

An entirely new mail distributing center will be presented to the Heppner public with opening of the new postoffice. Not only will the building be new, but almost all the equipment in the rear will be new in addition to the mail boxes.

The building received final touches of finishing this week. Constructed by T. Babb, contractor, it has tile walls finished in front with stucco, painted white. Its single story front is set off with tall, wide windows, curtained with venetian blinds. Public entrance is set to the left side of the front. A second door a few feet inside cuts an alcove off the lobby, on the right of which is the office entrance, while the door straight ahead leads into the lobby where the new mail boxes are located. Bottoms of the new boxes are sloped toward the front to keep mail from being pushed out behind.

Practically new equipment throughout, with metal fixtures replacing wooden ones used before, provides the clerical force with a handy, durable plant, designed to better the local postal service.

Mr. Cox, the postmaster, who has worked assiduously for such a plant since his inception to office, expresses much pleasure for its realization. He complimented the building owners for their progressiveness in bringing the new building to Heppner, and expressed a hearty welcome to everyone to attend Saturday's open house. Not only will the open house afford everyone opportunity to see the new plant, but it will also give them a chance to become acquainted with their new mail boxes and the new combinations which are entirely different in design from those now in use.

RETURNS FROM TRIP EAST

Claude Drake, member of the state FFA livestock judging team, returned home the end of the week from Kansas City where he participated in the national FFA meet with other FFA judging team members from Oregon and Washington. His team ranked eighth in the United States. A royal time was shown the visitors at Kansas City and they enjoyed stop overs at points of interest going and coming.

CONDON WINS SMOKER

Cold weather Friday evening was not conducive to a large turnout at the Heppner-Condon FFA smoker at the swimming tank building, but those attending witnessed some lively bouts. Condon emerged winner by taking three of the five bouts. Heppner won one and registered a draw in another.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Ball returned home yesterday from a two weeks' visit at Portland.