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## Wightman Acquires French Stock and Ranch Equipment

### Move To Augment Dairy Production, New Owner States

A deal of considerable importance was closed the past week-end when J. J. Wightman of the Alfalfa Lawn Dairy acquired the stock and equipment of W. H. French. The ranch property which French has been operating for a number of years was sold by him to the Kinzua Pine Mills Co. about six years ago. The mill company acquired valuable timber holdings in the deal and not needing the hay land and other ranching facilities, granted French permission to remain and operate his stock business. In recent years his health has been failing and he has been obliged to spend much time away from the place.

Wightman has been dickering for the French holdings for some time with a view to strengthening the dairy output. Acquisition of the mountain ranch through a tie-in with the mill company will provide summer range for dry cows as well as permit expansion of the Alfalfa Lawn dairy herd.

Marvin Wightman and Claude Graham, son and son-in-law respectively, have taken over Mr. Wightman's interest in the dairy and he and Mrs. Wightman expect to spend the summer months at the mountain ranch, while retaining their apartment at the dairy.

There are 45 buildings on the French ranch, headlined by a good residence, with modern equipment, electric lights, hot and cold water system and numerous other conveniences.

Mr. French left Sunday to spend two weeks at a health resort after which he will return here to wind up business affairs preparatory to going to Texas to make his home.

## Building More Road

Kinzua Pine Mills company is extending its paved highway into a new timber belt in southern Morrow county with the building of an additional five or six miles of new road. A large construction crew is busy grading from the eastern entrance of the present road leading from the Heppner-Spray highway to Camp Wetmore eastward towards the large timber holdings known as the Griswold tract.

A standard paved highway is contemplated, matching the 12-mile stretch already in use. Such a road permits all-year heavy traffic and aids in maintaining regular operation of the mill at Kinzua.

## SISTER DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Word was received by Heppner relatives Saturday of the passing of Mrs. L. G. Atherton, sister of Mrs. Frank S. Parker and O. G. Crawford. Death occurred at Los Angeles, to which city Mrs. Atherton was taken from Vale about a month ago by her daughter, Mrs. Tracy Moore, Mrs. Atherton was the second child of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Crawford, long-time Heppner residents. She lived in Heppner one winter, occupying the residence now owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Bucknum. Mr. Atherton passed away in March 1941 in Vale. Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Moore and two sons, Tracy Moore, Jr. and Jerome Moore, both members of the armed forces; two sisters, Mrs. C. A. Jones of Pasco and Mrs. Parker of Heppner, and two brothers, Garfield Crawford of Arlington, Tex. and O. G. Crawford of Heppner.

## CORWINS ENTERTAIN TEACHING STAFF

Coming as a delightful opening to the school year was the faculty party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Corwin Sunday afternoon. About 20 guests assembled to enjoy the hospitality of the genial superintendent and his wife. As some of the faculty are married, the husbands and wives also were present. A buffet supper was served at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Corwin was ably assisted by her young daughter Joan.

## Ivan Leathers Rites Held Here Sunday

Funeral services for Ivan Leathers, 45, who met death in a car accident near Spray Thursday, Sept. 9, were held from the Heppner Church of Christ at 2 p. m. Sunday. O. Wendell Herbison officiating. Arrangements were in charge of Phelps Funeral home. A large gathering of sympathizing friends attended the final rites for one who had known Morrow county all his life.

Honorary pall bearers Sunday included Dr. A. D. McMurdo and H. D. McCurdy, Heppner; Chad Haynes, Hillsboro and Earl Bryant, Spray. Active pallbearers were Victor Lovgren, Alfred Lovgren, Claude Buschke, Arthur Hughes, Cary Hastings and Charles Haynes.

Born at Hardman Oct. 27, 1897, Ivan was the seventh child of Nicholas and Belle Leathers. He graduated from Hardman high school and throughout life was a reader of good literature. He also was an accomplished musician, his reputation for beauty of tone and execution on clarinet and saxophone being widespread in the Vancouver area where he had made his home in recent years. His willingness to assist others was a characteristic which will be remembered by his many friends.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Belle Leathers, Portland; four brothers, Milt, Antone, Ore., Otto, Vancouver, Wash., Owen of Hardman and Vernon with the armed forces; and three sisters, Fannie Emery and Joy Leathers of Vancouver and Juanita Carmichael of Lexington.

## Local Farm Labor Office to Continue

Recruitment and placement of farm laborers, both temporary and year-round, will continue to be the responsibility of the Oregon State college extension service through the county agents in the various counties and applications for farm laborers can be placed with the Morrow county agent after Sept. 15 when R. B. Rice's appointment as temporary farm employment agent terminates.

The peak season for farm labor in Morrow county has passed and while many crews were operating short handed throughout harvest and haying and there was a rather large turn over of hired help, we have gotten by better than expected, states C. D. Conrad, county agent.

## UNSIGHTLY GROWTH REMOVED

Ten members of Heppner Chamber of commerce, pledged at Monday's meeting to do something other than talk about civic improvement, turned out Tuesday evening and cleared off the unsightly weed and shrubbery growth on east Baltimore street between Main street and the school property. It was a matter of about two hours work to do the clearing of the street but much remain to be done in the way of disposing of the piles of debris, as well as ridding the school playground of a young forest of weeds. Those turning out state they enjoyed the exercise and feel that other members of the club will get great joy out of helping to finish the job. There will be a turnout each Tuesday evening until the job is done.

## HAND INJURED IN WRINGER

Mrs. Lonnie Ritchie suffered severe injury to her left hand Tuesday morning when she got that member caught in the wringer while turning out the family washing. The skin on the back of the hand was torn loose, requiring 12 stitches to draw it together. While painful, the injury will not cause permanent damage, according to her physician.

## BUY JONES PROPERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Ashbaugh have purchased the residence property of Mrs. Emma Jones adjoining the apartment house. The Ashbaugh family has been living in the Wells apartments on the opposite side of the street. Mr. Ashbaugh is in Portland at present receiving medical treatment.

John W. Maidment, pioneer stockman of the Lone Rock section, accompanied by his son Charles, was transacting business in Heppner today.

## Grade School Up In Count; High School About Same

### More Upper Classmen Expected to Register Shortly

Attendance figures at the Heppner grade school attained a new high, it was disclosed after a check-up of first week registrations had been completed. Supt. George Corwin announced Wednesday that 261 pupils had enrolled in the grades the first two days, compared with 215 last year. It is possible that this figure may increase a little, although Corwin seems to think that most families with children in the grades had settled for the winter.

High school registration showed a minor decrease compared to last year. With five or six more students to come in the registration was 91, as against 97 last year. This may also be increased in coming weeks with shifting of more families from outlying districts to town.

Supt. Corwin, who has been obliged to accept the role of athletic coach this year, expressed pleasure at the turnout of football prospects Tuesday afternoon. A corps of 25 youths ranging in weight from 175 pounds down to 108 pounds showed an eagerness to learn the game. All of the varsity squad graduated last spring and some of the second squad are not in school. He will have four or five reserves to build his squad around, the rest of the group being green material.

A schedule has been arranged including games with Arlington, Oct. 8, there; Condon, Oct. 22, here; Arlington, Oct. 27 here and Condon, Nov. 5 there. Other games are contemplated but definite dates have not been set.

## Livestock Slaughter Quotas Suspended

A two month suspension of livestock slaughter quotas by the war food administration will permit all licensed slaughterers in Morrow county including farm slaughterers, to operate without quota limitations until October 31 according to USDA war board reports.

All other provisions of the licensing program still remain in effect and it is still necessary to obtain a license to slaughter livestock for other than home consumption, collect ration points for all meat delivered stamp each carcass or cut with the license or permit number, and pay for hogs not less than war food administration support prices or more than OPA ceilings.

## BOOKWORMS RESUME

A dinner party at the Lucas Place marked the opening of the fall program of the Bookworms club Tuesday evening. A business meeting followed the dinner. Mrs. Ture Peterson is president, Mrs. Floyd Jones, vice president and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner. These three families dine at each other's homes periodically, a custom followed for several years.

Hugh McLaughlin drove to Portland Monday on a short vacation trip. He was accompanied by Tad Miller and Walter Skuzeski who wanted to see the bright lights before settling down to school work.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nikander were Portland visitors the first of the week.

Mrs. L. E. Dick Sr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick Jr. of Heppner and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe of Ione were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Ellis Hendrickson of San Leandro, Calif. arrived in Heppner Monday night to visit her mother, Mrs. Emma Jones, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spittle of Astoria are guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Peterson. They are on a two weeks vacation, most of which will be spent here.

## Rationing Board Here Reorganized

Reorganization of all war price and rationing boards in the district is being completed by Harley Richardson, board operations representative of the district office at Portland. Richardson was in Heppner Wednesday evening and with the assistance of P. A. Mollahan, local board chairman and J. O. Turner, CCD coordinator, revamped the Morrow county unit. Mrs. George Corwin has been selected as chief of volunteer service and will work with the ration office in enlisting essential volunteer help to serve without pay, which will be necessary to carry on the program.

Richardson states there will be no available funds for additional paid help for any board in the district and that unless the people of each community cooperate with the rationing program and their local boards, rationing will be slowed down and many will have to wait much longer for their rations.

## Women May Keep Old Hosiery Now

The nation's hosiery collection program will come to a close on Thursday, Sept. 30, and all women are asked to take whatever silk and nylon hosiery which is not usable to their local clothing store before that date, according to C. D. Conrad, county salvage chairman.

The above action is being taken because of the portion of silk and nylon being returned is at a declining scale due largely to the fact that no hosiery, either silk or nylon, has been manufactured for the past several months.

The women of Morrow county, as well as the retail stores have done an excellent job on this part of the salvage program and are being asked to continue giving their cooperation to this war effort so that this part of the program can be cleaned up by the end of the month.

## MRS. BROWN HOSTESS TO LEGION AUXILIARY

Mrs. Chris Brown was hostess to the American Legion auxiliary at her home Monday evening, when 11 members and one visitor were present. Mrs. Harvey Bauman, president was in charge of the meeting.

Feature of the program was a talk by Mrs. Roger Thomas, county health nurse. At the next meeting, Sept. 28, the auxiliary plans to sew for the veterans' hospital. Delicious refreshments were served.

## HEAR FROM PRISONER SON

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown have received a card from their son Paul, prisoner of the Japs in the Philippines. It is one of the formal Red Cross cards but bears Paul's own signature. His health is good and he has never been under treatment he stated. Paul's address is Military Prison Camp No. 1.

## New Type Tractor

Farmers who will need new crawler type tractors during the last three months of 1943 are asked to file an application with the county USDA war board before Oct. 15, as a limited number of new crawler type tractors will be available in Oregon in the last quarter of the year.

Oregon has been given a quota of crawler tractors for agricultural purposes for that period, which will be released to farmers by the war production board on recommendation of state and county war boards. Requests for tractors will no doubt be greater than the quota allowed and in order that applications may receive equal consideration and the new tractors placed on farms where they will make a maximum contribution to the food production programs, the state war board has set Oct. 15 as the last date for submitting applications.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McNamer returned from The Dalles Sunday after spending several weeks there, during which time Mr. McNamer submitted to a major surgical operation. He is quite improved in health. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, who stayed at the McNamer home during their absence, has returned to her residence in the Jones apartments.

## Bond Purchases Soar at Auction Sale Here Saturday

### Buyers Pay Fancy Prices for Articles Donated for Cause

A stranger walking into the midst of the auction sale at the county fair pavilion Saturday afternoon and not knowing what was back of it might have thought he was in a different world—that Morrow county folks place high values on articles they buy or sell. There was every reason for one not in the know to feel that way for Auctioneer Bob Runion was demanding stratospheric prices for everything put up—and in most cases he got them. Result of one afternoon's work—more than \$138,000!

The afternoon program opened with a parade. Lacking a band or some other type of music, it was a tiptop showing of horse-age and gas-age equipment. Horse lovers of the county brought out their finest mounts and the army authorities of Pendleton accounted for some 19 pieces of modern war equipment which in all made a parade worth traveling miles to see. A color squad made up of American Legionnaires and army men led the procession.

Auctioneering opened with the offering of a quilt made and donated by Mrs. H. D. McCurdy which was bid in by Henry Peterson for \$3,000. That was a good mark to shoot at so Runion put on the pressure on each succeeding sale. A look at the itemized list below will show how investors look upon the value of government bonds and lack of space forbids entrance into individual discussion. There were many noteworthy examples and one at least calls for a little space. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown donated two Cocker Spaniel puppies. The mother of the pets is the property of their son Paul who is a prisoner in the Philippines. There was a sentiment back of this that had a special appeal and big, strong, busy men who have no time to devote to pets bid them in and turned them back for resale. One of them finally fell into the hands of Earl Blake Jr. who invested in \$2000 worth of bonds to get it.

In listing the sale, the purchaser's name is given first, donation second, donor third and amount last.

- Terrel Bengt, 2 cartons cigarettes, Heppner hotel, \$500.00.
- Earl Blake, bull dogging, Lee Beckner, \$1000.00; 2 steak dinners, Elkhorn restaurant, \$500.00.
- Mrs. Earl Blake sandwich plate, J. O. Peterson, \$1000.00.
- Earl Blake, Jr., 1 pup, Frank Young, \$1600.00.
- Dale Brown, \$5 meal ticket, White's restaurant, \$500; tray, Gordon's \$600.00.
- Roy Campbell, 3 fryers, Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra, \$1000.00.
- O. W. Cutsforth, 1 sow, 5 pigs, Ralph Reed, \$3100.00; 1 gal. oil, Chas Vaughn, \$500; \$5meal ticket, White's restaurant, \$1000; 1 cocker spaniel, Mrs. Chris Brown, \$1000; 1 heifer, Fred Mankin, \$1100.00.
- Clyde Denny, 1 cake, Heppner bakery, 2,000.00; 1 pup, O. W. Cutsforth, \$1200.00; 1 battery, Jackson Imp. Co., \$700.00.
- Noel Dobyns, 3 yr. subscription Gazette Times, \$1,000.00.
- Barney Doherty, 1 cream can, Gilliam & Bisbee, \$1400.00; 2 hens, Mr. and Mrs. Denny, \$900.00; 1 gal. Antifreeze, Rosewall Motor Co. \$600; 2 sks wheat, W. T. Doherty, \$200; 1 pig, Jim Valentine, \$300.00.
- W. T. Doherty, 2 sks wheat, Dee Cox, Jr. \$400.
- E. C. Dougherty, hat, Currans \$1100.
- Mrs. H. L. Duvall, mattress, Case Furn. Co., \$1000; sk. flour, H. McCurdy, \$300.00.
- Patricia Espy, 1 fat lamb, Art Stefani, \$100.00.
- Mrs. Rose Francis, 1 bull calf, Earl Blake, \$6000; 1 hog, O. W. Cutsforth, \$4400.00.
- Harry French, 1 Hamp, buck, Ernest Heller, \$1100; 1 mackinaw, J. C. Penney Co., \$700; 1 heifer, O. W. Cutsforth, \$14,000.00.
- Mrs. Clara Gertson, 3 fryers, Mr. and Mrs. O'Harra, \$1200.00.
- Leo Garger, 1 yr. steer, Hughes Bros., \$5400.00; 1 ewe, Chas. McElliott, \$700.00.
- Alex Lindsay 2 sks. wheat, Barney Doherty, \$25.00; 1 shampoo and finger save, Myrtle's Beauty salon, \$200; case beer, O'Donnell, \$3000.00; 1/2 gal. paint, Tum a Lum, \$500.
- Hazel Mahoney 1 hr. welding, Treas McClintock, \$200.00.
- P. W. Mahoney, 1 treatment and bottle Vitamins, Dr. Rockwell, \$300.00, \$5,000.00.
- Fred Mankin, 1 ase beer, McAtee, Harvey Miller, carton light globes, P. P. & L. Co. \$1100.

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