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## Residence Buying Stimulates Realty Mart in Heppner

### General Moving Bee Starts When First House Is Sold

When the Hynd brothers closed a deal for the residence property of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wells they set the stage for several property exchanges and a general round of moving. The Wells property on Gale street, known as the Notson residence, was the answer to the Hynds' search for a house large enough to provide five bedrooms.

Although they do not have to give possession of the Sand Hollow residence until fall, the Hynds wanted to get settled and probably will begin to move to town as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Wells give possession. The Wells' own another residence in the south part of town which they plan to occupy, but first Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hamlin, present occupants, must find a place to move. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Banker, who occupy the upstairs apartment in the Wells house, will move to the McCaleb apartments, taking a suite being vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bucknum who will move to the Zinter apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Myles Martin bought the Cornett Green residence and the Greens in turn purchased the W. G. McCarty house. The Martins have had an offer from State Officer Albert and may re-sell the place. Officer Albert and family have been occupying the former Pruyn house recently purchased by Mrs. Cyrene Barratt and since Mrs. Barratt plans to take possession this week the Alberts are out on a limb, so to speak.

Latest reported residence transaction was the purchase by C. N. Jones of the Everett Harshman house, better known as the Merrill property. It is understood that Mr. Jones bought the property for his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Washburn.

## Former Theater Operator Passes

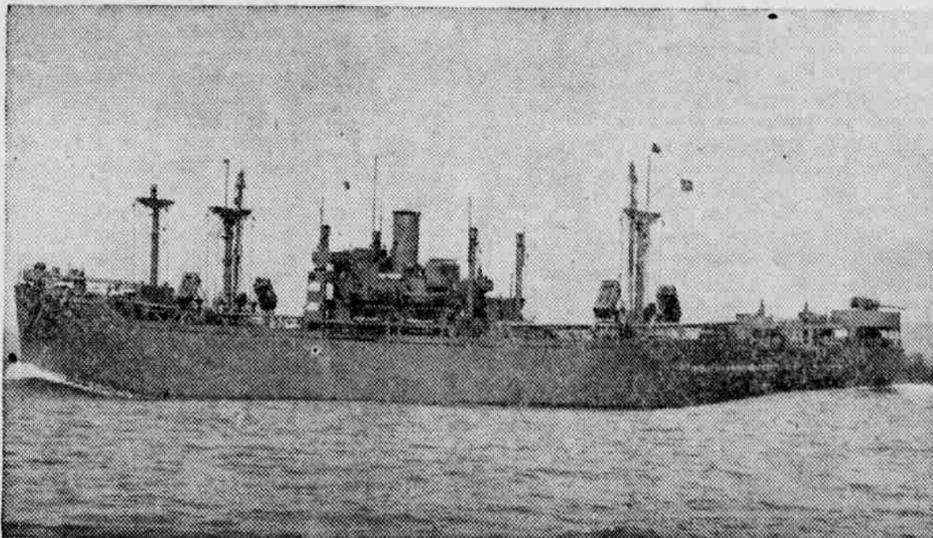
Belated news of the death of J. B. Sparks reached the Gazette Times this week, the report coming from his sister, Mrs. Sarah Jennings of Baker, who stated that her brother died April 10 at Stockton, Calif.

There are many Morrow county residents who will remember that Sparks leased and remodeled a frame structure on the corner of Main and Willow streets and put in motion picture equipment calling the place the Star Theater. (In the memory of the writer, this was in 1911.) He was an experienced theater operator and brought to Heppner the latest ideas in the business. For one thing, the town had not previously boasted of a theater with a sloping floor. The Star was so built. The entrance and exit and ticket booth arrangements were similar to the present Star Theater. There was a stage sufficient to accommodate small theatrical troops and in all, it was quite a complete little show house.

After disposing of the Star, Sparks engaged in a mobile picture show business and eventually located in California. He followed the years. He was married to Dorothy picture business for more than 20 (Dot) Geinger of Ione, who, with two sons, both in the navy, and th. sister, Mrs. Jennings, survive.

### ON VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake are enjoying a vacation at Lehman Springs this week.



Above is one of the two Kaiser-built Victory ships to be launched by the wives of Oregon's county chairmen making the highest 5th war loan records. One sponsor will come from eastern Oregon and one from western Oregon.

## War Bond Premiere to Be Staged At Star Theater Tuesday Evening

To help stimulate the war bond sales in Morrow county, the Star Theatre has scheduled a bond premiere for Tuesday, June 27. A special feature has been secured for the premiere to take the place of the regularly advertised film and in addition local talent will appear on the program, making it one of the leading attractions of the season.

Admission to this program will be limited to those presenting cards showing that they have purchased a war bond at an issuing agency between June 22 and the date of the premiere and those placing orders for war bonds at the Star theatre any time during the same period. Purchasers are advised to ask for the theater admission card when buying a bond. The theater will take care of bond sales the night of the premiere.

"This is bad news for the Axis, for every person in the theater the night of the 27th will be a buyer of a war savings bond, the only ticket that will get one past the box office for this show. So finish up those war stamp books and convert them into bonds. Buy an extra bond. Invest in the inva-

### The Score To Date

Total Bond Sales Close of Business June 21, 1944		Quota
	Sales	
Boardman	\$ 2,043.75	
Cecil	None	
Ione	13,875.00	
Heppner P O	8,137.50	
Bank	90,343.75	
Other	4,500.00	
<b>Total Ser. E</b>	<b>118,900.00</b>	<b>\$167,000.00</b>
Series F	9,250.00	
Series G	14,700.00	115,000.00
2%	21,500.00	
Treas. C	4,800.00	
Corporation	8,000.00	74,000.00
<b>Total all bds</b>	<b>177,150.00</b>	<b>356,000.00</b>

sion," stated Mrs. Elaine George, director of the premiere.

"Hit the Ice," an all-out laugh riot with those popular funsters, Abbott & Costello, will be the film attraction which also includes such high class talent as Ginny Sims, Patricia Knowles, Elyse Knox, Johnny Long and His Orchestra. Mrs. C. C. Dunham accompanied

by Marylou Ferguson will sing "Pledge to the Flag" and "God Bless America" the latter with a repeat chorus with audience participation. There also will be reports from the bond committee.

The local bond premiere is one of thousands that are being staged all over the country during the Fifth War Loan campaign in an effort to help sell bonds . . . and more bonds.

Chairman P. W. Mahoney stated this morning that a house to house canvass will start immediately after July 4 if sales have not reached a point at that time where the goal may be readily attained. A list of purchasers is kept and those buying before that time will not be solicited. He urges early buying, not alone to avoid being canvassed but to save as much unnecessary work and use of cars as possible.

Purchases are moving along at an easy gait so far, Mahoney stated, and it is hoped to speed them up during the last days of June so that Morrow county will be counted among those winding up the campaign before the final week.

## Curran Apartments Damaged by Fire

Heavy damage and possible destruction were averted Thursday evening when fire in the basement of the Curran apartments was checked before spreading to the main structure. As it was, considerable damage was done to the basement and the apartment occupied by the Harry Van Horn family before the blaze was subdued.

Discovering the fire, Van Horn went into action with a garden hose and greatly lessened the task of the fire department which arrived a few minutes after the alarm was given.

Starting around the water heater, the fire spread over the basement and ate into the floor of the Van Horn apartment before being brought to a stop but not before the curtains, floor and some of the fixtures of the apartment were considerably damaged.

### MRS. LAUGHLIN RESIGNS

Mrs. Irene Laughlin, who has been chief clerk of the ration board for the past two years, resigned last week to accept a position as clerk in the post office. She has taken the position held by Mrs. Henry Happold, the latter having taken over the job held for several years by James Driscoll, now a member of Uncle Sam's navy.

### BUSINESS HOUSES WILL CLOSE OVER FOURTH

When the matter of closing business houses from Saturday evening to Wednesday morning was submitted to the chamber of commerce at Monday's luncheon meeting, that group voted to recommend such a move to the several business establishments. Blaine Elliott, chairman of the merchant's committee, was instructed to contact the business houses and the response was almost universal, the only places not asked to close being the restaurants.

The move was made to permit store clerks and other hired help unable to take vacations because of the manpower shortage a few days respite from their labors, to say nothing of tired business people who will be able to catch up on work they have had to set aside while keeping their establishments going.

### GRAVELING NEARLY FINISHED

Work of graveling a 15-mile stretch of the Heppner-Spray highway from Ruggs to Parker's Mill road will be finished this week, it is reported. The crew will move to Lexington where the company has a contract on the Lexington-Hermiston route. The Heppner-Spray road now is in better condition to withstand the strain of log and lumber traffic which is the heaviest freight now passing over the route.

## City Asks Control Of 3-C Buildings On Town Property

### Relief for Local Housing Shortage Seen if Granted

Looking forward to relieving the housing shortage in Heppner, particularly pertaining to employees of the Heppner Lumber company the city council and Mayor J. O. Turner have petitioned the War Foods Administration for either an outright grant or a long-time lease on the buildings located on the city's portion of the Camp Heppner site. This action was decided upon Monday evening at a special meeting of the council and business men and the request was prepared and mailed Tuesday by the mayor.

Recently, when the war department announced that certain CCC camp buildings would be sold on bid Mayor Turner sought to have the city placed on a priority basis. He followed this up with a visit to the several agencies in Portland concerned with the disposal of the buildings and returned the first of the week somewhat convinced that if unable to secure an outright grant the powers that be might consider a lease. He presented his findings to the group Monday evening with the result that he was authorized to go ahead.

Orville Smith, manager of the Heppner Lumber company recently made a survey of property involved and arrived at the conclusion that housing for at least 10 families can be made at a cost of approximately \$500 per unit. There is one barracks building that could be converted into five comfortable apartments and the officers quarters is ample for two more. Three other buildings could easily be made over into houses.

Should the grant or lease be made it is understood the mill company is ready to sub-lease and make the improvements at once. A housing shortage has created a labor supply problem for the company which grows more difficult from day to day and immediate action is wanted, Smith stated.

## Fuel Shortage Seen In Current Situation

Fear that some of the citizens of Heppner will go cold next winter, unless they order and take delivery of their firewood and coal for the year immediately was expressed today by Mayor J. O. Turner.

"Information reaching my office from the Northwest Solid Fuels rationing branch of the OPA indicates that while strenuous efforts are being made to avert any firewood or coal shortage, federal authorities charged with the responsibility of keeping Pacific Northwest homes supplied with fuel are gravely worried as to whether a critical shortage of these two fuels can be averted," the mayor said.

"Increased use of mill waste as raw material in manufacturing and increased distance of sawmills from fuel markets has cut down the supply of firewood. Firewood users are advised to cut their own fuel as far as possible."

### LEAVE FOR CONFERENCE

Rev. Bennie Howe, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Don Romine and Mrs. George Corwin left Wednesday morning for Portland to attend the annual conference of the Methodist church. The Howes may take a short vacation before returning to Heppner.

### GUESTS OF MRS. WARD

Guests of Mrs. D. M. Ward Wednesday were Mrs. Charles Dazell of Spokane and Mrs. Bert Mason of Ione.