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Gordon Drug Store Ownership Passes To Freewater Man

John Saager Takes Over Management First of January

A deal which has been pending for several weeks was concluded the past week-end when Gordon's drug store was purchased by John Saager of Freewater. Saager took possession Jan. 1, although the former owners, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gordon, will remain there until about the 15th of the month getting their affairs straightened up and assisting Mr. Saager in adjusting himself to his new surroundings.

Saager is a graduate of the school of pharmacy at Oregon State college, class of 1934, and since that time has been employed with the Freewater Drug company. He is married and will be joined by his wife as soon as the Gordon apartment is available to them. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon contemplate moving to the hotel until plans are completed for a trip.

Earl Gordon, a native Heppner son, graduated from the pharmacy school of North Pacific Dental college, Portland, in 1918. Returning to Heppner he was employed by the Patterson Drug company, then operated by the late John Patterson. He remained on that job for three years and went to Arlington for a couple of years. Yearning to get back to the old home town he traded jobs with the Patterson pharmacist, again putting in a period of two years, then yielding to the urge to get into business, he and Mrs. Gordon purchased the Tash confectionery located on the corner near the Noble saddle shop. Being trained as a druggist he could not visualize his future as a confectioner and in 1926 when one of the middle rooms of the Oddfellows building became vacant, the Gordons leased the room and launched into the drug business.

When the Knox liquor law went into effect, Gordon's was designated as the Morrow county liquor store, which designation it still carries.

A complete modernization program was put into effect in 1940, converting the place into a well-lighted and conveniently arranged shopping center. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have conducted the business alone for the most part, although to do so has meant close confinement, and they feel entitled to a long rest. They have not announced future plans further than that they will take their time about finding something suitable where they can be employed outdoors most of the time.

In buying a business here, Mr. Saager stated that he wanted to get into a good town and feels Heppner is just that kind of a place.

P-TA TO MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

The P-TA of Heppner will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 10, in the music room of the school building. The contest for the greatest number of parents attending according to rooms will be held again. The program is under the direction of Mrs. Marie Clary and is on visual education. She will speak on the use of the films in the schools. Miss Hoosier will show and explain a film for the upper grade level. Mrs. Edna Turner will show the kind of film used for primary grades and Don Strait will show a film on agriculture. There will be several musical numbers by the Girls chorus under the direction of Miss Rose Hoosier.

You can't wipe this out with your tears!



BUT BONDS WILL HELP YOUR BOYS DO IT!



Development of Columbia to Be Farm Bureau Topic

Development of the Columbia river and its tributaries will be the topic of discussion by Herbert G. West, executive vice president of the Inland Waterways association, when he appears as guest speaker at the January meeting of the Morrow county Farm Bureau. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock p. m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Rhea creek grange hall.

In addition to West's talk, there probably will be some discussion of bureau affairs by C. L. Jamison, secretary of the state farm bureau organization, and Sam Hunter, membership chairman for the eastern Oregon district, both of whom have promised to be present. Herbert West represents an association that has worked for years for the upbuilding of the Inland Empire through development of the water facilities pertaining to transportation. He comes well informed and doubtless will leave much food for thought with the people of this vicinity.

The farm bureau extends a cordial invitation to members and non-members alike to attend the meeting and as an added attraction will serve refreshments following the program.

Smoking Furnace Brings Fire Call

A smoking furnace in the basement of the Conley Lanham home gave the family a good scare and resulted in a call to the fire department Monday evening. The Lanham family had been away from home from 3 until 9 p. m. and upon entering the house smelled smoke. Suspecting trouble in the furnace room, Lanham opened the basement door. The smoke was so heavy he knew an investigation could not be made without a gas mask so he sent in an alarm.

Firemen found that the flue was choked and that the pipe leading from the furnace to the flue was disconnected, releasing the smoke into the basement. The furnace is an Iron Fireman.

HERE ON BUSINESS

Business visitors in Heppner Tuesday were Bert and Ellis Cason of Rock Creek.

County Sets New High in Seal Sales

With one or two districts to hear from, the annual Christmas seal sale total in Morrow county to date is \$1212.95, according to Mrs. K. A. House, chairman. This is the largest fund yet derived from that source people to support every move that and reflects the tendency of the has a bearing on the war effort.

Since the campaign does not close until March 1 it is expected that additional funds will come in. Those holding seals are urged to return them or better, to remit for them between now and March 1 that Mrs. House may include the amount in her annual report.

Seal sales have mounted steadily and substantially in recent years. The 1942 sale totalled \$635.95. In 1943 our people bought \$963.58 worth of them, and now with the substantial increase of 1944 Mrs. House feels that a word of praise is due all who participated, both in distribution and purchasing.

APPLE BOX FULL OF CARTRIDGES COLLECTED

A request that people picking up unexploded cartridges along the margin of the bombing field turn them in to the authorities resulted in the collection of an apple box full of the lethal missiles, according to Chief Bill Morgan who received the collection.

Lt. Wolfe of the ordnance depot came to Heppner Wednesday and took the unused munitions to the airbase at Walla Walla. The box represented 400 rounds. Army authorities are investigating the apparent waste of target munitions and continue to warn civilians who find them turn them in to local authorities.

CLIFF DOHERTY BUYS BLAINE ELLIOTT HOME

C. E. Doherty of Lexington has purchased the Blaine Elliott house on West Baltimore street. The deal was closed Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Doherty will move to Heppner as soon as the house is vacated by Mrs. Elliott and daughters who are remaining here until living quarters are found by Mr. Elliott at Freewater.

ENJOYING SOUTHLAND

Billy Hynd has written Walter Luckman that he is enjoying his stay at Long Beach Calif. to which point he journeyed several weeks ago.

Hospital Service Object of Shrine Club Formed Here

Shriners who reside in this county held a no-host dinner Monday evening Jan. 1 at the Lucas Place and voted to organize a Morrow county Shrine club. The purpose of the organization is to sponsor the Morrow county hospital and to aid crippled children through the Shrine hospital in Portland.

Blaine Isom was elected president and Noel Dobyms secretary-treasurer of the group.

Following the dinner the Nobles and their ladies attended the theater. Those at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Isom, Mr. and Mrs. John Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Dobyms, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ward, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengel, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. John Wightman, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Banker, Mrs. James Davis, Jr., Miss Nellie Doney, Claude Cox, David Hynd, Thomas More and Oscar Joelson of Euene.

Granges Installed Saturday at Ione

Willows grange at Ione was host Saturday evening to Lexington and Rhea Creek granges on the occasion of annual installation of officers of all three groups. The evening started with a potluck supper participated in by a large crowd.

Mrs. Mary Lundell was the installing officer, putting on the work with very little help from the manual. The work was augmented by the music of Mrs. Frances Smouse violin and Mrs. Echo Palmateer, piano.

When the installation ceremonies were over, E. R. Lundell went to work on his accordion and in no time the floor was filled with a merry throng of dancers—a real "Hoe-down" as one spectator expressed it.

CANCEL AUXILIARY MEETING

The regular meeting of the American Legion auxiliary scheduled for Monday night, Jan. 8, has been canceled, but there will be a joint meeting of the Legion and auxiliary Monday evening, Jan. 15 at which time a potluck supper will be served.

Precipitation Below Normal in County During Year 1944

Eightmile Section Tops Heppner Area By 1.89 Inches

Records compiled and submitted by two weather recording stations in the county indicate that this area fell considerably below 1943 in the matter of precipitation during 1944. Particularly is this true with regard to the Heppner district where 12.75 inches of moisture were recorded in 1943 as against 9.56 inches in 1944.

Figures up to and including November, 1944 were given a few weeks ago but to keep the record straight they are repeated, including the December rainfall, and are as follows: January .31; February, 1.36; March .59; April 1.52; May .49; June 1.20; July .02; August blank; September .56; October .78; November 1.93, and December .80, for a total of 9.56 inches.

From the Eight Mile-Gooseberry section Leonard Carlson submits the following figures: January .52; February 1.62; March 2.45; April 1.45; May .28; June 1.52; July .18; August .02; September .39; October .93; November 1.23, and December .79, for a total of 11.43 inches—same as in 1943.

One feature noted by Carlson in his report is that the last four months differed but the final results tallied, each showing a precipitation of 3.39 inches.

Farmers from some districts report that top and underneath moisture levels have joined, indicating that despite the lack of precipitation there still is a good supply of moisture in the ground. Overcast skies prevailed most of the time during November and December, but since the first of January there has been a fair amount of sunshine. During the past week the temperature has risen from the middle twenties to 40 above or better in mid-day.

Pomona Grange To Discuss Hospital

Discussion of the proposed Morrow county hospital will be one of the principal features of the Pomona grange afternoon program when that group meets at Boardman Saturday, Jan. 6, with the Greenfield grange acting as host. An effort to secure a speaker for this special subject was being made earlier this week and it is hoped grange members and the public alike will avail themselves of an opportunity to hear this important project outlined and discussed.

Miss Bertha J. Beck, secretary of the Oregon State grange, will be guest speaker for the lecture hour. County Agent Arnold Ebert will discuss agricultural problems.

The business meeting will convene at 10 a. m. with lunch at noon and the program to which the public is invited is slated for approximately 3 p. m.

IDA MAY ADAMS

Funeral services for Mrs. Ida May Adams will be held from the Heppner Church of Christ at 1 o'clock p. m. Friday, Jan 5, the pastor, O. Wendell Herbison officiating, with arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment will be made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Hardman. Mrs. Adams passed away Tuesday at The Dalles where she had been a patient in a hospital for several weeks.