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## Prominent Matron Succumbs to Heart Ailment Wednesday

### Harriet Kimball Mahoney Passes at Pendleton Hospital

Death came unexpectedly early Wednesday morning to Mrs. Harriet Mahoney prominent Heppner matron, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton where she has been a patient the past six weeks. Suffering from a heart ailment, Mrs. Mahoney was prevailed upon by members of her family to go to the hospital for complete rest and medical attention. She suffered an attack of pneumonia about three weeks ago but had fully recovered from that and her condition was such that it had been planned to bring her home this week-end. Latest word from the hospital Tuesday evening was that she was feeling fine and was in the best of spirits.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Friday from All Saints Episcopal church, with Bishop William P. Remington officiating. Arrangements are in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment will be made in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Harriet Kimball was born Jan. 26, 1872 in Filmore county, Minn., where her early life was spent. As a young woman she was employed as clerk in the county treasurer's office at Watertown, S. D. There she met William P. Mahoney who was county auditor and they were married May 15, 1895. Ten years later they moved to Bonner's Ferry, Ida., where Mr. Mahoney helped open the First State bank, remaining there to manage the institution until 1917 when he became the head of the First National Bank of Heppner. He continued in that capacity until his death in 1936.

Mrs. Mahoney took an active part in the affairs of the National Woolgrowers auxiliary and of the Oregon Woolgrowers auxiliary, serving both groups in the capacity of president. She maintained an active interest in these and other organizations as long as her health permitted. She was an active member of All Saints Episcopal church and of Ruth chapter, Order of Eastern Star, being a past matron of the latter. She was keenly interested in civic affairs and always lent a willing hand toward improvements for the benefit of the town and community.

Surviving are five children, Vera V. Mahoney of Los Angeles, Calif.; Doris (Mrs. Archie Ball), Heppner; Mrs. Kathleen Mather, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Philip W. Mahoney, Heppner, and Mrs. Patricia Espy, Heppner, and nine grandchildren. One son, Kenneth, preceded her in death.

## High Hazard Areas Closed to Public

Carl Ewing, supervisor of the Umatilla National forest announced that the following high hazard forest areas lying in and adjacent to the Umatilla National forest will again be closed to public entry except with permit: Kinzua logging area, Johnson Creek logging area and Shaw Creek logging area.

These comparatively small areas are highly inflammable on account of logging slash or other fuel which must be closely guarded to prevent fires that would disrupt the essential logging industry, Ewing said. He also stated that none of the closures will cause undue inconvenience to the general forest using public, since none are within recreational areas. Settlers may enter without permit and others having business within the areas may secure entrance permits from any forest ranger or at any guard station.

## Boy Dreams House On Fire; Woodshed Burns Instead

George Ross, 12, had a dream last night. He dreamed his grandmother's house was on fire and the dream became so real that he was awakened, and sure enough there was a fire—the woodshed was burning.

Mrs. Louise Ritchie and two of her grandsons, George and Jackie Ross, had been burning grass around her home Wednesday evening and thought they had put out the last spark, but evidently one or more sparks got inside the woodshed and along about midnight had grown into flames. The fire department responded within eight minutes but due to the fact that there is no fire plug in that area water had to be hauled several blocks and the woodshed was destroyed. Neighbors joined the family in playing garden hose streams on the house, saving it from damage.

Most serious loss was Mrs. Ritchie's coal supply and six cords of dry wood and a hutch of rabbits, the property of Jackie Ross.

## County Committee Given Official Praise

If there are any doubting Thomases regarding the work of the Morrow county committee of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council, they should read the following note received by Mrs. R. I. Thompson, county chairman, from the regional director of the camp and hospital service, Pacific area. Writing from San Francisco June 19, Richard H. Anderson has the following to say:

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Thank you for your letter of June 11th. It is hard to believe that your Camp and Hospital report is for a single committee, it looks like a Council report. It would be impossible to suggest any improvements for the way Camp and Hospital has been interpreted to the communities. It would seem that those responsible for its operation have a keen insight of the factors involved. Keep up the good work! Yours very truly  
Richard H. Anderson

## SHELLAR BURGESS PROCK

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. today from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel for Shellar Burgess Prock, 39, whose death occurred Tuesday morning. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Mr. Prock passed away in his sleep, the family making the discovery when he did not appear at breakfast.

He was born Nov. 28, 1905, at Hartsville Mo., and had made his home in Heppner since 1925. Surviving are the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Prock, one sister, Mrs. Jack Merrill, Corpus Christi, Tex., and three brothers, Vernon, Faye and Farris, of Heppner, besides five nieces and three nephews.

## FINDS PECULIAR ROCK

Raymond Wright was displaying some peculiar rock in town Friday. It had the appearance of melted glass or sand that had been melted by intense heat. The rock was found in the ashes of a haystack that was burned on the Wright place Thursday. When the fire was discovered the stack was burning from top center, which led to the belief that a meteor fragment might have landed on the hay. Specimens were sent away for analysis and Wright is waiting for a complete report.

Philip W. Cohn, ART 3/c, came in Sunday to spend several days with the home folks. With his father, Harold A. Cohn, he left Monday for a brief fishing trip in Wallowa county. Philip is stationed at Seattle.

## Colleen Kilkenny Named Queen of '45 Heppner Rodeo

Directors of the Heppner Rodeo association in meeting Saturday evening selected Miss Colleen Kilkenny of Heppner to reign over the 1945 show as queen. Miss Kilkenny is the daughter of Mrs. Lottie Kilkenny, upper Hinton creek ranchwoman, is a graduate of Heppner high school, and an expert rider.

To assist the queen, the association invited the granges of the county to select princesses. Willows grange named Darlene Biddle for the honor. She is the daughter of Mrs. Vernon Brown of Ione. Dorothy Bergstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom of Eight Mile is the choice of the Rhea Creek grange, while Lexington grange chose Betty Graves, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. John Graves. Since Lena grange no longer functions, ad that section is typical of the range country, Edwin Hughes was asked to name a princess from that vicinity and his choice was Joan Hisler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler.

Mrs. Lee Beckner has been placed in charge of the royal court and will assist in outfitting them, having their pictures taken and other matters of preparing for the big show.

The granges will give dances to buy cowgirl outfits for their respective princesses and the association is planning to open the round of social events with a dance at the pavilion the evening of July 28.

## Mrs. Mary Thomson, Lifelong Resident, Passes Wednesday

Death came to Mrs. Mary Thomson, 65, at her residence on Baltimore street at 10 o'clock Wednesday evening, July 11. She had been ill several months and in April went to The Dalles for consultation only to learn that medical aid could not relieve her. After spending a few weeks there and at Portland she returned to Heppner to be among family and friends.

At the hour funeral services will be held at 10:00 a. m. Saturday at the chapel of Phelps Funeral Home, with interment in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Thomson was a native of Morrow county and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Farnsworth, pioneer of the Rhea creek section. She attended school here and at St. Helen's hall in Portland. On Thanksgiving day 1919 she was married to Charles Thomson, member of the mercantile firm of Thomson Bros. Mr. Thomson passed away Aug. 11, 1934.

Surviving are two brothers, Karl W. Farnsworth of The Dalles and Frank Farnsworth of Heppner, and three sisters, Mrs. Marcellus Morgan, Mrs. Flo Beamer and Mrs. L. E. Bisbee, all of Heppner, and two stepsons, Earl and Ellis Thomson.

Mrs. Thomson was a member of All Saints Episcopal church.

## HUDSON-UNREIN NUPTIALS PERFORMED AT BOISE

Springing a surprise on family and friends, Miss Wilma Marie Hudson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Hudson, and Fidelis Unrein, proprietor of the Richfield station, were married Thursday, July 5, at Boise, Ida. The newlyweds returned to Heppner the first of the week when the news was given out to the public.

The bride has been employed at Scotty's Super Cream for several months. Mr. Unrein came to Heppner early in the spring and took over the Richfield station, coming from The Dalles. He is a discharged veteran of the present war.

## RECEIVE SURPRISE CALL

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark were pleasantly surprised Tuesday when their son-in-law, Lt. Com. Gordon H. Ridings called from Pendleton. He was enroute to Eugene to spend a 10-day leave following which he will receive a new assignment. He has been staff commander of the South Atlantic force the past seven months.

Ted Smith has taken over the duties as manager of the Heppner branch of the Morrow County Grain Growers taking the place of Kenneth Blake, resigned. Smith had to resign from the AAA office, leaving those duties in the hands of Arnold Ebert. Blake has not indicated what he plans to do.

Sgt Ellis Saling is visiting his sister Mrs. Victor Johnson for a short time.

## Contracts Signed By New Teachers

Supt. George Corwin announced this week that two new teachers have been signed up to teach in the Heppner high school. Upon the resignation of Don Strait as Smith Hughes instructor, Marvin Wightman was prevailed upon to take the job and was hired as of July 1.

Mr. Wightman has had three years teaching experience besides two and one half years with the farm security administration. He taught Smith Hughes work at Arlington and Condon and was engaged in farm security work at Grants Pass.

Corwin states that he has secured the services of Miss Janet Curtis, Reed college graduate, to teach English. She is a Portland girl and comes highly recommended.

## Health Law Best Yet, Nurse States

The new health law passed by the 1945 Oregon legislature is the best yet, in the opinion of Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse. Miss Gillis as program chairman of the Heppner chamber of commerce presented Mrs. Lucy Rodgers at Monday's luncheon program as interpreter of the new law. Mrs. Rodgers discussed it section by section, showing that it is designed to meet new conditions as well as improve present sanitation methods.

Miss Gillis followed Mrs. Rodgers with a discussion of some of the more salient features.

## AT P P & L OFFICE

Mrs. Audrey Thomas of Pendleton is helping out at the local office of the Pacific Power & Light regular clerk, Miss Laurel Ball, company during the absence of the who is taking her vacation. Miss Ball had planned to spend a few days in Pendleton and then go on to Portland for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Peavy. Mrs. Thomas is from the Pendleton office of the company.

S Sgt Leland Edmondson, army air corps, has arrived in Heppner to visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. Durward Tash and Mr. Tash, for 30 days. Mr. Edmondson has seen much service in the European theater and still is not sure whether he is going to be discharged or whether he will go to the Pacific area, but will find out when he reports to Florida at the end of his 30 day furlough. He reported at Ft. Lewis on his return to the states and from there visited his sister, Mrs. Wilbur Nichols in Enumclaw, Wash. arriving here Wednesday evening. Sgt Edmondson was married while in England, but his wife will not be able to come to America for the present because transportation facilities are not available while troops are being shipped in such large numbers.

John E. Himelwright from the AAA office at Corvallis is spending a few days here checking the records of the local triple A office.

## Fall From Tree Fatal to William James Applegate

### Accident Occurred Saturday Evening At Turner Place

William James Applegate, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Applegate of Heppner, succumbed Sunday morning to injuries received Saturday evening at the Sam Turner place in Sand Hollow. The little boy passed away at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton to where he was rushed immediately after the accident.

William and his cousin, Kenneth Turner, were engaged in the youthful sport of climbing trees about the Turner place. William ventured up to a distance of about 25 feet from the ground in a balm tree and it is thought a small limb broke, precipitating him to the ground. His head was badly crushed by the impact and he probably sustained internal injuries.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday from St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner, Rev. Francis McCormack officiating. Rosary was held at 8 p. m. Monday at the Phelps Funeral Home chapel. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

William was born Feb. 23, 1937 in Pendleton. He attended the Heppner public school, having passed to the third grade at the close of the spring term. He was an affable little lad and greatly loved by family and friends to whom his untimely death is a great shock.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, Richard and Paul, and a sister, Peggy.

Here to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Straley of Wenatchee, Mrs. Helen Berland, Enterprise, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Applegate and daughter Mabel of Joseph.

## RUTH FRENCH DAVIDSON

Chapel services were held Friday, July 6 at the Phelps Funeral Home for Ruth French Davidson who passed away in Salem on the 4th. Mrs. Davidson was a native of Heppner, daughter of pioneer parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff French. She is survived by her husband, Ray Davidson, two daughters, Mrs. Betty Godwin of Pendleton and Mrs. Mary Stewart of Summit, Ore. one son Raymond, Oakley, Ida., a grand daughter, Susan Kay Godwin, the mother, Mrs. Jeff French, three sisters, Mae McFerrin, Freewater, Mrs. Anne Howell, San Francisco, and Marjorie Smith, Santa Monica, Calif., and a half brother, Lewis Parkley, Heppner. Mrs. McFerrin Mrs. Godwin and Mrs. Stewart were here for the services.

## BUY THOMAS PROPERTY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkraf have purchased the residence property of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas on south Chase street and have taken possession. The house is a duplex, one apartment of which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall. It is the Engkraf's plan to build a house later on, as well as another unit or two for rental purposes. They may sell the lot on north Court street, the scene of the fire which left them homeless. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas plan to take a trip east to look for a new location.

## WARD GRAVES

Funeral services for Ward Graves, who died in Baker Friday, July 6, were held from the Folsom chapel in Pendleton at 2 p. m. Monday, with the Rev. Clifford Noble of Heppner officiating. He is survived by the following children: Edith and H. A. Graves of Sparta, George W. Graves of Pendleton, S. E. Graves of Yoncalla, J. W. Graves of Heppner and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth of Lexington.