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Early Settler of Ione Section Dies At Hood River

Mrs. Rietmann Was True Pioneer of Wheat Belt Area

Funeral services were held this afternoon at Ione for Mrs. Margaret Rietmann, widow of the late Paul Rietmann, who passed away Monday at Hood River where she had made her home the past several years. The services were held at the Co-operative Church of Ione, with Dr. Huntington of Salem officiating and the Phelps Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Ione I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Margaret Glock Rietmann, one of the oldest pioneers of the Ione section, was born in Highland, Ill., Feb. 20, 1861. Shortly after their marriage she and Mr. Rietmann came west, in 1880, and worked for awhile for a family named Riffle at Walla Walla. They were persuaded to come to the Ione vicinity, which was just opening up, and there was no town of Ione, and take up a homestead. They followed this advice and in 1882 selected a site a few miles north of Ione. They chose this site because of a spring of water but when the ground was plowed the spring disappeared and they had to resort to hauling their water supply as was the custom with many homesteaders of the region. Morrow county had not been created and early settlers had to trek to Pendleton to conduct county business. At that particular time Arlington was the most convenient trading point for the homesteaders, so occasional trips were made to the river town to haul in supplies.

Mr. Rietmann preceded his wife in death, passing away in 1928. Deceased is survived by eight sons and two daughters—Edward Rietmann, Condon; Walter, Otto, Werner, Omar, Victor and David, Ione; Robert, Fullerton, Calif; Alice (Mrs. Victor Peterson,) The Dalles, and Mrs. Anna Stith of Meridian, Ida.

Mrs. Rietmann was 84 years, 11 months and six days of age.

Speech Festival Scheduled March 22 At Boardman School

Morrow county unit of Oregon State Teachers association meeting at Ione Monday evening scheduled a county speech festival to be held March 22 at the Boardman school. Both high school and grade students will participate. At the same time it was decided to hold a spelling contest for the four upper grades of the schools and this will be held April 10 at Lexington. There will be no music festival this year, but the idea is not abandoned.

The meeting was held at the Ione school where an excellent dinner was enjoyed. A moving picture, "Assignment Tomorrow," emphasizing teaching as a profession, was shown. This was followed with a business session at which time committees recommended the above activities.

All teachers of the county are being urged to attend the annual convention of OSTA on March 28-30 in Portland. State Supt. Rex Putnam has recommended that all teachers take a spring vacation at that time in order to permit teachers to attend the meeting.

HOME TO STAY

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nickerson arrived in Heppner Thursday evening and are now engaged in the popular pastime of finding a place to live. Mr. Nickerson will be associated with his mother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson, in operating the Morrow County Title & Abstract company.

Most Folks Would Have Felt Lucky to Just Get a Watch

A 17-jewel Bulova wrist watch would be considered a sufficient prize in almost any contest but in Blaine "Bill" Isom's case it was but a stepping stone to a much bigger prize.

In a recent contest for memberships in the Shrine Isom with his Morrow county Shrine club was well up in the count in the Portland temple area. Finals of the contest were held in Portland last week and Isom was presented with a handsome wrist watch. This entitled him to have his name in the pot for an automobile. The boys all lined up, and the man appointed to do the drawing reached into the box and drew out a name and who do you suppose got the car? None other than Blaine E. Isom of Heppner.

Some guys is just plain lucky, that's all.

Clothing Coming In Generous Lots

Results of the clothing drive could not be tabulated up to a late hour today, but if the response in other parts of the county has been on a par with Heppner it is safe to say that the present effort in behalf of the poorly clad millions of Europe will measure up to if not surpass previous drives.

Cartons rolled in all day long at the Pacific Power & Light company office and by late afternoon only a small alleyway was left for patrons to get from the front door to the desk.

A complete report will be found in next week's issue of this newspaper.

READY TO RESUME SHERIFFING AROUND THESE PARTS

All slicked up in civilian attire, with not the least trace of Shore Police showing, C. J. D. Bauman is all set to take up where he left off more than three years ago when he forsook the life of a sheriff for that of a sailor. He takes over in the morning, relieving Pat Mollahan who has carried on as sheriff since John Fuiten left to join the navy in 1945.

Pat will devote his time to being a farmer for the present, at least.

Archdeacon Neville Blunt has called a meeting of the Bishop's committee of All Saints Episcopal church to be held immediately following the 11 o'clock communion

"Dimes" Returns Exceed 1945 Total, With Several Sources to Hear From

A few weeks ago a certain young man who had a responsible job on his hands openly confessed that he was worried about the outcome. He didn't see how he could bring about the miracle that would match the records of previous years, and particularly 1945. Today this same young man has his head in the clouds and believes that life is just a bowl of cherries of which he has enjoyed a generous helping.

All of this worrying was done before the officers of Willows grange at Ione offered Joe Aiken the facilities of their hall for a March of Dimes dance. Up to that time Joe thought he was getting

along fairly well with approximately \$200 on the barrelhead. With the dance proceeds and other moneys coming in he now announces a total to date of \$1,072.13, from the following sources:

Ione dance, \$361.25; Boardman, \$18.72; donation cards, \$383.21; Pine City school \$5; Heppner high school \$107.17; Hardman school, \$6.30; Lexington school, \$18.95; Lexington (town) \$98.23.

Several sources remain to be heard from. There are about 20 coin boxes out which remain to be checked and besides, the town of Ione has not been heard from.

G-T OFFICE TO CLOSE THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK

Due to the newspaper conference in Eugene Feb. 8-9, and the desire of the Gazette Times force to attend same, the office will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week.

Correspondents and advertisers are requested to turn their copy in one day earlier than usual as the paper must be out of the office by early Thursday morning. Copy arriving at the desk later than 10 o'clock Wednesday morning will be carried over to the following week.

OUT OF SERVICE

Donald L. Frederickson has returned to Heppner, after being discharged from the army Jan. 23. He joined his mother, Mrs. Verl Frederickson, here the first of the week, coming from Lowry Field, Colo. separation center. Prior to discharge he was stationed at Topeka, Kan., army air field, assigned as link trainer instructor. He has been in the service since July 1942.

HAVE BABY SON

Mr. and Mrs. Antony Sokolich of Portland announce the birth, Jan. 14, of a son, Michael Anthony. The mother is the former Martha Blair who taught in the Heppner schools a few years ago.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Dr. A. D. McMurdo has received word from Portland that C. A. Minor is recovering nicely from an operation to which he submitted about 10 days ago.

TO ATTEND ENGINE MEETING

Mrs. Lucy Rodgers announced today that she will attend a school building conference to be held Feb. 11-16 in Eugene.

To Have or Have Not a Rodeo Is the Burning Question

All persons interested in continuing to attend a meeting at 8 o'clock of the Heppner Rodeo are p. m. Friday Feb. 1, in the council room of the city building. The directors would like to see a good turnout and a liberal expression of opinion relative to carrying on the show.

Since the 1945 Rodeo was a decided success, both as a show and in a financial way, the general opinion prevails that it should be carried on and made bigger and better. There is some adverse sentiment also, and the directors would like a cross section viewpoint before shaping plans for the 1946 event.

Your opinion may not settle the matter one way or the other but it will help the directors to make a decision on whether to have or not to have a Rodeo.

Union Missionary Officers Elected

Election of officers for the ensuing year was the order of business of the Union Missionary society which met with Mrs. Edgar Albert on Jan. 17. Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson was chosen president; Mrs. Jack Couture, vice president; Mrs. Joel Benton secretary-treasurer; program committee Mrs. Ture Peterson, chairman, Mrs. Harry Van Horn and Mrs. Joe Hughes.

The group recommended that meeting time for each church be set back to the former date. Plans were laid looking forward to the World Day of Prayer.

Realty Deals in County Approach Quarter Million

Prices Range From \$25 to \$40 Per Acre, Figures Show

Morrow county ranch property has changed hands to the extent of approximately a quarter of a million dollars in recent weeks, according to announcement by Harry Duvall and R. V. Runnion of Heppner and Ben Klindworth of Connell, Wash., realtors. The figure submitted by these dealers is over \$225,000, mostly cash.

R. B. Rice and son Edward have figured in some of the most important trading. The elder Rice recently traded his Artesian Well ranch north of Lexington for the R. L. Benge ranch south of Heppner. Edward Rice has traded his north Lexington ranch, known as the Bert Clark place, for the Ben Klindworth property south of Heppner, the former Earl Hunt place. These two newly acquired places of the Rices join a large ranch purchased by Edward some time ago from P. W. Maoney and A. C. Ball, all of which will be farmed by Edward.

Edward Howton of Connell, Wash. has become the owner of the Artesian ranch, as well as the former Edward Rice ranch and a 4000-acre tract adjoining these places which he bought from O. W. Cutsforth. Mr. Howton and family will move to the Artesian ranch in the fall.

Delbert Emert has sold his home ranch 12 miles southwest of Ione consisting of more than 3,000 acres to Herman Klindworth of Hatton, Wash. Consideration \$100,000. Emert still has large holdings and is now building a new home just above Ione.

Prices for all the above sales ranged from \$25 to \$40 per acre.

Duvall also reports sale of the Peters building in Heppner to Max Gorfkle of Pendleton and the K. C. Hedge ranch on Rhea creek, known as the McNamer ranch, to Otto Ruhl.

Farm Bureau Slates Meeting at Ione

Willows grange hall at Ione will be the meeting place for the February meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau which will be held Monday evening, Feb. 4. The business session will open at 8 o'clock, followed by the program covering the several projects in which the bureau is interested. Refreshments will be served at the close of the evening.

It had been expected that F. H. Young, manager of the Oregon Tax and Research bureau, would be the principal speaker but he will be unable to respond to the invitation at this time. Lowell Steen, president of the state federation, and Sam Hunter, membership chairman, are scheduled to speak on farm bureau activities. J. G. Barratt will discuss the county hospital, and Arnold Ebert will talk on the mechanics of the Heppner soil conservation district, using picture slides to illustrate that type of work.

Committee members will report on progress of the Northwest Chemurgy and the Columbia Basin Electric cooperatives projects, both of which are claiming the attention of the bureau at this time.

The Ione school band will play several numbers during the program hour.

TAKE BOY TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. L. A. Humphreys and J. J. Wightman drove to Portland Saturday, taking Marvin Wightman Jr. to the Doernbecher hospital.

Building of Warship Revealed in Life Story of Good Ship Daniel A. Joy

Mr. Joe Doaks or John Civilian or whatever name one may apply to the guy who pays the bills has little intimate knowledge of the things his money produces in the form of fighting equipment. His job has been to provide the wherewithal for the war department and has had little time to look into the manner in which the money was spent.

Through the courtesy of Glen E. McMurtrey S 1c U. S. N. R., the Gazette Times is privileged to publish the life story of the United States Ship Daniel A. Joy, destroyer escort 585. The story begins in the copper mines of Arizona, the iron mines of Minnesota and the timbered regions of the northwest and carries through its induction into period of service. Because of the length of the story it will be broken down into three or four installments. The Daniel A. Joy is Glen McMurtrey's ship, to which he returned recently.

TODAY HINGHAM, TOMORROW—THE SEVEN SEAS

My life started deep in the soil of the United States, from Arizona

copper to the iron of Minnesota and timbers of the Northwest. But I really started to take form where they brought all these materials together in a little town called Hingham.

My keel was laid in the fall of 1943 and I commenced to grow and take shape as the steel was fitted and welded in place. I was finally given life upon the installation of a turbo-electric drive. I could see now I was one of America's destroyer escorts.

The time had come to be christened and I was to be named after a hero who had died on the battlefield on Guadalcanal what could be more fitting. I was very proud indeed. So on January 15, 1944 I was christened, the United States Ship Daniel A. Joy destroyer escort 585.

I now had to have the finishing touches put on so I could be officially admitted to the navy and on April 28 1944, I was commissioned as a combat ship of the line in the U. S. navy.

I was very anxious to get going and show them what I could do. In

one more week I got my wish, and on the 5th of May we sailed for Charlestown, Mass. As we passed into the Atlantic a new life was laid open to me and I felt like a queen as we steamed past Boston Light. From Charlestown we were to take pre-shake down trials around Cape Cod which included firing runs, compensation of the compasses and speed runs.

On 17 May 1944 we left for our real shake down in the beautiful waters around Bermuda. But this was no pleasure cruise. I was out to show them all what I really could do. At Bermuda we started out every morning at 0400 and we were on te go constantly until late afternoon, firing, towing targets, magnetic compensation, torpedo runs submarine attacks and all other exercises which make a destroyer escort a veteran of the deep.

Well I came through with flying colors. I had been pushed to my limit and withstood the beating for the better, as we turned north for the return to Charlestown, a

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