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## Kenneth A. House Made P. P. L. Co. District Manager

### Local Man Given Dayton-Pomeroy-Waitsburg Area

A surprise move was made here this week when on Wednesday it was announced that K. A. House had been elevated to a district managership and that he will take over the Pacific Power & Light company at Dayton, Wash., Monday. This district includes the Pomeroy and Waitsburg areas, giving House a generous slice of southeastern Washington to supervise.

House will be succeeded here by Robert Forsythe of Goldendale who will come to Heppner Monday to take over. He has had 11 years with the Pacific Power & Light company and is experienced in all phases of electric operation. Starting at Enterprise as a general utility employe, he worked as serviceman and lineman for the company at Hood River, The Dalles and Goldendale before his appointment here.

Succeeding Ray Kinne as manager, House came to Heppner in 1941 from White Bluffs, Wash. He has been active in community and civic affairs, serving one year as president of the Heppner chamber of commerce, and will be elevated to the post of exalted ruler of Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E. this evening. No less active in community affairs, Mrs. House has been chairman of Christmas Seal sales for two years, and recently was elected president of the Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary. She holds the position of conductress in Ruth chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and has been prominent in social and civic activities.

Mr. House will take over at Dayton Monday and his family will move about April 1. They are selling their residence property which they acquired three years ago and hope they will be able to buy a desirable house in Dayton.

Announcement of the change in Heppner management was made by Homer Beale, district manager at Pendleton.

## 4-H Beef Club to Be Active in 1946

By BETTY GRAVES  
4-H Beef Club Reporter

The Morrow county beef club was organized March 17 by Arnold Ebert, county agent and John Graves, 4-H club leader. There were 13 members present and a few more are planning to join.

Officers were elected as follows: president, Faye Cutsforth; vice president, Jo Graves; secretary, Hilmuth Herman, and reporter, Betty Graves.

Every member has his calf. So far there are two Angus and the rest are Hereford steers. The members reported on their calves and feeding methods. One thing the club is looking forward to this year is judging teams.

Meetings will be held at 2 p. m., every other Saturday at different members' homes. The next meeting will be held at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch, March 30. Any boys or girls wishing to join are invited to attend any of the meetings. \$1 is planned to judge different animals at each home.

## Pendleton Lodge Host to Visitors

Lodges from Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties were represented at a meeting of the Masonic lodge in Pendleton Monday evening at which time the Umatilla lodge presented the traveling gavel to the Pendleton lodge.

In addition to the gavel presentation, there was degree work and an hour of refreshment, making in all a large evening for the brethren. Attending from Heppner lodge No. 69 were Loyal Parker, Ray McAllister, Harold Becket and Blaine Isom. One was represented by George Ely and Omar Rietmann. Other lodges represented were Arlington, Fossil, Echo, Umatilla and Pilot Rock.

## Hunters, Anglers Organize for 1946

A reduction in crow and magpie population is the objective of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club and the said offenders had best take to the tall timber if they choose to avoid a blackout. This was decided Thursday evening when a group of sportsmen met at the Elks club and formed plans for the 1946 extermination campaign.

Rules of past years will be followed as it has been found that one of the best methods of producing results has been to award boys and girls a fair bounty and prizes for destroying nests and killing birds.

Several matters came before the meeting, principal one of which was election of officers. Blaine Isom was reelected president and J. V. Crawford was tendered the post of secretary.

The group will work for a big membership and those interested are advised that it is not difficult to obtain a membership card. They are on sale at Heppner Hardware & Electric, Gilliam & Bisbee, Gamble's store and Heppner Cafe. The plastic collar button or whatever it is one awards for such honors, should go to Harvey White at Heppner Cafe, who has sold 25 memberships up to date.

## PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO BE MADE AT THE DALLES

Several Morrow county people have been invited to a banquet sponsored by the chamber of commerce at The Dalles honoring selective service boards and other non-salaried war workers of the district including Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties. The dinner will be served at 6 o'clock this evening.

Members of the selective service board here are M. D. Clark, J. O. Hager and Judge Bert Johnson. Mr. Clark is in Eugene and probably cannot attend, but the other members are expected to be there. The county court also has been invited, as well as Mayor J. O. Turner and O. G. Crawford.

selective service board members. Special awards will be made to and others who contributed outstanding service during the war period.

## ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

Mrs. Muriel Rice announced the engagement of her son, LaVerne Van Marter to Miss Laurel Ball at an informal party at her home Sunday evening. A quiz game held the center of the stage and won for Mrs. Richard Hayes the prize. Pinochle and hearts were played for a while. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nickerson, Misses Mary Kelly, Darleen Biddle, Barbara Ledbetter and Teresa Burgett, Jackson Holt, Charles Hodge Jr., Warren Blakely, Jr. and Don Hatfield.

Miss Ball is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball. Both Miss Ball and Mr. Van Marter are graduates of Heppner high school and Mr. Van Marter attended the University of Oregon. No date has been set as yet for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green had as guests over the week-end, their niece, Miss Dorothy Ward, and two friends, Miss Maysie Roth and Miss Ethel Teifer, of Santa Ana, Calif. The young women have recently been discharged from the Marine corps and were enroute to their respective homes, Miss Teifer to St. Louis, Mo., Miss Roth to Colfax, Wash., and Miss Ward also to Colfax before proceeding to her home in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones have received word from their son Marand that he expects to be home soon. He was due to receive his discharge from the army Saturday and was going to Arkansas to meet his wife and they would drive home from there.

Louise Green, student at Eastern Oregon College of Education, LaGrande, will spend the spring vacation, beginning this week-end, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green.

Friends have received cards announcing the birth of twin boys to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fell on March 14 in Portland.

## HEALTH ASSOCIATION DINNER SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT

Citizens of the community should not forget the county public health association annual meeting and dinner to be held at the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church. Matters of importance to the welfare of the county will be discussed, a good dinner will be served, and Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, secretary-manager of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will be guest speaker.

While special invitations have been issued to active workers in the county health unit, a general invitation has likewise been extended to the public. The ladies are serving the dinner at \$1 per plate and would appreciate reservations now.

## UMATILLA LIBRARIAN TO CONDUCT STORY HOUR AT HEPPNER LIBRARY 23RD

Miss Neva LeBlonde, Umatilla story-teller at the children's hour county librarian, will be guest March 23. A trained library worker, at the library, 10:30 a. m. Saturday Miss LeBlonde has an exceptional talent for entertaining children, as well as adults, and it is the hope of the local association that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear her.

At 11:30 a. m., Miss LeBlonde will teach bookending to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who are interested. Scouts earn merit badges by doing this and will find this a quick step towards acquiring extra points.

Two more Heppner boys joining the ranks of civilians again are Raymond Parrish and Warren Blakely, both of whom returned to the old home town over the week-end. Young Parrish is enjoying the comforts of home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish after three years in the service. It is understood he plans going to Alaska to work with his uncle, Raymond Huddleston, after a good visit at home. Blakely is here with his father, W. L. Blakely, who is on his annual wool buying trip. The Blakelys now make their home in Portland.

Phillip Cohn was host to a number of friends at a steak dinner last evening. The meal was prepared and served by his mother, Mrs. Harold Cohn and Mrs. Addie Patterson. Guests were Jim Barratt, Raymond Parrish, Don Hatfield, Bud Blakely, Jackson Holt, Don Jones, and LaVerne Van Marter. Cards were the entertainment of the evening with LaVerne holding all the good ones.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt and son Jim are driving to Portland Friday to visit for a few days. They will go on to Corvallis to make arrangements for Jim's reentrance into O. S. C. before returning home.

M. L. Case is confined to his home this week. His son Allen expects to take him to Portland this week-end for medical aid.

Mrs. Howard Bryant is working for Braden Tractor & Equipment company starting last Monday.

Miss Dorothea Wilson was a week-end guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson.

## Radio Program for May 9 Outlined at Monday's Luncheon

A program designed to give radio listeners a favorable impression of Heppner and Morrow county has been prepared by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers in behalf of the Heppner chamber of commerce for presentation over Station KODL, The Dalles, on May 9. The chamber of commerce accepted the invitation of the Kiwanis club at The Dalles to attend the club's weekly luncheon and provide the program.

The Morrow county talent will have a period of 40 minutes to fill and Mrs. Rodgers worked out a schedule that will fill the bill nicely. Fifteen minutes of the time will be given over to the Heppner Women's Choral club for a brief concert. Another 20 minutes will be taken with brief talks by prominent citizens, leaving five minutes for introductions and other items.

The program has the approval of the Kiwanis club and the chamber of commerce, as well as the choral club upon which much of the entertainment depends.

Francis Nickerson announced at Monday's luncheon that the Merchants' Credit Bureau is now in operation and urged the business people to make use of its facilities. Cachot Therkelson, owner of the Hotel Heppner, was introduced and made a few remarks relative to his purchase of the property and what is being done to improve the service.

C. W. Barlow introduced his son-in-law, Robert Walker, who has returned to civilian life and expects to again take up his residence in Heppner.

The choral club has been invited to sing at The Dalles high school while in the city on May 9. James M. Burgess, former Heppner school superintendent, heads the system at The Dalles.

## KNITTERS NEEDED AT RED CROSS WORKROOM

Demand for knitted garments for hospitalized veterans and service men has increased at a rapid rate and the call is out for more volunteer workers. While a number of women have been doing their bit there is need for many more knitters if the local unit is to meet the requirements placed upon it, according to Mrs. Anna Bayless, chairman of the knitting division.

There is a scarcity of v-neck sweaters coat sweaters, bed sox and regular sox. Mrs. Bayless urges all women who can knit to secure materials and turn out some of these articles. The workroom is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons each week, where materials may be obtained, or call Mrs. Bayless and she will see that they are provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis and two children from Fayetteville, N. C. arrived in Heppner Saturday to visit Mr. Davis' parents and other members of his family. Ralph was very ill for several months and was hospitalized in Florida. J. F. Davis and son-in-law and daughter, Mrs. Dan Maynard, spent the week-end in Heppner with Mrs. Davis, coming from Cle Elum, Wash where the men are employed in the saw-mill there.

## 'Sa Small World and Heppner Youth Can Vouch For It . . .

This old world looked pretty big to a 17-year old boy when he set forth to help put down the late Japanese uprising and the farther away from home he got the more distant the horizon in the direction of home. Now comes Jim Barratt to disprove the theory that the world is such a portly planet. He knows, because he has been around a goodly slice of it and has a record of his own to prove his contention.

Returning from Pacific waters, Jim was stationed in Virginia. He was able to convince naval authorities that he was needed at home paratory to getting a discharge from the service. He hitchhiked an automobile ride from the Virginia base to Washington D. C. His family had been advised that he would come west by plane and they expected to

But this sailor lad decided he would carry the hitchhiking into the air meet him at a Mainliner terminal, and save some \$150, and arriving at Washington he went to an army field where he made inquiry about catching a ride to the west in an army plane. He was advised that it was possible but would have to wait perhaps 24 hours.

"But I will take your name and your destination and place you in line for as early departure as possible," said the young man waiting upon him.

"My name's J. G. Barratt and I live at Heppner, Oregon, and it is very urgent that I get home as fast as possible," replied the applicant.

"Jim Barratt, did you say? Why I played basketball against you four or five years ago. My name's Hanson and my home is at Arlington. Continued on last page

## Crop Outlook in County Excellent At Present Time

### Moisture Plentiful, Growing Weather OK, Farmers Say

Crop prospects in Morrow county at this early stage are such as to make the farmers optimistic and barring unfavorable weather conditions which could occur there is reason to believe that another big yield is in the making. Bountiful rains of the past two weeks have put the needed moisture in the ground and there has been no cold weather to check the growth of grain. Some farmers report their crops in as good a state at this time as they have ever seen and are quite confident that a busy harvest season is ahead.

That the rains have been general is seen in the report of V. L. Carlson, weather observer for the Gooseberry district, one of the regular heavy wheat producing sections. In town late last week, Carlson reported that the heavy showers on Tuesday March 12 produced .82 of an inch of moisture. On the following Friday another .18 of an inch was recorded, making a total of one inch for the week. No report has been received on the rainfall since Friday, but it has been considerable.

Rainfall in Heppner as recorded by Len Gilliam, has been a little less than the Gooseberry report but indicates that this section of the county is receiving sufficient moisture to encourage the crop situation.

This condition, which is general over the grain section of eastern Oregon ties in well with the emergency food campaign for famine relief for which Oregon farmers are willing to do their full share. Grain shipments from the Heppner and other branches of the Union Pacific have been heavy the past few weeks and this will continue until storage facilities are emptied, or sufficiently reduced to take care of the 1946 crop.

## SERVICES HELD TUESDAY FOR ROBERT LEE BEARD

Services for Robert Lee Beard, 79, who passed away Thursday, March 14, were held from the Phelps Funeral Home at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, with O. Wendell Herbison, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, officiating. The body was shipped to Portland that evening for cremation.

Mr. Beard was a native of Texas, born June 14, 1866, in Hopkins county, that state. He had been a resident of Heppner for 29 years.

## CAPT. McMURDO HOME

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo have been informed by their son, Capt. Charles E. McMurdo, that he has been returned to the States and joined his wife at Lynchburg, Va. "Ted", as he is familiarly known, was stationed on Bermuda where he supervised plane shipments from the States to battle areas and Allied nations. He plans on coming west shortly to visit his family and friends.

## GO TO ROCHESTER

Mrs. James Valentine and Mrs. Edward Rice left Tuesday for Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Valentine goes for a medical check-up. The ladies took a plane from Pendleton to Spokane and had transportation by plane from there to Rochester.

J. J. O'Connor and family left Wednesday morning for Spokane where Mr. O'Connor is attending a convention of Penney store managers. They will be gone the rest of the week.

Robert Walker has returned to his home in Heppner after a long tour of duty in the army which took him over seas. He and Mrs. Walker are making their home with her parents where an apartment is being constructed for them.

Howard Gilliam received his discharge from the navy on March 15 and is due home today. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Monahan have moved to Dayville.