

FINED FOR DRAGGING PLOW ACROSS ROAD

Norman Washburn appeared before Justice J. O. Hager Tuesday in answer to a complaint that he had dragged a plow across a county road. Upon pleading guilty to the charge, he was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs, which were promptly paid.

Minimum penalty for this offense is \$50 fine or 25 days in jail; maximum \$250 fine or 125 days in jail. The justice took into consideration that this was a first offense and partly due to a misunderstanding of the statute in fixing the fine.

FARM PLAN SIGN-UP

May 1 is the final date for Morrow county farmers and livestock operators to sign their 1946 farm and range management plans and to receive prior approval on any soil conserving or soil building practices they expect to perform this year, announced Henry Baker, county AAA chairman this week. Importance of signing the plans before the May 1 deadline is emphasized especially this year as prior approval of the county committee must be obtained in order to receive payment for any practices performed.

TAKING TO AIR

Orville Cutsforth is among the air minded folk these days and is learning to pilot a plane. He has learned to take off and maintain the ship in flight but says he has not progressed far enough to bring it to a landing, leaving that to his trainer, Jack Forsythe.

Gazette's 1st Printer Writes of Early Days

This is the 63rd anniversary of the Heppner Gazette and it is with great pleasure we publish a letter from H. L. Keyte who tells how he put the original plant in order and got out the first issue in late March of 1883. His letter is self-explanatory and needs no further comment.

Merlin, Oregon, March 6, 1946
Ed. Gazette—Hello Gazette folks. Well, the Gazette and I have had another birthday—if the Gazette hasn't it's just about to. Mine was Jan. 10, and I have had it that the Gazette's was March 6, but of late I have thought I may be mistaken in the day—anyway, it was March 1883. (when the Heppner country was still in Umatilla county), that I unwrapped the packages of new type from Palmer & Rey's foundry and "laid the cases" and "set" the first issue, and did most of the "setting" for the following three years. I was also the "technician" and operator of the Washington hand press.

J. H. Stine, the starter, was too busy sampling the corn juice in the three saloons in town to give the paper much of his time.

Dr. E. R. Swinburne wrote the salutatory editorial of the first issue.

Billy Morrow brought J. W. Redington up from Portland to take it over and try to pull it out of the about \$1400 debt owed to the merchants. So they got Stine out and Redington in.

Stine seemed to have the habit of starting papers in little towns. His last venture before coming to Heppner was at Welser, Idaho, and his next after Heppner was at Independence, and his next stop was at Grants Pass where he launched the "Courier." But he was not a self-starter—always got the merchants to put up for the plant. Where he went from there I have never heard.

Well, three score and three years is a long time. Quite a number of those who have had to do with the Gazette have since passed on.

After leaving Morrow county I spent eight years at printing on Puget Sound. My health getting bad I resolved to quit it, so sold my half interest in a job plant at Everett and came down here, where I have been in mining and horticulture. At outdoor work I have enjoyed good health up to the last three years, when it has not been so good.

I have two sons and three daughters, 13 grandchildren and one great grandson. Three grandsons in the service—one in the navy, one in the army and one in aviation.

If I should visit Heppner now, after half a century, I don't suppose

I would find half a dozen old timers I would know. I cannot recall any that I know there but Mac Clark. He is the kind of friend we never forget.

H. L. Keyte.

Charters Received For Four 4-H Clubs

Charters for four 4-H clubs have been received and the groups have started on their 1946 activities, announces Miss Grace Gadeken, emergency home demonstration agent and 4-H club leader. One club each at Ione and Heppner and two at Lexington make up the list.

The Victory sewing club at Heppner is under the leadership of Mrs. A. D. Moore. Mrs. Alonzo Henderson has a camp cookery "Sewing Susies" clothing club at club and Mrs. Louise Wood the Cabe is leader of the "Mothers Lexington, while Mrs. L. A. Mc-Little Helpers" club at Ione.

Requirements for securing a charter include five members nine years old or older; adult leader and officers, and outlined program for year's activities.

CCC OFFERS TO BUY 1945 HOLDOVER WHEAT

Commodity Credit corporation announced Wednesday the offer to purchase 1945 wheat with certificates redeemable at market price on any later date elected by seller through March 31, 1947, according

to a telegram received by Arnold C. Ebert, county AAA secretary from the state AAA office. The telegram stated details would be released as soon as available.

SPRING ACREAGE REPORTS

All wheat growers having Federal Crop Insurance contracts in force are expected to report any acreage seeded to spring wheat at the county office, said Henry Baker, county AAA chairman, this week, to help clarify some misunderstanding among growers. This does not mean reporting of any acreage reseeded to spring wheat that had been reported previously as fall sown.



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until some big job turned up, to accomplish a task that has worried the city fathers many months. The streets have been and are being swept, washed and the debris hauled away. It is a most commendable service and this newspaper wishes to doff the proverbial tile to Raymond Parrish, ex-GI, who has a pride in his home town.

It hardly seems reasonable that returning ser-

vice men have caused an outbreak of smallpox. They were all vaccinated against that and other diseases. It might be that some of them were afflicted with tropical disease resembling smallpox. The outbreak could have started in the civilian population just as it has done in times past, but if it did start among the GI's the question arises how much good is vaccination in preventing the disease.

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