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New Owners Take Over Operation of Local Restaurant

Edw. Chinn Sells Out After Years In Business Here

One of the most important business changes of recent date in Heppner was the sale last week of the Elkhorn restaurant by Edward Chinn to Portland parties. The new owners are Hans Huebner and Ray Reynolds, experienced caterers who were both engaged in operating restaurants in Portland prior to the war. Huebner operated the restaurant at the Alderwood Country club and Reynolds was at the Glendore club.

The new owners took possession Friday and closed the restaurant until Tuesday morning, during which time a crew worked day and night redecorating the dining room and cleaning the kitchen. More renovating is to be done later and new linoleum will be laid on the dining room floor as soon as the material is available.

Hans Huebner has had years of experience as a chef. He has worked in Germany, Switzerland, and other foreign countries and for a number of years cooked aboard ship. He crossed the Atlantic 58 times and has been through the Panama canal more than 100 times. Incidentally, when he decided to take up arms for Uncle Sam he was put in the army.

Mrs. Huebner is no stranger to Heppner, as this is her native town. She is the former Velma Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orve Brown.

Eddie Chinn and his staff are busy enjoying a long-looked-forward-to rest. The grind of war days, made more difficult by help shortage, has taken heavy toll of their vitality and they are making the most of their freedom. "Dad" and Harry, the kitchen mechanics, are somewhat lost, for they seldom got outside of their little empire in the rear of the restaurant, and it is said the older man has gotten as far up Main street as the First National bank building.

Mr. Chinn was the first occupant of the building now housing the Gazette Times family. His business grew and he began looking around for a new location. When Minor & Co. decided to move out of the Oddfellows building he acquired the largest room and equipped it to handle a big volume of business. The Elkhorn was known far and wide for its hospitable atmosphere and people by the thousands know the smiling, accommodating little guy who was its proprietor for so many years.

Eddie, as he is familiarly known, says he and Mrs. Chinn have no plans for the immediate future other than to take a good long rest. After that they may acquire a tract of land and settle down to raise garden and flowers. But they expect to remain in Heppner for some time, he stated.

The new proprietors have been too busy since taking over to announce their policy other than to state they will maintain a clean place and serve the best the market affords.

Fish Plantings, Bird Releases Augur Well for Sportsmen in '46

Sportsmen will have better hunting and fishing this year, and the youngsters can have more spending money by helping provide it, due to activity of Morrow County Hunters & Anglers club, said Bill Isom, chairman, following the meeting at the Elks club Saturday evening when membership figures were swelled to the 150 mark.

Isom said 16,000 fingerling trout have been planted in the county since last fall, mostly in Butter creek, and 400 nesting Mongolian pheasants had been released to augment sportsmen's game.

To protect the pheasant from their natural enemies, the club voted expenditure of membership fee funds to youngsters presenting

J. G. Thomson, Jr. Buys Interest of Father in Store

Changes along the "main drag" continue, old faces being replaced by new, or older dealers giving way to younger ones, and now comes word that the old-established firm of Thomson Bros., of which J. G. Thomson Sr. has been the guiding spirit for many years, has disposed of his interests to his son, J. G. Thomson Jr.

The new proprietor stated that he has no interest in the dry goods department but is taking over the grocery end of the business. The dry goods stock is all but sold out and most of the firm's efforts the past year or so have been devoted to the grocery department.

Information relative to changes or future operating policy of the store was not advanced by Mr. Thomson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson Sr. left the first of the week for Portland on a vacation trip, the first they had enjoyed in many years. Mr. Thomson has been engaged in mercantile pursuits in Heppner since back in the '90's.

Near Wreck Close Enough for Him

W. O. Dix, county assessor, doesn't place too much credence in the time-worn saying that "a miss is as good as a mile." It may be all right in some places but not when your car barely misses another car that has been wrecked on the highway.

The genial assessor was escorting some teachers and students to the spelling contest at Lexington Wednesday afternoon. A short distance south of Lexington a small car of somewhat ancient design passed him and when about 100 feet or so ahead began to act in a strange manner, darting here and there over the highway and finally headed for the ditch on Mr. Dix's side of the road. But for the fact that the Dix car was traveling at a modest rate of speed it would have been impossible to miss the ditch. As it was there was not more than two feet to spare.

This experience, coupled with a vaccinated arm, left the assessor somewhat shaken and he decided that bed would be a good place for him, even if he missed his supper.

Grammar Schools Hold Spelling Bee

Grammar schools of the county held a spelling contest at the Lexington school Wednesday afternoon in which pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades participated.

Shirley Hunt of Lexington won the fifth-sixth contest and John Bristow of Ione was the winner in the seventh-eighth group. Honorable mention was accorded Elise Dix of Heppner, Margaret Hubbard Bauernfeind of Morgan, JoJean of Ione, Eula Amis of Irrigon, Patty Healy and Loren Pleper of Heppner and Lola Ann McCabe of Ione.

Elsie Bauernfeind was the successful contestant in the spell-down held for the fifth-sixth group, while Vesta Cutsforth was the best speller in the seventh-eighth group.

Surprise Element Contributed to Jap Defeat in Okinawa

Lack of Japanese resistance during the opening days of the Okinawa campaign was a pleasant surprise to the fighting forces in Uncle Sam who had every reason to believe that they would meet an alert enemy such as defended Iwo Jima, Dr. C. C. Dunham told members of Heppner chamber of commerce at the Monday luncheon. There were two reasons for this, he explained. One was that the attack was launched earlier than the Japs anticipated and the other was that the attackers struck where the enemy was little prepared. It was not long until American forces met up with the defenders and one of the bloodiest battles of the war followed. The mortarized LCI ship on which he was pharmacist's mate was among the large fleet of small vessels edging to within 5000 yards of shore to lay down a barrage. Crew members had been prepared for the supreme sacrifice but the Japs threw nothing back at them at that time. The chief concern was the kamikaze planes of which the fleet destroyed a large number.

At the request of Pres. Frank Turner, Floyd Tolleson explained the railroad's fight against the differential rate between rail and river haul. The roads are asking that they be given the right to haul freight at the same rate established for boats, which at present is 20 percent below the rail rate.

O. G. Crawford told of attending an admanagers' conference in Portland at which time Giles French of Moro was cited by Herbert Buermann, advertising section, savings bond division of the U. S. treasury at Washington, for the distinctive service rendered the war effort through the sale of E bonds in

Old Home Town Ain't What She Used to Be—in '97

A. L. Troedson is convinced that "time marches on" and that we have been marching much faster than he realized. Not that Al hasn't kept abreast of the times, but because for the past half century he has minded his knitting pretty well down on the farm and has been concerned more about crop conditions and markets than he has about population expansion.

The past week Mr. Troedson accompanied Kenneth Smouse on a trip to California. The trip was made by truck to deliver some furniture to Paul Smouse in San Francisco. The Heppner man visited San Jose, his old home town and concluded that while it was still San Jose on the map it bore little resemblance to the city he last visited 49 years before. Growth of population had succeeded in erasing familiar landmarks and time had removed familiar faces.

The trip down was made by highway 97 and the return by the coast highway, 101. The men were gone eight days.

Charles Luckman Called by Death

Death came to Charles Henry Luckman, 62, this morning at the ranch home in the Lena district. Immediate cause was ascribed to pleurisy with which he had been ill about a week. Funeral arrangements had not been made up to press time.

Mr. Luckman, who has been a resident of Morrow county since 1905, was a native of England. He was born in Manchester on Jan. 2, 1884. He came to this country to engage in the stock business with his brother Walter, the brothers taking over the ranch property of their uncle the late Joseph Luckman, pioneer sheepman of the Little Butter creek section. A few years ago the Luckman brothers disposed of their interests and moved into Heppner to reside, but reverses suffered by their successor made it necessary for them to return to the ranch.

Surviving are two brothers, Walter of Heppner and George of Manchester, a sister, Jessie, and a niece and nephew, all of Manchester.

MRS. IDA CAVE Services were held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday for Mrs. Ida Cave, who passed away in Heppner Saturday, April 6. O. Wendell Herbison was in charge and interment was made in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Cave, who was Ida McFerrin, was born May 14, 1881, in Heppner and but for about 15 years residence in Portland, spent her life in Morrow county, having returned here some 15 years ago. She is survived by a brother, John McFerrin of Portland, two sisters, Mrs. Grace Hughes and Mrs. Minnie Gaunt, of Heppner, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Huddleston of Portland, parents of Mrs. Roy Orwick, are visiting at the Orwick home.

Food Conservation Urged in Campaign To Aid Famine Relief in Europe and Asia

Housewives of Morrow county today were given nine ways in which they can help to conserve food to save starving Europeans by Henry Baker, county Food for Famine Relief chairman.

In suggesting concrete ways in which each household may assist in accumulating the huge food supplies needed in the current desperate famine emergency, Baker made it clear that the over-all needs of the war-torn world for food are so great there is no limit to the American food that can be used to save human life.

Main emphasis falls on the conservation of wheat, fats and oils. These basic commodities are the most essential to a healthful minimum diet and represent the absolute minimum needs.

Recommendations to housewives: Cut down on the wastage of bread in every way possible. It is estimated that 5 percent or one slice out of every loaf of bread baked every day goes in the garbage can. Reduce the amount of bread used at each meal through substitutes such as potatoes and oat cereals. Use fruits instead of cakes and pastries for dessert. By the use of alternate foods, use less wheat cereals for breakfast. Save cooking oils by making more extensive use of meat drippings for cooking and seasoning foods. Hold down the number of fried foods served. Save and re-use fats and oils. Save bacon grease for cooking and render excess fats on meats. All fats that cannot be re-used should be salvaged and turned in to the butcher. Take it easy on oils in salad dressings.

Girl Scout troop II has issued invitations for a birthday party and court of awards which will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday, April 13, in the basement of the Methodist church.

Spring has been late arriving in the Monument section, according to G. A. Bleakman who was in Heppner today. Low temperatures and frequent snow squalls have retarded crops and range, he stated.

Collection stations are announced at Tress McClintock's shop in Heppner; Ed Grant's service station in Lexington; and Rodney Wentworth's shop in Ione.

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Lot Purchase May Mean New Garage Building in Town

Pendleton Parties Purchase Tracts On Center Street

Possibility of the erection of a new business building was seen early this week with the purchase from the city of Heppner of lots on Center street by the automobile firm of Olson & King of Pendleton. The property acquired lies west of the Morrow County Creamery company plant and is that sought in the fall by investors from Portland who stated they would erect a garage building.

It is understood Olson & King first purchased the lot at Main and Center belonging to Alcott Lundell and finding this too small and unable to acquire adjoining frontage, decided to buy the city's lots.

According to announced plans it is the intention of the buyers to erect a garage building and establish a Dodge-Plymouth agency in Morrow county. It is proposed to start erection of the building as soon as materials are available.

The purchasers had hoped to acquire Main street frontage but deemed the price too high for the property sought. The city's price which they paid without hesitation was the same as that asked of the Portland parties and those in charge of the city government feel they were justified in holding for a price commensurate with that asked for privately owned lots. It also is felt that the purchasers mean business and will go through with their plans for a substantial addition to the business district.

Production Line Rolling Out Cars

Although all is not well with the industrial world, and General Motors in particular, cars are rolling off the assembly line and both builders and dealers are looking to the immediate future with more confidence than has been experienced since world peace was restored.

C. F. Hodge, local dealer, states that the first four-door Chevrolet sedan rolled off the production line March 29 and that General Motors expects to meet, 1946 production estimates.

REGISTER NOW IF YOU WANT TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY

Many voters are neglecting to register and will find themselves "included out" on election day if they desire to cast a ballot. County Clerk C. W. Barlow is urging all unregistered voters to attend to this important matter at once.

Returned service men are reminded of this duty especially. The county hospital measures should be sufficient reason for registering if there were no other reasons.

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