

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Scarcity of Rooms Faces Association as Time For 1946 Rodeo Draws Near

One of the major problems facing the Rodeo association at this time is the matter of housing for visitors at the 1946 show. This was brought out at the chamber of commerce Monday when President Frank Turner stated that a house to house canvass will be made if people with spare rooms don't start signing up with the housing committee right away.

Indications point to a large attendance from outside points and some of these visitors will come distances too great to be covered both ways in a day. They want housing and already many more requests have been received than either the hotel or the committee has to offer. The hotel is holding rooms for people who will be connected with the show and will not have many reservations to offer beyond that.

Turner, housing committee chairman, urged those at the luncheon to offer rooms, and to talk it up with their neighbors and friends. The need is urgent he points out. H. A. Sanders, manager of the Hotel Heppner, read a letter from the state highway commission announcing that the commission and several others, making a party of 17, would be in Heppner the evening of Sept. 9. The party asked reservations of 17 rooms for the night.

This was the first intimation of the impending visit of the commission as Heppner had not been included in published itineraries. At the suggestion of Mayor J. O. Turner, the chamber of commerce, city of Heppner and the county court will join in giving a dinner to the commission at the Lucas Place, at which time road matters of interest to the county will be presented.

Jerry Acklen was a guest of the club and brought greetings from the Grants Pass chamber of commerce and the Lions club. Mrs. Grace Nickerson was named a committee of one to see that the rodeo queen and princesses are invited to a chamber of commerce luncheon and to be their hosts on that occasion.

Francis Nickerson explained an idea he and Rev. Fletcher Foster have for developing the property on lower Main street in the event the city and county make a trade. His plan was outlined to the city council Monday evening at which time he pointed out that it made no difference who owned the properties in question, the people should be able to enjoy either or both of them.

## New Minister to Fill Pulpit Sunday

The congregation of the Church of Christ is looking forward to the regular Sunday morning service when the new pastor, Joe Jewett, will be in the pulpit. The minister and his family arrived in Heppner Wednesday evening and he will take up his work at once.

Mr. Jewett had purchased a home in Milton which he sold upon being called to the Heppner church. Possession had to be given this week.

The churches of the town have been invited to attend the services at the Church of Christ Sunday morning to welcome the new pastor and to remain for the potluck which will be served following the service. It is announced that the Methodist church will omit morning service to join in service at the Church of Christ.

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## News From C. A. Office

The 20th annual Pendleton ram sale sponsored by the Oregon Wool Growers association will be held Friday, August 16. More than 300 rams have been consigned to the Pendleton sale by leading breeders east and west of the Cascades. Breeds include Suffolk, Hampshire, Lincoln, Rambouillet and Suffolk-Hampshire crossbreed. Vic Johnson, Umatilla county agent, is manager of the sale.

A strong booster of conservation farming is C. A. Nish of Mikhalo in Gilliam county. Three years ago he contour planted strips of crested wheat grass throughout 250 acres of steep-sloped wheat land to check water erosion. Now well established, the contour strip-cropping has saved him tons of topsoil. He now has 250 acres in the field for alternate fallow and wheat and gets a seed crop or pasture for cattle from the 150 acres of grass strips.

Morrow county farmers can do just as well in inaugurating such soil conservation practices on their farms. The Heppner Soil Conservation district furnishes technical assistance to farmers in the district in planning and engineering work.

Practice payments under the AAA program help with the cost of establishing and maintaining the conservation work. Federal crop insurance on winter wheat is now on sale at the Morrow county AAA office. Announces Henry Baker, chairman.

Wheat choice in the amount of insurance he buys is offered the winter wheat grower this year. The buyer can choose from among several different amounts of coverage, pay a corresponding premium and collect a corresponding indemnity in case of loss. With this choice of insurance coverage offered there is no excuse for a farmer to take chances for heavy loss by drought, flood, hail insects or plant diseases.

Application for insurance must be filed before planting but not later than Sept. 28. The crop is protected against all unavoidable natural risks from planting time through harvest. Wheat farmers are urged to stop in at the AAA office if a crop insurance agent does not call on them soon.

One 4-H club has turned in all their requirements of work for a one hundred percent completion. The club leader is Mrs. L. A. McCabe of Ione. This is the first club in Morrow county to reach this goal for 1946.

This is a Cooking I club of eight members. The girls who have acquired this splendid accomplishment are Ellen Biddle, Joan Coleman, Delores Drake, Patricia Drake, Lola Ann McCabe, Carletta Olden, Ruby Ann Rietmann, and Jane Sechler. This one hundred percent completion entitles this club to a Certificate of Achievement.

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Mrs. Tempa Johnson of Corvallis was honored last Thursday at an informal open house at the George Peck home where she is a house guest for a few weeks.

Fifty ladies called during the afternoon to visit with Mrs. Johnson who lived for any years in Lexington where she is pretty generally called Grandma. Several ladies from Heppner were present including Mrs. B. Rice, Mrs. Vine Sangle, Mrs. Katie Slocum, Mrs. F. M. Ficker, Mrs. Alvin Casebeer, Mrs. Pat Healy, Mrs. Mary Hale and daughter. Other friends came for a short visit Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Peck was assisted by Mrs. Ola Redding and Mrs. Harry Duval. Cake, cookies and iced grape-juice were served.

## Field-Fire Burns Over Large Area

Fire fighters numbering more than 100 at one time fought a stubborn field fire Monday afternoon and evening and brought it under control only after a wide area of range land had been burned.

An unguarded fire at the city dump ground is said to have gotten out of bounds and set fire to pasture land on the Charles Omin place. A field of Omin's hay was damaged but a grain field on the same place was uninjured. The pasture land on the Charles Omin, Alton Omin and Hugh Smith ranches were consumed by the racing flames, finally being extinguished in Shobe canyon. Some pasture land to the west of the places mentioned also was damaged.

The Heppner fire truck with several volunteer firemen rushed to the scene closely followed by a pickup with fire warden and equipment. The city truck returned after a short time but it was several hours before the other equipment was brought in.

## Morgan Rites To Be At 11 A. M. Friday

Memorial services for the late Merselous Morgan, who passed away Monday, Aug. 5, in Portland, will be held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday, Aug. 9, with interment to be made in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Morgan's death resulted from a fractured neck sustained in a fall at the Barratt shearing shed on upper Butter creek. Seth Merselous Morgan was born December 24, 1872 on Rhea creek, this county, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Morgan, and was a resident of this section all his life. He engaged in farming and stockraising the greater part of his life, disposing of his holdings a few years ago. He was married to Lottie Dinamore on October 6, 1940, at Pendleton. They lived at The Dalles for about a year where Mr. Morgan was employed, but later returned here to make their home.

Surviving him are the widow, two sisters, Mrs. Katie Slocum and Mrs. Clara Slocum, and nine nieces and nephews.

## Heppner Couple Married Monday

A marriage ceremony performed in the Christian church at Walla Walla Monday afternoon united Mrs. Mattie Gentry and Walter Hood, both of Heppner. Rev. L. E. Cousins, assistant pastor of the church, officiated and the service was witnessed by Mrs. Cousins and Frank W. Turner. The couple returned to Heppner that evening and are at home to their friends at the former Mrs. Mary Thomson residence on west Baltimore street, which the then Mrs. Gentry purchased several months ago.

## UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR DATES ANNOUNCED

Premium lists went out this week to 2000 prospective exhibitors at the Umatilla county fair, scheduled to get under way Aug. 22 at Hermiston.

The three-day event, first in five years, will feature two days of horse races, a style show, parade, carnival, and two nights of big dances at the county fair pavilion. Hermiston business men are preparing to get things rolling with a gala parade on Friday morning, following entry day on Thursday, Aug. 22.

Races will occupy the spotlight on Friday and Saturday afternoons with pari-mutuel betting. Purses will total \$1,200.

Farm and 4-H exhibits, plus women's contests in the Civic Re-sonance real competition for coveted creation center promise to provide blue ribbons.

The celebration will wind up on Sunday with a spectacular Air Show to be staged at the Hermiston Airport by the Skyroamers.

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## She'll Rule 1946 Heppner Rodeo



Queen Darlene I (Darlene Biddle) is an expert horsewoman, as the picture indicates. Darlene hales from Ione, where she attended high school, and has other accomplishments as well as horsemanship. Her popularity will increase as "First Lady" of the Heppner Rodeo, Sept. 6-7-8.

## Marshal Sounds Warning to Canine Owners of Town

If you love the little old family pooch, see that he is kept at home and off the streets—particularly Main street. If you fail to take this warning immediately, you may lose your dog—and here's why.

There is an ordinance against dogs running at large and provision is made for their disposal. The authorities have been lenient and the dogs are becoming a nuisance about town. Consequently, Chief of Police Dean Gilman has been instructed to clear the streets of unleashed dogs or those unaccompanied by someone responsible for them. The "law" has not wanted to get tough, but the condition is becoming too bad to tolerate longer. If you want to keep your pet, keep him under control.

## TO OPEN DISPLAY ROOM IN FARRA BUILDING

L. E. Dick has rented the north room of the Farra building at Main and Baltimore and will use the space for display of gas and oil equipment.

J. W. Farra, owner of the building, which is still under construction, is preparing to stucco the front and side walls.

## HERE ON BUSINESS

Cachot Therkelson, owner of Hotel Heppner, was a business visitor here the fore part of the week. He was accompanied by his fiancée, Miss Wilma Wagner of Portland. The marriage of Mr. Therkelson and Miss Wagner will be performed at St. Mark's Episcopal church in Portland.

## BREAKS LEG AT MILL

Simpson Halley is in the hospital at Pendleton suffering from a broken leg sustained at the pond of the Heppner Lumber company Tuesday. While unloading his truck two logs rolled the wrong way and fell on him. He suffered bad bruises as well as a fractured leg.

## TO GIVE PROGRAM

The union daily vacation Bible school will give a demonstration program at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, August 11 at the Methodist church. All parents and friends of the children have been extended an invitation to attend this service.

## LOCATE AT NO. BONNEVILLE

A card from Mrs. G. A. Sanders this week asks that the Gazette Times be mailed to them at North Bonneville, Wash. Mr. Sanders was in Heppner Friday attending to business matters and arranging for shipment of household effects. He stated they were buying a tavern at North Bonneville.

## Elmer Griffith In Portland Hospital With Broken Neck

Information received by Dr. A. D. McMurdo this afternoon is to the effect that Elmer Griffith of Heppner, who is in the Emanuel hospital in Portland, is suffering from a broken neck. Technically, it is a dislocated fifth cervical vertebra, which the doctor says is a broken neck. According to the Portland physician who reported to Dr. McMurdo, it is doubtful if Mr. Griffith will be able to walk again.

No authentic account has been available to date as to the exact cause of Griffith's injury. It is stated that since Griffith's son went into the service, W. G. Seehafer had been farming some of the Griffith land. The son having returned, Griffith had asked that he be permitted to take over the farm work and had gone to the field to see why that could not be done. Walter Corley was working in the field for Seehafer and is reported to have referred Griffith to him. No statement has been put on record as to what transpired between Griffith and Corley.

Dr. McMurdo received a call late in the afternoon and went to the field where he found Griffith in a serious condition. He prepared him to be taken to Portland at once, believing he had suffered a neck fracture. Concerned only with the welfare of the patient, the doctor did not inquire into the circumstances governing the accident.

## Frozen Food "Box" Added at Market

Central Market and Grocery has extended its food service by the addition of a frozen food locker which was installed during the week. It is a cabinet similar to the type used as ice cream packers and aside from being an adornment to the store is a most serviceable piece of furniture.

Instead of being closed tightly, the lid of the cabinet remains raised, and it is said the temperature does not vary five degrees throughout the day.

A wide assortment of fresh vegetables and fruits, as well as ready to serve fish products, is kept in the locker, making it possible for patrons to enjoy fresh foods at all times.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hill are the parents of an eight pound son, Larry, born in Pendleton, Aug. 5. Rev. John Merrill, pastor of the Co-Operative church of Ione and Rev. J. R. L. Haslam, evangelist who has been holding meetings at the Baptist church in Ione, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Troedson Saturday.

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Harry Dinges of Lexington and his son-in-law, Jerry Acklen, made a business trip to Portland Tuesday, returning that evening. Dan Dinges, who underwent an operation on his elbow two weeks ago, returned to Lexington with them. Dan plans to leave this evening for Spokane where he will usher at the wedding of a fraternity brother Saturday.

## City Preparing to Build New Reservoir; Awaits Drilling of New Well

Heppner's town fathers had a busy session Monday evening at which time matters of importance to the growth and welfare of the town were disposed of.

Of first importance was the decision to start preliminary work towards construction of a new reservoir to augment the distribution of water and provide additional fire protection. Plans call for a storage capacity of 500,000 gallons on a site to be left largely to the consulting engineer that will be employed to put the job through.

Concurrent with the decision to build a reservoir, Mayor Turner stated that all that stands between the city and a new well is the fact that Contractor A. M. Edwards has not completed the well at Echo. As soon as he is through there he will set up at the site selected and start drilling for a new supply of water for Heppner.

Discussion of the reservoir brought forth comment on the water used. This was prompted by a query from Councilman Tibbles relative to refilling the swimming tank. The tank has been out of service the past week due to a water shortage and while the season is little more than half gone it was debatable whether it should be closed for the rest of the season and season ticket holders refunded for the unused portion. J. O. Rasmus, water commissioner, reported that the pump at the city well is operating at the highest notch yet attained and that approximately 310,000 gallons of water is being pumped daily. This has not been sufficient to permit an appreciable increase of storage water and that unless rain came, or cooler weather, it didn't appear possible to fill the tank soon.

After considerable discussion it was decided to let the tank matter stand as is and if the supply increases the tank will be refilled.

A request from the school board for a hearing was granted and Edwin Dick presented a request for aid from the city in policing the school grounds at night in an effort to break up the vandalism which has caused the district no small amount of worry and much expense.

Harold Becket spoke on the inadequate lighting system both on the school property and leading to it.

Miss Leta Humphreys, chairman of the board, asked for cooperation between school and city in the matter of hiring a full-time physical education teacher and recreation director.

The policing request has been met in part by the hiring of an additional marshal. Mayor Turner read an application from Charles Gomillion which was acted upon at once. Gomillion was employed Tuesday. He will use his car for patrol duty about town, with periodic trips around the school property. Council also decided that the city's obligation ceased at the district's property line. If additional lights are not put in an effort to strengthen those in service, will be made.

Mayor Turner offered the suggestion that the city employ the services of a bulldozer in having the Willow creek channel cleared under the Main street bridge, adding that it might be a good thing to clear the creek channel from the Main street bridge to and including the Gale street bridge. The proposal was accepted by the council with the recommendation that the channel be cleaned from the Gale street bridge to the south.

Miss Adelle Forster returned home Sunday from southern California where she had a pleasant two weeks vacation. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Irene Forster, who has been employed as a surgical nurse in one of the large hospitals at Glendale.

## Forsythe Returns With New Stinson

Jack Forsythe returned Saturday afternoon in a new Stinson Voyager upon which he took delivery at Wayne, just outside of Detroit, Mich. Forsythe was accompanied by Gar Swanson of Ione, who made the trip east with him, and Seplen Thompson, who was picked up at Waterloo, Iowa, where he had gone with a shipment of lambs. The trip from Waterloo was made in 24 hours flying time, with stops along the way. It required five and one-half hours to make the last lap of the journey, from West Yellowstone to the Lexington airport.

Upon arriving home Swanson found that his family was at McMinnville so he employed Forsythe to fly him there. Jack's father, B. C. Forsythe, made the flight with them.

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## Voters Urged to Get Straight on Precinct Location

Not a little confusion still exists in the minds of voters in these precincts that were discontinued by the county court last spring as to where they actually belong and do their voting. Since the primary vote was light it is likely that a good many voters passed up an opportunity to get themselves properly located at that time.

The season has arrived when precinct organization should be set up by political parties and in order to do this definite information relative to precinct status is necessary.

Party leaders are urging registered voters to ascertain their precinct status and those who are not registered to do so and remove the doubt about their voting places.

It will be recalled that four precincts were eliminated and the voters placed in other precincts. Cecil, Alpine, Gooseberry and Lena were discontinued. Cecil was combined with Ione; the north two-thirds of Gooseberry was placed in Ione, the upper third in Eight Mile; Alpine was put in Lexington precinct, and Lena was divided between South Heppner and Pine City precincts.

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