

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Road Program For County to Be Given To Highway Board

### County, City, C. of C. to Press for Improvements

When the state highway commission and party visit Heppner September 9 to ascertain road needs and desires for roads they will not be met by a group of disinterested citizens without a definite program in mind. On the contrary, the visitors will find that local officials and civic minded folk have been studying the needs of this section and are prepared to make their wants known.

In preparation for the commission's visit, Judge Bert Johnson and Commissioners Barratt and Neill, Mayor J. O. Turner, and P. W. Mahoney and Orville Smith of the highway committee of the Heppner chamber of commerce met Friday evening at the city hall and formulated a definite improvement program for presentation to the commission. Briefly that program includes: Rebuilding of highways where necessary; oiling of Heppner-Spray highway from Ruggs to mouth of Chapin creek; completion of oiling from Lena to Nye Junction on Heppner-Pendleton section of Oregon-Washington highway; widening of Main street bridges in Heppner over Willow and Hinton creeks.

On the occasion of the commission's previous visit here in 1943, rebuilding and oiling of the Heppner-Spray road from Ruggs to Hardman was acknowledged by the officials as a piece of essential work. Likewise it struck some of the grade beyond Hardman. At that time lumber hauling from John Day valley mills to Heppner was just getting under way and it could be seen that that type of traffic was doing to the roadbed. Since then hauling has increased over the road and the local citizens feel justified in seeking hard surfacing as far as the mouth of Chapin creek.

At present oiling is underway on the 12-mile stretch through upper Eightmile on the Heppner-Condon highway. That was one of the "musts" that is being taken care of. The local group feels that the commission has rather lost sight of the fact that the Oregon-Washington Junction to Pendleton via Lone, Lexington, Heppner, Lena, Nye Junction and Nye Junction, is a primary highway and that approximately 21 miles of that road have gone unimproved while secondary roads were built, and in one case, the Lexington-Jarmon section of 207, rebuilt. An effort will be made to get this bit of primary road completion put on the commission's program for early consideration. It is said that but 80 miles of primary highways in the state remain uncompleted and of that 21 miles lie between Heppner and Nye Junction.

In connection with the highway discussion Friday evening, the county court announced that five miles of the Willow creek highway above Heppner is to be placed on a permanent status with work starting at once to widen the grade and oil it. The court has adopted a "five-year plan" of road improvement. Because of the steady log hauling over the upper Willow creek route, this road was selected as one of the first to come under the improvement program. Eventually all of the county's trunk roads will be brought up to standard, with improvement of secondary roads as fast as conditions will permit.

Arthur Bergstrom left Wednesday for Mainline from Pendleton for St. Louis where he was to attend a reunion of former buddies of the late world war. He planned to visit in Tennessee and New York City. Returning he expects to pick up a new car and drive home.

## Hotel Offers Cup To Best All Round Cowboy at Rodeo

When the last number on the program has been run off or bucked off or what have you, at the 1946 Heppner Rodeo, some young cowboy will be the proud possessor of a trophy, a handsome silver cup, because he proved himself the best all round performer during the three days show.

The cup is being offered by the Hotel Heppner as added inspiration for the cowpokes to get out there and strut their stuff all three days. The winner will have his name engraved on the cup and the year.

## Lower Cost Income Security Offered County's Farmers

Lower cost income security for Morrow county wheat farmers is being offered by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation in a sales campaign launched last Thursday evening at the courthouse.

Mrs. Werner Rietmann of Lone was made sales manager. Her assignment was to a county-wide basis was given by the county AAA committee in recognition of her outstanding record as community saleswoman last fall. She brought FCI coverage to 77 county farms, out of a total of 142 now insured.

How higher yields and lower premium rates will lower income security cost was told county and community committee men at Thursday's meeting by John Shepherd, state AAA committeeman, and A. L. Geiss, farmer-fieldman.

Policyholders on the 142 farms now insured may cancel contracts covering the remaining two years of their present insurance by signing a new three-year agreement at the more favorable yields and rates approved for 1947, the speaker said. Contracts now offered cover the year 1947, 1948 and 1949.

"Federal crop insurance must be thought of in terms of income insurance," Shepherd said. "It does not attempt to guarantee the farmer a profit, but it does assure the return of production plus living costs though drought, hail, fire or any natural crop enemy should make his crop fail."

## Build New House On Pre-War Cost

Travelers over the Lexington-Hermiston highway have been watching progress on a new house going up on the Myles Martin ranch. The structure is now enclosed and will be finished as rapidly as materials can be assembled. Mr. Martin stated in town today.

The new house, which is near the highway than the old residence, is an eight room house with full basement. The upstairs will not be finished at this time but when it is needed there is room for four bedrooms. The main floor will have two bedrooms and bath as well as the usual living rooms.

Mr. Martin is being assisted in the building work by his two sons, Kendall and Willard. Despite the scarcity of materials he estimates the cost of the house will be about on a pre-war basis.

Mrs. Tom Wells has received word that her son Billy Cochell, is finishing the separation process today and will receive his discharge papers after long service in the navy. He has been stationed at Jacksonville Fla. where his wife and two little daughters have been with him. The Cochells will leave for the west soon and reach Heppner about Sept. 1. They will likely spend the winter here while Billy decides where to locate permanently.

## Services Held For Elmer Griffith at Lone Monday P. M.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. in the Christian church at Lone for Elmer Griffith, who passed away Friday evening in Portland. Rev. Joe Lewett, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, officiated and members of the Lone lodge conducted the Masonic service. Mrs. C. C. Dunham of Heppner sang "Crossing the Bar" and Mrs. Walter Roberts and Mrs. Paul Pettivola sang "The Old Rugged Cross." Pallbearers were Judge Bert Johnson, Alex Huber, George Ely, Omar Rietmann, Kenneth Smouse and John Krebs. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Elmer Griffith was born Aug. 11, 1889 in Aberdeen, Ohio, the son of Isaac N. and Grace O'Connor Griffith. He came to Morrow county in 1908 and has lived here continuously since, except a period of service in World War I. He was married to Fannie Goodall Feb. 14, 1918. For 13 years he was a partner in a grocery store in Lone with E. J. Bristow and Ralph Akers. He moved to Morgan in 1932 where he bought a warehouse and a farm and later built the elevator there. He was a member of the Lone Masonic lodge No. 120 and of the Morgan Odd-fellows lodge.

Surviving are the widow, Fannie, three daughters, Virginia Grace (Mrs. George) Miller of Cecil, Katherine (Mrs. Roy) Lindstrom of Lone, and June J. Griffith and one son, George Griffith of Morgan; his mother, Mrs. P. J. Linn and stepfather, Mr. Linn of Lone, and the following: Thomas Griffith of California, Lowell Brothers and a sister; Walter Linn of Vernonia, Carl Linn of Lone, Clarence Linn of La Grade, Mrs. Margaret Struble of Ripley, Ohio, and Mrs. Clara Hawk of Troutdale.

**Bridal Parties Given For Heppner Girls**  
With weddings in the offing in the immediate future, bridal showers have been prominent in this week's activities. Tuesday evening Miss Laurel Ball was honored at the home of Mrs. Cyrene Barratt. Many guests were present and Miss Ball was the recipient of many fine gifts.

Miss Barbara Ledbetter assisted Mrs. Barratt with the party arrangements. The wedding of Miss Ball and Mr. La Verne Van Marter Jr. will be solemnized in the chapel of Trinity Episcopal church in Portland August 19.

The wedding of Miss Betty Marie Coxen and Mr. Kenneth Hoyt is announced for next Tuesday evening at the Heppner Church of Christ. The bride to be was feted this afternoon at the church parlors when Miss Marylou Ferguson assisted by Mrs. Frank Connor and Mrs. Paul Jones entertained about 40 ladies of the church and friends. The opening of the shower gifts occupied most of the afternoon following which refreshments were served.

## Family Gathers to Observe Golden Wedding August 4

Sunday, August 4, was not the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William Cowen when their children could be wins but it was the only time home so observance of the date which actually was Sept. 28, 1896, was held at that time. A picnic was held on the lawn at the Cowins home. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The cake was decorated for the occasion by the Cowins' grand daughter, Mrs. Vester Hams. Gifts from the family included a large mirror, a floor lamp, and a large basket of cloths.

Present were the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Cowins, James G. Cowins, Heppner; Lydia Kay, Salem; and Vera Boothwell, Heppner; seven grandchildren: Ruth McNeill, Rae Warfield, Georgia Ball, Lorraine Hams, Wade Boothwell, Joan Boothwell and Waima Lee Boothwell, and seven great grandchildren: Richard, Buddy and Gobby Sandra Ball, Wayne and Lee Hams, and Jimmie Warfield. Other members of the family present were Mrs. James Cowins, G. C. Kay, Bruce D. Boothwell, Granville Ball, Vester Hams and Robert W. Warfield. Other guests were Mrs. Myra Albert and Robert Napman.

## Mrs. Barratt To Be House Mother

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt received word Saturday morning that her application for a position as house mother at Oregon State college had been accepted and that she would be assigned to a house now under construction. She will take over her duties Sept. 9.

## Rhea Creek Grange's Rodeo Princess



The queen and attendants for the 1946 Rodeo were chosen for their horsemanship, among other accomplishments, and the choice of Rhea Creek Grange, Betty Lovgren, is one of the best cowgirls around these parts. Born and raised on a ranch, she is familiar with livestock and is right at home in the saddle. Betty attended Heppner High school and graduated with honors with the Class of 1946. She will be the honored guest at the attendant's dance this Saturday night at the Fair pavilion sponsored by her grange.

## Change of "Dress" Marion Evans, 90, Called by Death

For several months the Gazette Times has struggled along with a wornout font of linotype mats (letter molds), getting an occasional lift from the linotype factory in the way of extra letters. Then employees of the Merenthaler Linotype company went on a prolonged vacation. The manufacture of "mats" was held up for a matter of months and in the meantime, without replacements, the G-I font disintegrated to the point where not enough of some letters remained workable to set more than a single column line. It has become necessary to abandon the regular dress temporarily and use a slightly larger face, a book type. It is the type used on the editorial page, hence is not new to our readers.

It is pertinent to announce at this time that a new "dress" has been ordered and will be here about the time you get that new refrigerator, or the new car, or when a feminine shopper can go into a department store and order several pairs of nylons—and get them. But don't be discouraged—we're not, for we called up a lumber dealer this week and he had just what we wanted. In the meantime, if this font goes out of commission, we still have two fonts of six point to fall back on. You may have to use a reading glass, but what is a small matter like that between friends.

Mrs. Harvey Bauman writes from Nampa, Ida. that she recently graduated from the Boise State Beauty college and that she now operates the Superior Beauty Shop and School at 1221 First street, Nampa. The school consists of 17 students and six professional operators.

Miss Katie Minert returned Saturday afternoon from Albany where she spent several weeks. A cousin with whom she visited in the valley brought her home.

## Wagon Wheelers of Today Cross Plains in Matter of Hours

Thirty-six Luther Leaguers left Thursday evening, July 25 from Pendleton "Aiming for Ames," Iowa. These young Wagon Wheelers are members of the American Lutheran church of the Northwest district which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, part of Wyoming and part of Canada. I. Jean Kusch, was the delegate from the Hermiton Trinity Lutheran church.

We leaguers had a very enjoyable trip. We stopped at Boise and Burley, Idaho, enroute in Salt Lake City two nights, and rolled through the vast domain of Utah and Wyoming. We arrived at Cheyenne the morning of the 27th. We were stranded in Omaha for five hours and at 5:30 a.m. July 28 this bus load of Wagon Wheelers staked out our claim at Ames, Iowa.

The Eighth International Luther League convention got under way Tuesday afternoon at the men's gym on the Iowa State college campus. Over 2,500 young people were crowded into this building for the opening session. The choral union consisting of 700 voices was organized under the direction of Prof. Ellis Snyder of Capital University of Columbus Ohio. Tuesday evening everyone turned out for the big "pow-wow" mixer which was held at the stadium. Refreshments consisted of sweet buttered corn and punch.

Wednesday morning found more than 2,800 Bill and Betty Leaguers seated in the gymnasium for morning devotions. After the opening morning devotions, business meetings were held and inspirational addresses were given. Wednesday afternoon this large group of young boys and girls attended various lectures and discussions. Wednesday evening the young people gathered at the stadium to pay honor to the dead in a very reverent Memorial service.

Thursday morning the young people again gathered at the gym for morning devotions and the business meeting. Thursday afternoon all Leaguers once more attended lectures and choral union rehearsal. That evening almost 3,000 people were present at the banquet which was held in the Armory.

Friday morning the Leaguers assembled for the inspirational morning devotions and lectures. At 11 o'clock the boys and girls gathered in their respective district groups for the convention picture. In the afternoon everyone hurried to the grounds behind the stadium to witness a miniature state fair. That night district stunts were held in the stadium. Surprise stunts were the cross formed by the choral union members and the colorful display of fireworks.

Saturday morning and afternoon fell into the usual pattern of devotions, business and lectures. In the evening the choral union concert was held in the stadium. The program consisted of twelve numbers presented by the Choral Union members and three musical compositions played by violinist Betty Lou Riecke of Cashmere, Wash.

Sunday morning everyone gathered in the armory again for the divine services. The Choral Union rendered an anthem during the church services and Holy Communion was administered to over 2,500 persons. By 10 o'clock that night every Luther Leaguer had left for his home.

Once again the Northwestern District Wagon Wheelers climbed into the modern covered wagon—this time starting our trek homeward.

## Something Warned Them They Should Not Buy Tavern

Old subconscious, a little bird or sump'n intervened in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders last week and kept them from investing in a tavern at North Bonneville for which they had been negotiating several days. After talking terms and looking over the business they decided to take 10 days to think it over and the decision to do that was not much more than made when the big fire broke out and the property they thought they might buy went up in flames.

The former owners and operators of the Heppner bakery were here Tuesday to take delivery of a new car. They came from Shelton, Wash., the home of their son Paul and will break in the new car by running about over the country a bit.

## Engineer Here To Lay Reservoir Plans

L. R. Stockman, consulting engineer of Baker, arrived in Heppner Wednesday evening to start plans for a new reservoir for the city of Heppner. He is the engineer hired by the city when the water system was rebuilt and who advised drilling for water at the forks of Willow creek.

Stockman is accompanied by his son and they set to work this morning looking over the matter of a site and attending to other preliminary details. The Stockman firm has several water system jobs at the present time.

## Columbia Claims Life of Irrigon Youth, 15, Sunday

Funeral services were to be held at Irrigon this afternoon for Lloyd Roberts, 15, who lost his life by drowning in the Columbia river Sunday evening, August 11. The boy and his sister Wilma, were wading in the Columbia river slough near the Roberts home when Lloyd stepped into a hole and failed to come up. The father, Willis Roberts, was fishing nearby but was unable to effect a rescue. Several neighbors, summoned to the scene, attempted to dive for the boy, and one, Toby Hinkley, succeeded in dislodging the body from beneath a ledge where it was caught. Efforts in resuscitation were unavailing.

Lloyd is survived by his parents, two sisters and many relatives. The family moved to Irrigon early last spring and purchased the Fred Caldwell place.

The Whites, Phillips, Ruckers and Don Kenny have recently threshed grain. The grain crops are good.

The young people of the Assembly of God church gathered at the Harvey Warner home Friday evening to celebrate the 12th birthday of Beth. An enjoyable evening was spent with games, refreshments, a lovely ornate case and beautiful gifts.

Rev. A. B. Turner and family went to Pendleton to the Assembly of God camp meeting Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lindsay of Durban, Calif. left for home after spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Lee Smith and family.

Mrs. Anna Jaynes and daughter, Mrs. Lydia Heimer and grandson Albert were in Irrigon Thursday.

Babe Wand was elected school director to take the place of Marsden Markham who has moved to Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Sellers are among the newcomers to Irrigon. They are owners of the Clarence Hichens' place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Leach of Vallejo, Calif. are living on the Noni O'Brien place.

Gene Darby of Stanfield was an Irrigon visitor Tuesday. He is a former resident, and is Jack White's uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Langitz and family of Nampa Ida. left Monday morning for Portland after spending a few days with Mrs. Langitz's brother, George Russell and family.

Mrs. Russell's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Melich also of Nampa, Ida. were recent visitors at the Russell home. Son and Dorothy Good accompanied the Melichs and visited with the aunts and families.

Mrs. Eva Reynolds of The Dalles spent a few days this week with her sister Mrs. Fred Adams and family.

## Biggest Rodeo Crowd In History Due to See Show Here Sept. 6-8

### "Ol' Swimmin' Hole" Filled Again

"Hey! Skinnay! Come on, let's go swimmin'. Last feller in 'sa crawdad's stepbrother!" One might hear something of that nature at the corner of Main and Cannon streets this afternoon, for the water has once more been turned into the municipal swimming tank with the prospects good for keeping the tank in operation the balance of the season.

Cooler weather has aided the water supply somewhat and the city fathers promised that the tank would be filled as soon as there was a sufficient amount in storage to care for irrigation and regular needs. The days are warm, but pleasantly so, and it is good swimming weather. The season will last through August and maybe a week or so in September. It all depends on the weather.

## City-County Trade Luncheon Subject

The city-county property trade which seems to have reached a stalemate, was the subject of discussion at Monday's luncheon meeting of the Heppner chamber of commerce. Discussion arose from a report made by Francis Nickerson regarding his appearance before the city council a week previous to explain an idea he and Rev. Fletcher Forster had about developing a recreation center on the present county property in the event the trade is made. Nickerson said he still thinks the trade should be made and that the recreation center idea is a good one. Numerous opinions were expressed and it was finally decided that Mayor Turner should be invited to the next luncheon to explain the city's stand on the trade. A similar invitation may be extended to the county court at a later date.

Miss Kathryn Monahan, county home demonstration agent, was introduced as a new member of the luncheon group, as was Joe Jewett, new pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ.

## Methodist Pastor Called to Church At Tillamook

Rev. Fletcher Forster was notified Tuesday evening that he had been assigned to the Methodist church at Tillamook and that he would take charge there September 1. The pastor reassigned to the church there at the June conference died recently and Rev. Forster was next in line for the job. No announcement has been made relative to the status of the Heppner church.

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## U S Army Loca Resident

The U. S. Army recruiting service in Pendleton announces the reenlistment of Johnnie M. Ivey of Heppner, Ore. Johnnie chose the army signal corps for his three year enlistment after having had three years and six months previous service. He is entitled to wear the European Theater of Operations ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Purple Heart medal, the Bronze Star medal and the Combat Infantry badge. He is the husband of Mrs. Opal M. Ivey of Heppner.

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Looking forward to the biggest crowd in the history of the show, the Heppner Rodeo association is making additional seating capacity by the erection of bleachers at the west end of the grand stand. The new unit will be 50 feet long with 14 tiers of seats, making room for at least 350 people.

Concrete base has been poured and workmen are preparing the timbers for immediate construction of the bleachers. This will fill a much needed demand for seating capacity and is the first of several units to be added as conditions warrant.

Work of clearing the arena and rebuilding fences and stanchions is progressing and a little later the track will be put in tip-top shape for the pony races. Those Tucker broncs and bulls have no respect for fences. If one happens to show up between them and the place they want to go and to keep them properly corralled means good heavy fencing.

One obstacle standing in the way of entertaining large numbers of outsiders is the matter of housing. More rooms are needed. Some of the visitors from out of town who have been regular attendants at the Rodeo since it started have been unable to obtain sleeping quarters so far this year. These people usually come early and remain until after the show is over. Most of them are former residents who look forward to the Rodeo as a time for visiting as well as seeing the show.

Reserved tickets are on sale and John Saager, sales chairman, reports a highly satisfactory business to date. Most of the early purchases are for three-day reservations, and not all of them are made by local Rodeo enthusiasts. Saager remarked. The booth has been set up in front of the Saager Pharmacy and there will be some one in charge to wait upon the public.

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Betty Smethurst, Lexington Grange's choice for attendant at this year's show, loves the outdoors and is especially fond of horseback riding—and not all of it is done for pleasure, being the daughter of a rancher. Betty attends Heppner High school where she is a popular student. Her home is in Lexington.



Lena's attendant for the 1946 show, Jean Hanna, is a true ranch girl. She makes a regular hand on the home place east of Heppner where rounding up the livestock is a daily occurrence. Jean is a student at Heppner High school.