

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Fire Destroys Ball Residence on Rhea Creek Monday P.M.

### Sparks on Roof Fanned Into Flame By Wind Storm

Fire apparently starting from sparks emitting from a trash burner connected to the gas range set fire to the A. C. Ball residence on Rhea creek late Monday afternoon destroying the house and all nearby buildings before it ran its course. Only the barn and sheepshed which were some distance from the house were spared.

Mrs. Ball and little son, Archie Jr., were alone in the house at the time. She had lighted a fire in the trash burner in starting preparations for the evening meal. Noticing what she at first thought was dust kept getting blacker she investigated and found the roof was on fire. Mr. Ball was in a field some distance from the house and out of sight and did not reach the fire until after neighbors and people from town arrived.

A few personal effects were carried out but house and practically all contents were destroyed. Some insurance was carried. Mrs. Ball and the children were housed in town until arrangements could be made to move into the bunk house where the family will make out until a new house can be built. Mrs. E. R. Shaffer brought a camp outfit from Cecil to aid in furnishing the temporary quarters.

## Students Display Talents at Annual Speech Festival

Students from five schools of the county met at Ione Tuesday in the annual speech festival, with the Ione school acting as host. Both high school and grade groups participated in what to the teachers proved a very satisfactory festival.

Pertinent subjects were submitted for the panel discussions, including "Should Oregon have a sales tax?", "A grade point average of 3 should be required before a student is eligible to participate in school activities," "Should Orientals be permitted to become citizens of the United States?" and "What advantages and disadvantages result from consolidation of school districts?" Representatives from each of the county's five high schools took part in the panel discussions, which were rated by a committee of teachers.

One best speaker from each school was chosen to speak on the panel at the evening program, the subject being "What's wrong with teaching as a career?"

The day's program included one-act plays by three high schools and two grade schools. Of these Heppner and Ione high schools and Boardman grade school repeated their plays in the evening.

Participants in the evening panel were Robert Buchanan, Lexington; Ross Doherty, Ione; Gladwyn Hudson, Heppner; Louie Rucker, Irrigon; and Maxine Ely, Boardman.

Individual performers accorded a place on the program were Ronald Baker, Ione; James Kenney, Irrigon; and Carol Miller, Heppner, who gave memorized selections in the evening. Marlon Green and Jo Jean Dix gave reading selections, Francis Lawrence a story, and Hoyt Brown a written speech.

Heppner's play, repeated in the evening, was "Alice's Blue Gown"; Ione's was "Ten Percent Tommy"; and Boardman's was "Straight Shooters."

Teachers played an important part in the festival serving as moderators and judges. Serving as moderators during the day program were Adrian Bechdolt and Gerald Fabey, Boardman; Mrs. Pearl Haycraft, Lexington; and Miss Mary Brackett, Ione. George Corwin, Heppner, served as moderator in the evening.

Judges were Leonard Pate, Heppner; George Jones, Boardman; Francis Ely, Ione; William Ludwig, Lexington; Elmer Shaffer and Mrs. Bertha Severin, Ione.

Play judges were Mrs. George Corwin, Heppner; Mrs. A. W. Lundell, Ione; and Miss Ann Jones, Boardman.

Judges for activities: George Corwin; Mrs. Adrian Bechdolt, Boardman; and Mayo Wiesflock, Irrigon.

Grade school judges were Everett Smith, Heppner; Miss Emma Crego, Irrigon; and Mrs. Francis Ely, Ione.

Mrs. Frank Maddock Jr. was over from Condon Wednesday transacting business in Heppner. Mrs. John Monahan and children of Condon visited Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Farley Sr.

## Delay in Hospital Construction Seen Due to Financing

Delay in construction of the Morrow county hospital is seen by officials if the type of building wanted is adhered to. Some investigation made the past week by P. W. Mahoney for the county court brought to light the fact that outside assistance looked forward to, a federal grant, can not possibly be obtained earlier than July 1, 1948.

Mahoney went to Portland to see what could be done about getting this county's name on the list of hospitals seeking federal aid. He learned that while the legislature appropriated \$22,000 for the purpose of making a survey of the state to determine how much federal money will be required, the survey has not even started and when it does it will require several months to cover the state, and there is no assurance as yet that the local project would receive one-third of cost grant upon which the latest plans for the building are based.

There has been some criticism of the court and hospital committee because actual construction is not under way but Mahoney says if those inclined to offer criticism will look into the situation carefully they will understand the officials' position.

## Heppner Extension Unit Accepts Invite To Country Home

Mrs. Ralph Thompson has invited the Heppner home extension unit to hold its regular meeting on Thursday, May 8, at 1:30 p.m. at her country home.

This meeting will be conducted by Miss Jean Williams, recreational specialist of the Oregon State college extension staff. The project on flower arrangement which is one of the most interesting projects where emphasis will be placed on original arrangements. A specialist tries to visit each unit in the county at least once a year. The women have been very interested to attend Miss Williams' meetings. She was in Morrow county in December to train the project leaders on party planning, and again on Homemakers day when she led the recreation merit of "Fun For All."

The women with or without transportation will assemble at the Lucas place at 1:00 p.m. to arrange their transportation to the Thompson home.

The Lexington unit will meet at the Ladies Aid room at 1:30 on Friday, May 9, for the same home extension unit meeting.

## 'Wranglers' Chosen Riding Club Name

After sailing under the title of "Sagebrushers" the first few weeks of its existence, the riding club met April 22 and changed to "Wranglers," under which name it will be known from here on.

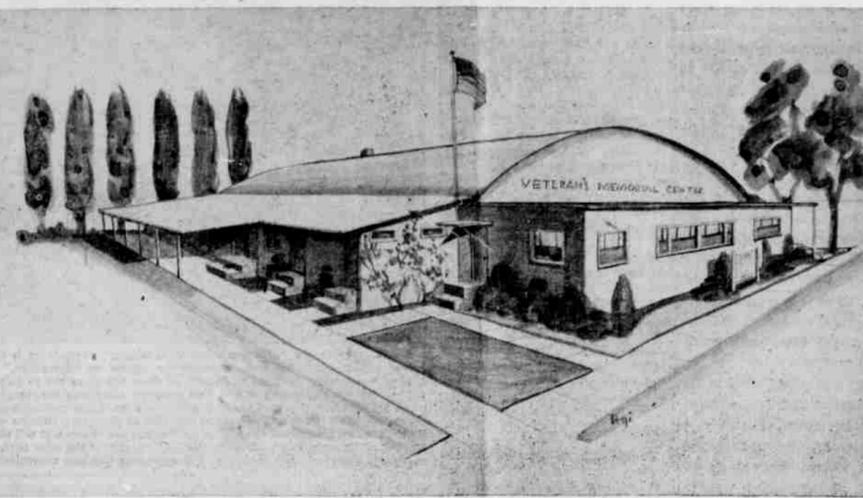
At the same meeting a drill team was organized, with practices set for twice each month. The first drill practice will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 7, and the next on May 21.

One general meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, the date being May 13 this month. A large ride is planned for May 18. This will be for the entire group and will be in charge of Mary Fleener.

The Rodeo grounds will be the starting point for this all-day event.

Anyone interested in the drill work is advised to contact Cal Sumners, president of the club.

## Artist's Conception of Proposed Memorial to Gold Star Veterans



The above drawing was made by Mrs. Francis Nickerson and Frank Davis from floor plans drawn by F. M. Crawford of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company at Walla Walla and is the artist's conception of what the proposed permanent memorial to the Gold Star veterans of Morrow county will look like when the building is completed.

Through the efforts of the Junior chamber of commerce a movement has been started to provide a community center in Heppner, dedicated to the memory of those who gave their all in the defense of their country and to the living who helped gain the victory. First step in the plan has been to secure a site, and the second has been type of building and estimated cost.

Plans call for a completely equipped building to start with meeting rooms for civic and for preparation of meals; a general assembly room for any and all civic and county functions; a youth center, and rest rooms for ladies having leisure time while in town shopping.

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## Heppner's Errors Prove Expensive in Game With Condon

### Another Scoring Record Made When Condon Wins, 22-21

Home runs and 2-3 base hits were almost a dime a dozen Sunday when Heppner and Condon crossed bats on the Condon field. It was a track meet as to base running and a basketball game as to scoring—22-21 in Condon's favor.

Aided by a high wind and abetted by Heppner errors, the Gilliam county boys just had to win. Heppner started the circus by pulling five errors in the first inning, giving Condon six runs on one hit. The Blakemans ran four men across the home plate in their half of the first, but those errors put them behind the eight ball and the best they ever did was to pull into a tie in the first half of the ninth. In Condon's half at bat, a home run clinched the game.

Heppner made 13 errors, got 20 hits and scored 21 runs. Al Massey made two home runs and Kenny Hoyt one for Heppner. Potter, Shaffer, Burch and Gosney made one each for Condon. Ray Massey made two triples.

Miller started the game for Heppner, pitching four innings, and retired in favor of Stoutenberger. Ashenfelter hurled the first five innings for Condon, retiring in favor of Burns.

Players and fans state that a high wind sweeping over the field made fielding difficult, but it was a boon to the batters.

Mrs. W. E. Davis has received word of the birth of a baby girl Thursday, April 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood who reside in Nevada. Mrs. Wood is Mrs. Davis's sister.

Edwin Bucknutt motored to Portland Wednesday morning to attend to some business matters. Mrs. J. G. Barratt Sr. underwent major surgery at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Monday.

Lexington High Band wins number 2 rating. The Lexington school band attended the music festival at Eastern Oregon college, La Grande, Friday and Saturday and returned home with a number 2 rating for band performance.

Through the efforts of Orville Qutsforth, the band was able to have the directing services of Mr. Mitzler of Walla Walla. Qutsforth flew to Walla Walla and took the director from there to La Grande. Mrs. Qutsforth accompanied her husband on the flight.

Man held here for Wheeler authorities. Arnold Ivan Reed was arrested Tuesday and placed in the Morrow county jail on complaint of Lester Maley of Fossil. Reed was charged with taking a Jeep without the consent of the owner and was driving along the Gooseberry road when apprehended by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman.

Reed, who gave his address as both Fossil and Hermiston, was turned over to the sheriff of Wheeler county who took him to Fossil for a hearing.

Hayes sisters die five days apart. Death struck twice within five days in the family of the late Jeff Hayes, the first occurring on April 22 when Minola (Hayes) Porter died at Tacoma, Wn., and again on April 27 when Gladys (Hayes) Buckler died in Portland.

The women were sisters of Vietta Gaylord, Aiton Hayes of Montana, and Walter Hayes of Condon. They were raised in this district, their parents, Jeff and Grace Hayes, being pioneers of the Lone Rock section.

Joe Hayes of Heppner attended the funerals of his cousins.

Large delegation attends Catholic convention here. Three hundred and twenty-four persons registered at the eighth annual convention of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine of the Diocese of Baker held in Heppner Wednesday. Of this number many were local parishioners while numerous delegates came from Hood River, The Dalles, Dufur, Condon and Hermiston.

Mayor Conley Lanham welcomed the visitors in cordial manner, following which the leaders took over.

Luncheon was served at the Oddfellows hall by the Rebekahs. About 160 were fed there, others eating at home and at the restaurants.

Card party scheduled by De Molay chapter. The Morrow county chapter of De Molay has scheduled a card party for the evening of May 9 to be held at the Willows grange hall in Ione to which the public has been invited.

A meeting of the chapter was held Monday evening in the Masonic hall at Arlington.

Telephone company seeks increase of rates in Oregon. F. D. Tellwright, vice president and general manager for Oregon for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, announced the first filing in more than 25 years for a state-wide general increase in telephone rates with the Public Utilities Commissioner of Oregon.

"Our problem is that pre-war prices are not enough to meet post-war costs," said Mr. Tellwright.

"We have made every effort to get along on present rates before asking for price relief and we now are asking for only what is essential to meet current costs and keep our credit sound."

"Although our revenues from our Oregon operations have more than doubled since 1940, our costs have climbed even faster. Costs of buildings, equipment and supplies of all kinds have increased tremendously. Our payroll, which represents two-thirds of our operating expense, has more than tripled since the pre-war year of 1940, due to higher wage rates and more employees."

## Special Election Will Pave Way For City Water Improvement

### MILDRED PENNEY OF PENDLETON BECOMES BRIDE OF IRVIN RAUCH

Of interest to their friends in Morrow and Umatilla counties was the marriage Wednesday, April 20, of Miss Mildred Penney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Penney of Echo and Irvin Rauch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Rauch of Lexington. The ceremony was performed at the Presbyterian church in Pendleton, pastor, Dr. Earl Cochran, officiating, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Matheny as attendants. Preceding the ceremony, Miss Jean Rauch, sister of the groom, sang "Because" and Miss Rose Hoosier sang "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Harry Braun playing the accompaniments.

The bride wore a blue dressmaker suit with brown and white accessories and a corsage of red rosebuds.

After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Della Hoosier, in Pendleton. The couple went to California for their honeymoon.

### Heppner Cleaners Changes Managers

As of this morning, the Heppner Cleaners & Dyers changed hands, Mrs. Adelle Hannan, owner, leasing the plant to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins of Cottage Grove.

The newcomers are experienced laundry and dry cleaning operators, having owned and conducted the Collins Laundry & Cleaners in Cottage Grove the past 18 years. They visited Heppner two weeks ago, liked the town and decided to locate here.

Some new equipment is being installed at the local plant to aid in giving better service to the patrons.

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### Local Band Made Fair Showing at Music Festival

Heppner's school band made its first appearance at a musical festival in several years Saturday when Billy Cochell and his young musicians played for judging at the Eastern Oregon college event in La Grande. The band scored nothing below D and nothing higher than B, and while this may seem only a fair showing the youngsters had an opportunity to learn what is expected of them.

Outstanding strong points of the band, as pointed out by the judges, were tempo, rhythm, spirit, accent, phrasing, dynamics, smoothness, and control of tone. Weak points were lack of advancement, immaturity, and lack of experience (volume, richness of tone, balance, etc.).

John Stehn, director of the University of Oregon band, offered this comment: "A musical approach to music. Results largely ineffective due to the lack of advancement of the players. Nice control of tone; quality of the band as a whole quite good. Good dynamics. It's a very commendable job for a band in this stage of development. Expect results of apparently careful rehearsing to show in another year." He commended the saxophones, bass, solo cornets and the baritone and suggested that the director build up the middle of the band—horns, trombones, clarinets, etc.—for the future.

Director Cochell complimented the members of the band for their exemplary conduct at the festival.

The girls chorus did not go to La Grande.

### SUFFERS BAD FALL

Mrs. J. L. Hall is recuperating at home following serious injury sustained about a week ago when she fell while working at Scotty's. She sustained a concussion when her head struck the end of one of the benches and it was feared she might have suffered a skull fracture. She was quite ill for several days and it may be some time before she can resume her work in the food shop.

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Reading from left to right (front row): Francis Gates, Bend, senior vice commander, Department of Oregon; Roscoe Allen, Portland, deputy inspector, Department of Oregon; Dr. Clyde Dunham, commander; Earl Culver, Portland, deputy inspector, Department of Oregon. Second row: Duane Johnson, judge advocate; Harry Owens, trustee; Harlan McCurdy Jr., past commander and chaplain; Francis Nickerson, senior vice commander. Third row: Roger Connor, service officer; Roger Connor, guard; Archie Struthers, officer of the day; James Driscoll, adjutant and quartermaster.

(The photograph was taken at Condon April 14 when the Heppner and Condon posts held joint installation of officers with the assistance of the state officers.)