

Crop Prospect At Present Only Fair, Reports Indicate

Lack of Rain Hits Light Soil Areas, Cutting Average

Considerable concern is felt regarding the 1947 grain crop and unless showers of rain are forthcoming in the immediate future this year's production will be light. Reports to this effect are coming in daily and it is asserted that some fields in the lighter soil districts will not be cut.

A brief inspection trip thru the Lexington and Ione belts Wednesday was made by Murl Cummins of the federal crop insurance and County Agent Nelson Anderson. They found some poor prospects, some fairly good and some that seemed to have withstood the moisture shortage.

More favorable reports come from the south half of the county, although grain growers would appreciate some rain right away.

Leonard Carlson's weather record for April shows nine showers for the month in the Gooseberry area. Precipitation for the month was 1.29 inches, three points better than April 1946. However, in May 1946 the area enjoyed a precipitation of 2.26 inches, whereas this year there has been little moisture during May. Figures for Hepner had not been tabulated for 1947 but in April 1946 only .70 of an inch fell here while in May the fall was 2.35 inches. Rain will have to start falling in earnest if May 1947 is to be recouped as a favorable month to the wheat crop.

Oldest Chevrolet Truck May Bring Owner New Machine

If you are operating a Chevrolet truck of ancient vintage, look up the serial number and report it to Charles Hodge at the Hodge Chevrolet company in Hepner. For all you know you may have a new truck coming to you.

Back of this statement is an effort of the Chevrolet Motor division to locate the oldest Chevrolet truck still in active service in the United States. According to Hodge, the owner of the oldest truck will be presented with a brand new advance-design truck and may choose any standard model in the current line of Chevrolet commercial cars and trucks.

Trucks entered in the search must be driven to a Chevrolet dealership, where official entry blanks are available. The search ends June 15, 1947, and the winner will be notified on or before June 20, 1947.

"We have a large number of old Chevrolet trucks still in every-day service in the Hepner area," Hodge said, "and the winning vehicle may be on a farm or engaged in some other hauling work right in our own community."

The winning truck must carry 1947 license plates. The oldest Chevrolet truck will be determined by the earliest serial numbers. In cases where the serial number is lost or illegible, the number may be determined by an original bill of sale or other legal documents showing the original serial number.

Entries must be filed with a Chevrolet dealer by midnight, June 15, it is emphasized. Only vehicles manufactured as trucks by Chevrolet are eligible, and the search is open to all truck owners with the exception of employees of the Chevrolet Motor division, dealers in cars and trucks and their employees.

HERE FOR WEDDING

Mrs. Etta Burns, sister of Mrs. Ralph Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore and daughters, Mary, Marguerite and Patricia of Pendleton, attended the Case-Thompson wedding in Hepner Sunday afternoon.

TERESA BRESLIN MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Breslin announce the marriage of their daughter, Teresa, to Dr. John K. Walsh, May 10, 1947 at St. Patrick's cathedral in New York City.

Mrs. W. W. Fisher and daughter, Miss Viola Fisher, left Wednesday for their home in Post Falls, Idaho, after spending a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson. They are mother and sister respectively, of Mrs. Wilson and came for Mother's day and a short visit. It was their first trip to Hepner.

John Lane, John Wightman and Blaine Isom attended a Shrine meeting in Walla Walla Saturday.

Mrs. J. O. Turner spent Wednesday shopping in Pendleton.

Mounting Costs Make More Funds Necessary If County Is To Meet Its Obligations

If there were any possible way to meet advancing costs of everything entering into operation of the county government on present levies, the court would most certainly do it, Judge Bert Johnson said Wednesday. If there were no demand for a hospital, if road machinery could be purchased at pre-war prices, if the road crew did not have to have more wages to meet the high cost of living, in fact, if postwar expenses were no greater than prewar expenses, the court could find the answer without appealing to the taxpayers for assistance.

The court and budget committee were able to reduce some minor items in formulating the expense account for the ensuing year but the small savings will have little effect on the budget as a whole. Too many new items have been added and the six per cent limitation has been far exceeded, the judge pointed out.

O'Donnell's Cafe Opens to Public

With everything new, bright and shining, O'Donnell's cafe opened its doors to the public Monday morning after months of contending with material shortage and wrestling with labor problems. Friends and former patrons who had been observing progress toward the opening were on hand Monday to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell and son Russell upon their return to the business life of the community.

All available space in the room of the former Peters building more recently occupied by Conley Lanham's Western store, has been utilized in setting up the cafe and bar. Stainless steel has been used throughout on the cafe side except the refrigerator, and Mrs. O'Donnell's pride is the mechanical dishwasher.

Aside from the lunch counter there are boxes at either end of the bar.

The new cafe is a bower of flowers, gifts of friends who welcomed the O'Donnell's return to Main street.

Well Bred Sheep Pay Off in Wool, Lindsay Reports

Proof that well bred farm animals pay good returns is found in a report from Frank Lindsay of Morgan on results obtained from shearing his small flock of Rambouillet sheep. Lindsay states that he delivered to the Morrow County Grain Growers warehouse in Hepner, 27 fleeces of wool that weighed 652 pounds, averaging 24 pounds plus.

"I have been using good rams from the Cunningham Sheep company and also purchased a registered ram from John Withers of Paisley," Lindsay said.

Mrs. E. E. Gilliam is spending a few days in Portland attending the buyers' market and visiting friends.

Mrs. William Morgan and Mrs. Milton Morgan of Monument were business visitors in Hepner Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fraters are moving to Enterprise where they will operate a ranch. They have sold their property on Gale street to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayers who will take occupancy next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick McAllister returned Tuesday evening from a brief honeymoon trip to Wasco and The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Knighten and children of Athena were over-Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Zell.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Hams have announced the birth of a daughter, May 9, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

William Lewis received word Wednesday of the death of his father, Joe H. Lewis, at Norton, W. Dak., early in the week.

Mrs. R. A. Thompson and Mrs. Linnie Lowden are spending a few days in Walla Walla.

Among Hepner visitors in Pendleton Saturday were Mrs. Bob Grabill, Mrs. John Saager and Mrs. Blaine E. Isom.

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Early Innings Put Locals Behind 8-Ball, Fans Report

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Witnesses at the game from Hepner feel that an unfair decision by the umpire put a damper on Hepner's ardor early in the game and by the time the team recovered from that setback Wasco was well out ahead. Broadfoot pitched a good game for Hepner and had good support throughout after one bad inning in which Wasco scored seven runs. Wasco had a new man in the pitcher's box which strengthened that team's work materially.

There will be no more games on the local field until June 22. Hepner plays at Arlington this Sunday.

Baccalaureate Held For Lexington Class

Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of Lexington high school were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Congregational church. Rev. Philippi of Hermiston preached the special sermon. The seniors are Lavonne McMillan, Audrey Majeska and Ronald Ansted.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Davis of Pendleton visited Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Stotts have moved into the house recently moved in from the country and remodeled by Clifford Yarnell.

Mrs. Ralph Jackson and Mrs. Newt O'Hara drove to Eugene Friday to spend junior week end and Mother's day with their respective sons and daughter who attend the University of Oregon.

Joe Way spent the week end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Way. Joe is attending Vanport college in Portland.

Mrs. Ernest Fredrickson of Salem spent last week here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van Winkle entertained a large group of relatives at a family reunion Sunday. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by everyone. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cox and family of Yakima, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fredrickson of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ely of Ione, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and family of Hepner, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer of Ione, Fred from Lexington were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green and family, and Elmer Hunt and son Clara.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges drove to Portland on a business trip over the week end.

Mrs. Leonard Munkers cut her thumb quite badly on the electric meat slicer in Yarnell's grocery Saturday afternoon and went to the doctor to have it cared for.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall spent Mother's day visiting Mr. Steagall's mother in Spray.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMillan went to Pendleton one day last week to see an optometrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Breeding and family went to Pendleton Sunday to spend Mother's day with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munkers spent Sunday in The Dalles visiting Mr. Munkers' mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grant were visiting in Spray Thursday.

TRAINING SCHOOL SET UP BY SIXTH ARMY

Oregon district headquarters received word this week an extensive school program to train future leaders, clerks, cooks, medical technicians and specialists of various kinds is now under way in the Sixth Army, according to M. Sgt. John E. Bold, station commander of the local army recruiting office.

Latest school to be set up is the potential leaders course at Fort Ord, operating in conjunction with the replacement training center with a staff of 42 officers and enlisted men and an initial capacity of 150 enlisted trainees.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merritt of Hawthorne, Cal., arrived Wednesday afternoon to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Schwarz. The women are sisters. A third sister, Mrs. Harry Davis, and her husband, have been guests at the Schwarz home the past week, coming here from their home in Minneapolis, Minn. The Merritts formerly resided in Hepner.

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Irrigon School Ends Year's Work Friday

Commencement exercises were held at the school house Friday evening. Six graduates received their diplomas. David Rand, Robert Brown, Elton Filler, Eunice and Shirley Miller and Arlene Russell were the graduates. Lyle Johnson, registrar at the E.O.C.E., was the speaker, speaking on "Where Do We Go From Here."

Mrs. Ailie Haberlein was hostess for a wedding shower for Elia Mae Grim Tuesday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent by a good crowd of Irrigon friends with lovely gifts being presented Miss Grim.

The wedding is to be May 24 in a Hermiston church with Earl Watson to be the happy bridegroom.

Ora Thompson returned from Baker Tuesday. He had been up there for a few days.

Rev. John Prickett of Enterprise preached both morning and evening in the Baptist community church.

Rev. Winquist is spending some time in Portland with Mrs. Winquist and son Paul. Mrs. Winquist has been quite ill.

This is the finishing week of the Irrigon school. The band is to take their final trip for the year Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Duus spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wright and family in Pendleton.

Henry Swaren is getting lumber at Hepner to build their house on the part of the Dupus place that they purchased recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swaren and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Swaren of Portland spent last week at the home of their brother Henry and Mrs. Swaren.

James Shoun and Betty Acock were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

There were ten eighth grade diplomas presented by Miss Emma Crego to Marlene Markham, Doyle Ivey, Iva Joan Rucker, Freddie Acock, Beth Warner, Geraldine Higley, Maxine Fraser, Eula Amos, Louise Turner and George Russell.

Robert Brown's father, Ray Brown, and sister Jeanne left from Hollywood came up to see Robert graduated. He will accompany them back. He has been living at the Ruth Umiker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith have purchased the Russell McCoy house and will take possession as soon as the Fred Davis and Joe Paul families can get moved.

Fred Davis is building a duplex on his lots in eastern Irrigon.

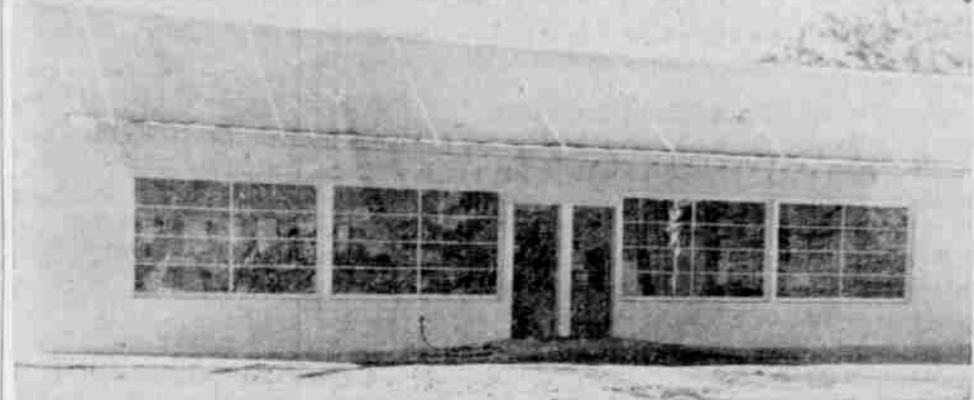
W. B. Dexter is also changing his house into a duplex.

Avery Shoun returned home Saturday after spending a few weeks in Walla Walla receiving medical treatment. James brook him down. Miss Betty Acock was also a Walla Walla visitor Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell, Mrs. Erma Steward and Mrs. Grace O'Brien and children attended a fellowship meeting of the Assembly of God church at Hermiston Monday.

Henry Allen, who recently underwent a major operation at Emanuel hospital in Portland, has left the hospital and is convalescing at the apartment which Mr. and Mrs. Allen have taken temporarily in the city. They are expected home in the near future.

New Self-Service Market Opening on Corner of Court and May



Valby Ladies To Hold Social Friday

Attention of the county will be focused Friday evening on the Valby church parish house where the ladies of the church will be holding a social and auction sale. Receipts from which will be added to the lone community center fund.

Beginning at 6 p.m. the ladies will serve ice cream, strawberries and coffee throughout the evening. The public is invited to attend the affair and to bring articles to be sold at auction.

Hepner people wishing to attend the social and not familiar with the location of the Valby church are advised to take the Condon road to a point a short distance west of Eight Mile post office, a mile or less, taking the country road to the northwest which will lead to the church.

CONDON CHOSEN AS SITE FOR MILL BY BEND MEN

According to the Globe Times, Condon will soon have a sawmill. Carpenter Bros. of Bend will move their plant to the Gilliam county center to saw out timber from the Lost Valley, Lonerock and Fossil areas. The mill will have a cutting capacity of 30,000 feet daily and the total operation will employ between 30 and 40 men. A planing mill is contemplated later.

HERE FROM OKLAHOMA

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hager are Major and Mrs. Clayton Shaw and their little son, Robert Wesley, who arrived early Sunday morning from Fort Sill, Okla., to spend two weeks here. The Shaws' home is really in Lawton, Okla., but the major is an instructor at Fort Sill. They came via Portland, bringing Major Shaw's mother, Hepner, to spend Mother's day. Mrs. Clayton Shaw is the former Harriet Hager.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Covins left today for Portland to be gone several days.

News Briefs Around Town

By Ruth Payne

Initiation ceremonies were held at the meeting of the Degree of Honor Tuesday evening with four new members receiving the degree. The class included Mesdames Marie Cato, Esther Burnside, Dolly Fraters and Deloris Ahlberg.

Mrs. Ethel Lindholme, state director of field work for the Degree of Honor, and Mrs. Minnie Davis Card, state organizer, came from Portland to attend the meeting. Mrs. Lindholme made an official inspection of the work of the local lodge on her visit here. After the initiation, the drill team presented a bouquet of carnations to Mrs. Clara B. Gertson as a token of their appreciation for her assistance during the year. Refreshments were served following.

Mrs. Alex Green has returned to Hepner following a visit to Corvallis where she made the acquaintance of her new granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth McCaleb. Mrs. Green also visited in Portland a few days with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green, who brot her home.

J. C. Payne made a business trip to Canyon City, John Day and Pendleton the end of the week.

Mrs. Jennie Gaines spent the week end at the country home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Huston in the Eightmile district.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hayes returned from Portland the first of the week after having assisted their son, Homer Hayes, move his family from Hermiston to the city to make their home in the future.

Mrs. Walt Ritzert spent a few days in Pendleton last week visiting friends and attending to business matters.

Week-end houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case included Mrs. Jack Grimes, Mrs. Carl Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. John McRoberts, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Emmon, F. P. Pyle, all of Portland and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller of Pendleton. They were here to attend the wedding of Miss Josephine Case to Alex Thompson, an even of Sunday afternoon, and returned to their homes that evening.

CLERK'S OFFICE TO BE OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

For the convenience of voters who wish to register for the special budget election on June 17, County Clerk C. W. Barlow announces that his office will remain open Saturday, May 17, continuously from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Body of Max Elsey Recovered Friday

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and Coroner A. D. McMurdo were called to Boardman Friday to take the body of a man from the river. The body was located a short distance northwest of Boardman and proved to be that of Max R. Elsey of Freewater, one of the victims of the triple drowning at the McNary dam celebration. A pocketbook containing a check in the sum of \$34 and three one dollar bills was found on the body. Both check and bills were in good condition, the writing on the check establishing the man's identity.

The body of Mrs. Max Elsey, bride of two weeks when the tragedy occurred, was found at the ferry landing at Arlington earlier last week. The third victim's body, an older woman, has not been recovered.

BUYS ARABIAN COLT

Miss Marilyn Kirk, popular young horsewoman of Hepner, is the proud possessor of an Arabian colt for which she recently took delivery at The Dalles. This outstanding yearling was sired by Islam, Arabian stallion owned by Lee Everly of Salem. The colt's name is Jaehal.

Word has been received here of the birth of a son, John Douglas, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh V. Crawford on May 5, at Los Angeles.

Social Events At Hi School Herald Graduation Time

Heralding graduation time for high school seniors is the annual social event of the season—the junior-senior banquet and prom. The "prom" will be held Friday evening, with the banquet staged at the Church of Christ and the ball at the school gymnasium. The ball will be a formal affair, with members of the two classes and invited guests enjoying the dancing.

The second event on the graduation program will be the baccalaureate services, held in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock Sunday evening. The services will be as follows: Processional, "Triumphal Grand March," school band; invocation, Rev. Neville Blunt; "Calmly Flow Thy Streams" and "The Green Cathedral," girls chorus; sermon, Rev. Francis McCormack; "The Last Spring," school band; benediction, Rev. Neville Blunt, and recessional, "Grand March," school band.

CASE-THOMPSON NUPTIALS

Miss Josephine Frances Case, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Case, became the bride of Alex Thompson at an impressive ceremony in the Hepner Methodist church Sunday afternoon, May 11, with Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein officiating, using the single ring ceremony. A large concourse of friends and relatives were in attendance.

The bride, who entered upon the arm of her father, was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, Don Bennett. She was attended by Miss Carolyn Bergstrom as maid of honor. The wedding music was played by Mrs. C. L. Carmichael, Harry O'Donnell Jr. and Dick Wilkinson were ushers.

White tapers and baskets of spring flowers made a beautiful setting for the exchange of wedding vows. The bride wore a gown of white slipper satin, made in princess lines, with inserts of lace extending to the hem, and with train. Her finger-tip veil fell gracefully flowing from a white halo. She carried a shower bouquet of white carnations and rose buds and lilies of the valley.

Miss Bergstrom was gowned in blue and carried an old-fashioned nosegay. Mrs. Case chose for her daughter's wedding a suit of aqua with black accessories and wore pink rosebuds. The bridegroom's mother wore a watermelon pink suit with black accessories and a gardenia corsage. Mrs. Ida Grimes, grandmother of the bride, wore a green crepe formal.

Following the wedding the bride's parents gave a reception at the Thompson home on Willow creek. The house was attractively decorated with spring flowers. The spacious grounds were a bower of beauty with a huge lilac bush and a yellow rose bush each laden with bloom. Many pictures of the young couple were taken before the rose bush. Tea was served from the dining table which was beautifully appointed. A three-tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom graced the lace covered table. Mrs. Harold Becket and Mrs. John Bergstrom poured. After the bride and groom cut the first piece of wedding cake Mrs. A. L. Inman finished the cake serving.

The young couple left in the late afternoon for coast points where they expect to remain for several days. Upon their return they will live in a Holton cabin which was built especially for them. For going away the bride chose an aqua garter suit with brown accessories and wore an orchid corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are well known young people in the community and have many friends here who wish them well. The bride is a graduate of Portland Girls Polytechnic and attended the University of Oregon. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson, a graduate of Hepner high school and a veteran of the last war where he served in the navy. He is the junior partner in Case-Furniture company.

Eddie Chinn is seriously ill at his apartment in the Gilman building.

Court St. Market To Open to Public Saturday Morning

Latest Business Enterprise Modern In Every Detail

Hepner's newest business enterprise, the Court Street Market, will open its doors to the public Saturday morning, according to announcement by Leonard Schwarz, owner and manager. The last bit of equipment, the meat case, was received and put in place last week and has been cooled and made ready to receive meat for the opening day.

Mr. Schwarz and his helpers have been too busy to plan a formal opening and with everything in place will open for business Saturday as if it were just another day.

The new store is located at the corner of Court and May streets, across Court from the county courthouse and just east of the May street bridge. It is built on modern market lines and makes an attractive corner. It has a frontage of 60 feet and a depth of 40 feet. The sales room has a floor space approximately 30 x 60 feet.

A butcher and meat cutter for many years, Schwarz has incorporated many ideas about the proper handling of food products into the arrangement of the market and grocery. His meat storage room is designed to handle carcasses and heavy sections of beefs at a minimum of lifting. An overhead track runs from one end of the room to the other and on out to the loading platform at the rear of the building, making it possible to fashion a passageway to a hook connected with the track pulley and move it to the end of the track with very little effort.

The grocery department is laid out on approved full-youself-serve lines, with all articles plainly marked and easy to reach.

Mr. Schwarz will be assisted by Mrs. Schwarz and Mrs. R. E. Ferguson. Ray Ferguson has been the right hand man in getting the project put through and doubtless will be on hand to assist whenever needed.

Riding Club Plans Rodeo on June 8

At the regular meeting of the club Tuesday evening, the Wranglers, Morrow county horseback riding organization, voted to hold a rodeo on Sunday, June 8, at the Art Hughes ranch. The club will rent the grounds and stock and Hughes will stage the show for them.

The Wranglers accepted an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bibby to ride to their ranch Sunday and have luncheon there.

A report on the drill team showed that that group is shaping up fine. Next practice has been set for Wednesday evening, May 21.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AT P-TA WEDNESDAY NIGHT

With Mrs. Lucy Rodgers acting as installing officer, leaders of the Hepner P-TA for the ensuing year were installed on Wednesday evening at the school house: Edmond Gonty, president; Mrs. Claude Graham, vice president; Mrs. Blaine Isom, secretary; and Mrs. Leonard Pate, treasurer, were the officers installed.

The program included several solos by Mrs. Willard Warren, a style show by the homemaking classes under direction of Miss Margaret Hughlett, a report on the Oregon congress of parents and teachers by Mrs. Ted Smith and Mrs. R. E. Rice, who were the local delegates to the meeting held in Portland the last of April.

Mrs. Stephen Thompson presented Mr. and Mrs. George Curwin with a gift of appreciation from the Hepner P-TA for the splendid work they have done for the school and Hepner.

J. J. Nys was selected as a candidate to serve on the county board to be set up under House Bill 80, and a certificate was awarded the local association by the Oregon congress for having attained its goals for 1946-47.

Mrs. Ed Bennett, Mrs. Paul Fisher and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson served refreshments.

Bob Davidson, joined the Gazette Times editorial force Monday 8 & 11 a.m. He has been working at Hermiston and Trinitia since last fall and is already absorbing printer's ink in his veins. He is the son of Mrs. Mable Davidson of Ione and a brother of George Davidson, Richfield station operator in Hepner.