

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Voters of District No. 1 Give Approval To 1947-48 Budget

### Mrs. Oscar George Elected Director At Annual Meeting

Voters of District No. 1, Heppner, registered their approval of the 1947-48 budget by a vote of 37-1 in Monday's election. At the same time the special election relative to the amount to be raised above the six percent limitation tallied a vote of 35 for and three against, thus assuring the school board sufficient funds for maintenance and operation of the school plant as well as additional salaries for teachers.

In the voting for school director, Mrs. Oscar George received 34 votes, Miss Leta Humphreys 5, Mrs. E. O. Ferguson 2 and J. Nys 1. Mrs. George succeeds Miss Humphreys who has served several terms.

District No. 35, Ione, likewise approved the annual budget which called for funds in excess of the six percent limitation.

Lexington voters failed to approve the budget for district No. 12 and it will be necessary to call another meeting with a revised budget. There is agitation in favor of purchasing a bus and transporting the 15 or so high school students to Ione or Heppner rather than trying to maintain a high school in Lexington.

In the voting for director, Mrs. A. M. Edwards defeated Kenneth Peck by a vote of 37-26. The budget was defeated 34-21.

Due to a provision granting five days following the date of election for turning in the tally sheets, complete returns on the rural school board election will not be available before press time of this issue.

Zone four, Heppner, elected J. Nys, thus giving the new board legal assistance in getting up the organization. Alonzo Henderson had a margin of 15 votes over Vernon Munkers in district 12, 43-28, but until the count is in from the other four districts in the zone it will not be known who is elected.

## Car Registrations Expected to Pass 500,000 in Oregon

Oregonians registered more motor cars by last year than they did in all of last year, it has been revealed by Robert S. Farrell Jr.

Over 470,000 vehicles have been licensed so far this year, and the total by December 31 is expected to be well above 500,000. This will be the first time in the state's history that cars have passed the half million mark. About 360,000 to date have been private passenger cars.

"The current Oregon traffic picture is that more cars are being driven farther and faster than ever before," Farrell observed. "To the individual driver this means he is in greater danger and has more responsibility than ever before."

With vacation travel swelling highway volumes to record levels, motorists are being reminded to take it easy on the gas pedal. Deaths on main roads are setting new high marks.

## PETERSON-SKUZESKI WEDDING SCHEDULED FOR 28TH OF JUNE

Miss Marjorie Peterson, daughter of Rep. and Mrs. Henry Peterson of Ione, and John Skuzeski Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. John Skuzeski of Carson, Wash., have chosen Saturday, June 28, as the date for their marriage. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Francis McCormack at the St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner at the hour of 4 o'clock p.m.

Formal invitations will not be issued but relatives and friends have been invited to attend.

Mr. Skuzeski is a student at Oregon State college and Miss Peterson is attending school in Portland. He is a graduate of Heppner high school and she was graduated from the Ione high school. Both are veterans of World War II.

## LABOR OFFICE TO OPEN

Opening of the farm labor office for the 1947 season has been scheduled for June 25, according to R. B. Rice, who will again be in charge. Headquarters will be in the lobby of the Heppner hotel. Farmers are being urged to place orders for help as soon as possible.

## LIBRARY MEETING

A public library meeting has been scheduled for 8 p.m. June 25 in the library room of the city hall. Object of the meeting is to elect officers for the ensuing year and transact such other business as may be brought up. The public is cordially invited.

## Driver Licensing System Gets Off To Fast Start

Oregon's new driver's licensing system has gotten off to a fast start with 11,000 renewal applications already received since June 1, according to Robert S. Farrell Jr., secretary of state.

Drivers with licenses numbered from 5R 1 to 5R 33,000 must replace their present driving permits this month. Approximately 33,000 more licenses will expire each month after this. Great stress is being put on the fact that the date printed on permits is no longer correct.

Schedules of the correct expiration dates are available from drivers' license clerks and examining stations in Heppner at the sheriff's office, court house, between the hours of 8 and 5 on Monday through Friday. They may also be secured from most service stations.

"Have a look at your driver's license right now," suggested Farrell. "If the serial number is between 5R 1 and 5R 33,000, it runs out this month. If the serial number is higher than 5R 33,000, it is still good until the date that appears on a printed schedule you can get from your driver's license clerk or examiner."

He said it would be wise for people traveling outside the state to carry the renewal schedules with them. Otherwise, licenses that are actually still valid under the new law will appear to have expired because of the incorrect date printed on them.

## Heppner Plays Real Ball to Win 5 to 2 Game From Ione

### Spectators Given Best Exhibition of Season, Fans Say

Spectators at Sunday's game in Ione were treated to one of the best exhibitions of baseball seen this year in the Wheat-Timber league, according to reports brought back from the Egg City. Heppner won the contest, 5-2, which indicates there were no wild moments but rather a smooth running exhibition throughout, more in keeping with the better traditions of bush league ball.

McCurdy did the hurling for Heppner, turning in a good performance. He had good support throughout, his team mates backing him up in the pinches. Two errors were chalked up against the opposing team.

Since the game at Ione the Heppner team has experienced a revival of spirit and with a chance to win the league championship the boys are turning out for practice with a determination to capture the remaining games of the schedule.

Sunday's contest here will be with Arlington. Unless the river boys have improved in recent weeks, the Heppner lads expect to increase their percentage standing. The game will be called at 2:30.

## HEPPNER YOUTHS GET SETTLED IN ALASKA

Mrs. Joe Hughes reports that her son Tom has located at Anchorage, Alaska, where he will remain for the summer and possibly a year. He has a good job and also has a cousin, Don Hughes, for a companion.

Glenn Coxen, Jack Plohner and Clarence Greenup have found jobs at Valdez where they will spend the summer.

## NEW TRUCK COMING

Charles F. Hodge and son Charles Jr. returned from Portland where they witnessed a pre-showing of Chevrolet products for dealers in this area. Of particular interest to the local dealers is the showing of the new Chevrolet truck which is something truckmen of this district will be deeply interested in, they say. The new truck line will be shown in Heppner in the near future.

Rev. J. P. Sorlein and family left Wednesday morning for Portland to attend the annual conference of the Methodist church, which is being held in the First Methodist church of that city. Results of the conference will not be known until early next week but members of his church and townspeople alike will be pleased to learn that the Sorlein family will return to Heppner for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Crockett Sprouls and daughter Janet arrived the first of the week from their home at Oakland, Cal., for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Sprouls expected to return to the bay city this week end, to return later in the summer for wife and daughter who are making a more extended stay.

## Committees Work Hard To Prepare For Celebration

### Lexington Being Prepared for Big July 4-5 Event

Lexington is a beehive of activity these days as committees scurry about putting things in shape for the big 4th of July celebration. There is much to do and those directing the preparations for the show are determined to have everything ready by parade time, July 4.

Several men are at work altering and redecorating the Leach hall where the dances will be held. The place will present quite a new appearance to the visitors who will flock there for the two nights of dancing.

Unable to obtain assurance from a carnival company that it would put in an appearance for the celebration, Chairman Cliff Yarnell and Ed Grant took things into their own hands and decided to set up a carnival. A ride is being built for the kiddies and there will be concessions of various types operated by local people—and the money will stay in the community.

The picnic grounds are being cleared and will be supplied with tables and other conveniences for townspeople and visitors who wish to participate in the community dinner on the 4th.

In the way of entertainment there will be baseball, smokers, dancing, and the biggest and best airshow ever held in the county—and following in order after the parade at 10 a.m. on Friday the 4th.

For the baseball games the committee has tentatively lined up the Pendleton Indians to play the Ione Wheat-Timber league team. Jack Kennedy of Pendleton is arranging the fight cards, and for the dances, Hazel Fisher and her girl orchestra of Portland will provide the music.

Out at the airport Jack Forsythe is arranging an airshow that will make the cash customers want to help finance this worthy project. He has the assurance of numerous visiting planes and some good stunt flyers, as well as a parachute jumper.

The road to the airport has been gravelled as well as the apron to the field so that dust will be held to the minimum. The hangar now sports a concrete floor, the business office and waiting room are complete and water has been installed, placing the airport in position for a recognized training course which Manager Forsythe is now organizing.

Last of all, but by far one of the most important features of a 4th of July celebration, will be the fireworks display the evening of the 4th. The whole countryside will want to witness this traditionally American manifestation of patriotism.

Music for the two-day celebration will be furnished by the combined Lexington and Heppner school bands under direction of Billy Cocheil. A sound wagon operated by the late Tex Rankin's announcer will keep the crowds informed throughout the celebration.

## Stock Ponds Boost Capacity of Eastern Oregon Ranges

More than 5,000 stockwater dams have been constructed on eastern Oregon ranges under the AAA program in the past eight years. This pond on the W. C. Dorrance ranch in Wallowa county has never been dry since its construction in 1940. It provides a year-around water supply for 1200 acres of bunch grass range that can be grazed from April until late in November. County Agent Garnet Best reports that this range is much better than 10 years ago. Before construction of the dam, the range was grazed heavily in the early spring when water was available, then was not used the rest of the year.

## Scenes from America's 'Little Switzerland'

Attention is being focused on Wallowa county this week due to the annual convention of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association which convenes at La Grande Friday morning and includes an excursion on the Wallowa county branch of the Union Pacific to Joseph, where the newspaper folk will be transported by private automobiles to Wallowa Lake lodge for luncheon and a few hours of recreation at eastern Oregon's great scenic attraction.

Upper scene looks toward Hurricane creek from the Wallowa valley, and the lower shows the Imnaha hills from the breaks in the towering Wallowa mountains.

## Farm Bureau Not In Favor of S. B. 99 As Reported

Through a misunderstanding in taking a report of the farm bureau meeting of June 9 over the telephone, this newspaper erroneously reported that the bureau went on record favoring Senate Bill 99, known as the Idaho Power bill in the recent legislature. In committing the error, the paper placed Oscar Peterson, bureau secretary, in an embarrassing position, as it was he who called by telephone to give a report on the meeting.

Mr. Peterson has written the Gazette Times to aid him in clarifying the mistake and we hasten to give him this assistance.

By motion, which was passed almost unanimously by the 30 or more members present that the Morrow County Farm Bureau go on record as opposing Senate Bill 99, believing that passage of the bill would have the effect of nullifying basic legislation protecting the rights of the people in the waters of the state.

## Home Movies to Feature Show at Theater Tuesday

Heppner scenes and activities of earlier days will be featured on the regular bill at the Star theater Tuesday evening, June 24. Home movies and other action pictures were taken by the late E. G. Sigsbee, father of Mrs. Elaine George, who, in his residence here and serving as the town's photographer, "shot" almost everything that would make a good picture—including many of the inhabitants.

The pictures are being run in response to many requests of theater patrons who are interested in seeing what life was like here 20 years or more ago. "Glass Alibi" is the title of the regular picture to be run Tuesday evening.

## News Items of Interest Around Town . . .

By Ruth Payne

New books recently added to the rental collection of the Heppner public library include "The Townsman," by John Sedgwick; "Portrait of a Marriage," by Pearl S. Buck; "B. F.'s Daughter," by John P. Marquand; "Singing Waters," by Ann Bridge; "Three O'Clock Dinner," by Josephine Pinckney; "The Chequer Board," by Nevil Shute; "Those Other People," by Mary King O'Donnell, and "Mike," by Benedict and Nancy Freedman.

Mrs. Effie Morgan and Harry Munkers announced their marriage. The ceremony was an event of Saturday, June 14, at College Place, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Munkers will continue to make their home in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Allstott Jr. have returned from a brief honeymoon trip to the coast. They are at home in the Gilman apartments.

Mrs. Mae Erwin of Walla Walla was a week-end visitor in Heppner at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barkla and Mrs. Edwin Bucknum spent Thursday in Walla Walla attending to business matters and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Farrens and Mrs. Tom Fraters motored to Portland Friday to spend the week end with relatives.

A. C. L. Jutley motored to Burns Friday afternoon to spend the week end with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Couture and children of Fossil were in Heppner Saturday looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Huston and son Tom and granddaughter, Shirley Ann Gaines, motored to Portland Friday to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Carol H. Phillips, sister-in-law of Mrs. Huston.

Frank Connor has returned from Coos Bay where he spent several days the past week in attendance at the state convention of B. P. O. Elks.

A. A. Scoulen has returned from Portland where he spent several days transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bucknum returned Saturday evening from a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Gordon Cole of Portland arrived in Heppner Sunday evening to visit for a brief time with relatives. She is the house guest of Mrs. Roy Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Becket spent Friday in Hermiston attending to business matters.

Bill Badurina spent the week end in Condon with friends.

Mrs. W. C. McCarty of The Dalles, her son Paul of Portland, her daughter Frances of San Francisco and Mrs. P. A. Anderson of Seattle spent the week end in Heppner visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hughes of McMinnville were week-end visitors here at the home of Mrs. Grace Hughes. They brought their son, Bob Jr., to Heppner to spend the summer. He will be employed at the J. G. Barratt ranch.

Among college students who are home for summer vacation are Betty Lovgren from La Grande, Jean Turner from Eugene, Bob Rynnion from Eugene and Mary Lou Ferguson from Walla Walla.

Don Gilliam who is employed by the forest service at Ukiah spent the week end here with his father, Len Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn and daughter, Sally, motored to Portland the first of the week to spend a few days taking care of business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Merrill of Klamath Falls were week-end visitors in Heppner at the home of Mrs. Merrill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Prock.

Howard Gilliam has returned from Corvallis where he has been attending Oregon State college.

## Beef Cattle Tour To Halt at Roy Robinson Mt. Ranch

### Caravan From Several Counties To Inspect Stock

A beef cattle tour sponsored by the Western Livestock Journal and under the management of Bob Teale of Orofino, Idaho, will include at least one stop in Morrow county, when on June 26 the caravan will halt at the Roy Robinson Hereford ranch south of Heppner to inspect this well known herd. The group will arrive at the Robinson mountain ranch 18 miles southeast of Heppner at 9 a.m.

The Robinson herd consists of nearly 300 head of registered cattle and careful breeding practices with both polled and horned Herefords has resulted in success at shows and sales. A large number of cows and calves and about 40 head of young bulls will be shown along with two polled Hereford sires, and two horned Hereford sires.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will join the cattle tour for a drive through cattle country to Prairie City where the local chamber of commerce will serve lunch.

The beef cattle tour will start at 8 a.m. Monday, June 23 from the Stearns Cattle company at La Pine, going from there to Prineville to spend the rest of the day. At 10 a.m. Tuesday the Ted Ball Hereford ranch at Grass Valley will be visited, continuing from there through Sherman county. Wednesday at 8 a.m. the tour starts at the Art Jaeger Aberdeen Angus ranch near Condon. At 10 a.m. they will inspect the Sid Seale White Elephant ranch and continue on to the Herbert Johnson and Jaeger Hereford farms.

From Morrow county the tour goes through Grant, Baker, Union, Wallowa and Umatilla counties in Oregon and on to Walla Walla and Lowden in Washington where it will end Sunday, June 29.

A schedule of all stops may be obtained at the county agent's office in Heppner.

## REMODELING BUILDING

O. M. Yeager and part of his crew of carpenters started work the first of the week remodeling the Hynd building on Main street which Yeager will use as a workshop and display room for builder's supplies. A concrete floor has been laid and when the work has been done the old building will have lost its original identity.

## STAGES PRIVATE RODEO

While the Wranglers and their friends were gathering at the Art Hughes ranch Sunday, Blaine Isom staged a little rodeo of his own—which accounts for his having to eat off the mantle the past few days. Bill has a mare that, while having been broken to the saddle, still represents being ridden. "Bill" decided that she had to get over that notion and proceeded to give her a lesson in manners. Result—Bill hit the dust. Telling the animal "You can't do that to me." Bill mounted the second time and again hit the dust. Deciding he had given the mare enough training for one day he deferred further training until he fully recovered from minor bruises and stiffness acquired from sudden contact with Mother Earth.

## BALL WINS CHEVROLET

When a young lady reached into the box and pulled out a ticket Saturday evening at the junior chamber of commerce dance at the Fair pavilion, the number indicated that William Y. Ball of Heppner was the winner. The drawing closed the initial campaign for the Jaycees to raise funds for construction of a civic building and while the goal set by the young men is far from reached, the results thus far have been satisfactory and the Jaycees are now planning their next campaign for funds.

## Peter Farley is spending a few days in Heppner, the guest of his son James and Mrs. Farley.

Jim Crawford came from Portland Saturday with his father, J. V. Crawford, to spend the summer in Heppner.

Farris Prock left Tuesday for Scottsburg taking a truck load of household goods for Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nikander who expect to make their home there.

Mrs. Frank McDaniel of Hardman was shopping in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hams were in from their Rood canyon farm Saturday looking after business matters.

John Kilkenny of Pendleton was a business visitor in Heppner Monday.

John R. Barry will leave Saturday afternoon for Boston to spend a three weeks vacation with relatives. He will go via United Airlines from Pendleton.

## Voters Reject County Budget By Narrow Margin Tuesday

### In one of the lightest votes registered in a special election in this county voters Tuesday rejected the annual budget by a comparatively small margin, 9 votes, according to the unofficial count. The final count from the nine precincts was 250 for and 259 against.

## Beef Cattle Tour To Halt at Roy Robinson Mt. Ranch

Heaviest ratio against was registered at Pine City, where an old familiar slogan is called to mind, "16 to 1." Next was at Boardman, where 96 voters were against and 8 were for. Ione voted more than 2 to 1 against, 64 to 31. Irrigon voted eight for and 10 against; Lexington 39 for and 41 against, and Eightmile nine for and 16 against.

Hardman holds some kind of a record with 12 votes for and none against.

Heppner fell down on the voting, with about 26 percent of the registered voters turning out. North Heppner voted 91-40 in favor while South Heppner turned up a 22-vote margin in favor, 50-28. This lead was almost wiped out by the adverse vote in Boardman and Ione.

Inclusion of the hospital appears to have caused many voters to go against the budget. That was not the only reason, as there has been some complaint about the road funds and other items, but it is barely possible that had not the hospital fund been injected into the picture the budget would have carried. The tendency in Heppner was to support the budget because the hospital item was included, while the vote elsewhere—particularly in the north half of the county—indicates that the hospital was objectionable.

The county court is already working on a revised budget to make the funds available within the six percent limitation spread as far as possible. Up to Wednesday afternoon there was nothing definite to report except that the court is wondering just where the axe will fall heaviest. At the moment it can't be seen where cricket control funds will come from. It is possible that some activities may have to be dropped or at least curtailed in order to keep the county out of the red.

It is the court's worry that the road program will suffer the most. Difficulties in maintaining a road crew are envisioned as there will be no funds with which to assure the workmen increased wages.

As to the hospital, opinion expressed along the street is to the effect that plans will have to be pared down to meet the funds already in the treasurer's hands. If it means waiting a little longer, that, too, will not be objectionable.

## Restaurant Suit Heard by Judge Hubbard Tuesday

A suit in equity brought by Hans and Velma Huebener against Edward Chinn was heard in circuit court here Tuesday by Judge Forrest L. Hubbard of Baker county, serving for Judge Homer I. Watts. The case is one wherein plaintiffs are suing for an accounting of merchandise in connection with the transaction at the time the Huebeners bought the Elkhorn restaurant from Mr. Chinn.

Representing the plaintiff were J. O. Turner, Heppner and John Kilkenny, Pendleton. William C. Perry of Pendleton represented Mr. Chinn. The judge has taken the case under advisement and will make his decision at a later date.

The grand jury was in session Monday and brought in five true bills. One was against William Gollyhorn on a charge of non-support. The other four were secret indictments.

## J. G. Barratt Jr. came up from Corvallis Monday to spend a day or two visiting. He stated that his mother, Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, has purchased a home in Corvallis and that he will borrow a truck and haul her household goods to the college city. Mrs. J. G. Barratt Jr. was among those receiving diplomas at the University of Oregon Sunday and she will work in a Portland hospital through the summer to complete her course in nursing. Jim will work in Portland also.

## Among college students returning to Heppner during the week were Hugh McLaughlin, Bob Rynnion and Jean Turner, who attend the University of Oregon at Eugene. Bob left Wednesday for Wyoming to visit his mother and grandmother for a week.

## An eight pound 12 ounce baby boy, Michael Ray, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sweek Tuesday, June 17, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.