

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Approach of Rodeo Season Heralded By Opening Dance

### Jaycees Sponsor First of Series at Pavilion July 19

Schedule of dances for the 1947 Rodeo season: July 19—"Frontier Frolics" at Heppner. Aug. 2—Lena Grange (at Heppner). Aug. 9—Lexington Grange. Aug. 16—Rhea Creek Grange. Aug. 23—Willows Grange. Aug. 30—Queen's Dance (at Heppner). Sept. 4-6—Rodeo dances. Queen Merlyn and attendants, Rodeo officers and directors will be introduced at the dance.

Fourth of July is out of the way, we have had all the hall storms we care to think about, and now comes the highlight of the year—the Heppner Rodeo season.

Announcement of the event which always heralds the Rodeo season is made this week by the Junior chamber of commerce which has arranged a big opening dance under the pertinent title of "Frontier Frolics." The dance will be held Saturday evening at the Fair pavilion under Jaycee sponsorship, with the "Melodians" of John Day all signed up to provide old-time and modern music.

As the title suggests, this will be a dress-up affair. Stephen Thompson is in charge of this feature and he urges all who have cowboy or cowgirl regalia to "dollar up" and make this one of the most colorful openings to a Rodeo season. Failure to do so may bring some surprises along with the valuable door prizes and prizes for best dressed cowboy and cowgirl. Details of what will happen are not forthcoming at this time but whatever "Steve" and his committee have in mind is not designed to scare away any "dudes" who would help usher in the 1947 Rodeo.

For the old-timers and those willing to learn there will be a sprinkling of old-time dances, with some of the outstanding "callers" of the country on hand. Claude Buschke is again dance director for the Rodeo and by special arrangement all Heppner dances will be sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce, with any above average proceeds going into the memorial recreation center fund.

Particulars about the dance will be found in the advertisement on another page of this issue.

## Curb Filing Job To Start on Main

Work started Tuesday morning at the Tum-A-Lum Lumber company retail store preparing the unfinished curb strip for paving. The lone tree standing in front of the office was removed and the dirt removed in readiness for sidewalk to the curb. This job will complete more than one-half of the block, inasmuch as the Richfield service station corner will require but a few feet of the surfacing and the balance is included in the Heppner Steam Laundry frontage.

This will be only a start of the program outlined a year or so ago by the city council and while there will be no move made to force the other property owners whose walks remain unfinished to go ahead with the work, it is hoped they will follow suit.

O. M. Yeager has charge of the Tum-A-Lum job and he also expects to bring the walk up to level in front of his building across the street from the lumber plant.

## DEADLINE NEAR FOR RENEWING INSURANCE

As the August 1 deadline draws near for revival by veterans of their lapsed G.I. insurance without a physical examination, new thousands of Oregon reinstatement forms are pouring into the Veterans Administration's Northwest insurance center at Seattle, Charles M. Cox, VA representative for this area, reports.

## WHO HAS A RUG TO GIVE AWAY?

The swimming tank is in need of a piece of furnishing in the way of a rug or piece of carpet. It doesn't need to be new, but it should be good enough to stand quite a bit of wear and tear.

## City's Paving Cart Damaged by Fire

Excitement ran high for a few minutes about 10:30 Wednesday forenoon when the city's tar wagon caught fire at the corner of Main and Baltimore streets. City Supervisor J. O. Rasmus was trailing the paving cart behind a pickup and was just turning off of Main street into Baltimore when the "plant" burst into flames. Rasmus parked the outfit alongside the Farr building and attempted to uncouple the trailer but flames were shooting from all around and he could not work between the two rigs.

The fire department was called and in the meantime Dick McAllister and a helper arrived from the Standard Stations with a fire extinguisher and had the blaze under control when the department arrived. Rasmus had moved the equipment away from the Farr building for fear the fuel tank might ignite and cause the fire to spread to the building.

Tar was boiling out of the machine as it came down the street and the whole thing burst into flame just as Baltimore street was entered. Aside from burning the paint off and destruction of one tire, the equipment is still serviceable.

## HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO HEAR DR. SHERER

Mrs. Francis Nickerson, president of the Morrow County Health association, announces that the association has secured Dr. F. G. Sherer, social hygiene director of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association, as speaker at a special meeting to be held Wednesday evening, July 30th. In addition to his talk he will show a film titled "In the Beginning." The association hopes that a large crowd will attend to hear Dr. Sherer. Those who have heard him speak here before know that he will have something of interest to offer.

## ATTEND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Sr. of Heppner and Mrs. Ella Davidson of Ione spent the week end at Orofino, Idaho, where they went to attend the Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Propst. Sunday afternoon over 200 relatives and friends gathered at the Propst mountain home for a picnic and program and to wish the golden-weds many more anniversaries. Mrs. Propst is a sister of the late L. P. Davidson and she and Mr. Propst were married July 11, 1897, in Condon.

## BOY'S HEAD BURNED

Ward Warren, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Warren, was seriously burned about the head and body Tuesday when he emptied the contents of a cosmetic bottle with which he was playing, over his head. The child had accompanied his mother to the basement of the house at the Cleveland ranch and as she went about her work, he discovered the old, neglected bottle of acid, long since forgotten by the other members of the household. He was treated at the office of a local physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Doherty of Butter creek and Mrs. E. Harvey Miller of Portland were in Heppner Tuesday to attend the funeral services of Francis McCabe.

Ed Bergstrom sprained his right arm rather severely Tuesday while attempting to crank a combine motor at the farm in Eight Mile. Mr. Bergstrom came to Heppner Wednesday to consult a physician about his injury.

Mrs. Jack Griffin was up from Ione Wednesday looking after business matters in Heppner.

Word has been received in Heppner of the death of Glenn Kopp at Arlington Tuesday. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at Arlington with commitment services in Heppner. Mr. Kopp resided in Heppner several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chapin have returned to their home in Portland after spending ten days here and at Lehman Springs. They were accompanied to the city by their daughter, Mrs. C. L. Hodge Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. Case motored to Portland Sunday to spend a few days looking after business matters. They returned to Heppner Tuesday.

## Crops Suffer Severe Damage As Hail Storms Sweep Over Farms of County

### P P & L And REA Officials Discuss Power Situation

#### Mutual Interests Subject of Talks Here Wednesday

Matters of mutual interest were discussed here Wednesday by officials of the Pacific Power & Light company and the Columbia Basin Electric cooperative. Representing the company were Charles M. Sanford, assistant general manager, and J. Beale, district manager; Homer R. Huffman, local manager; A. A. Scouten, manager, was spokesman for the cooperative.

Transmission of power over the company's line from Pendleton to Hermiston where it will be carried to Jordan by a new line to be constructed by the cooperative was one of the matters taken up. This was a preliminary conference and will be followed by more general discussions in the near future.

Manager Scouten reports that most of the materials for construction of the CBE lines are on hand and that as soon as wire can be obtained work of erecting the new service will get underway.

A 20-year contract for delivery of Bonneville power was signed June 28 by CBE officials and Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver at the annual meeting of the local cooperative. Power will be delivered over a 60,000-volt transmission line from Hermiston to Ione. The new line, to be constructed by the cooperative, will be leased by the BPA with option to purchase. A 3,000-kva substation at Jordan siding will be constructed by the administration. Approval May 25 of a \$200,000 loan by the rural electrification administration opened the way for start of construction which the cooperative has planned since its formation in 1940.

Officers and directors of the CBE elected July 28 include Henry Baker, president; Ralph Potter, vice president; E. Rugg, secretary-treasurer, and John Krebs, Victor Bietmann, Stephen Thompson, Orva Dyer, Will Hardy and John Hanna, directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nikander and sons and Bill Mattson returned to Scottsburg Wednesday morning after spending a few days here on business. Gus came to dispose of his interest in the Marshall-Webb store, the final transaction to be made in a few days.

Mayor Conley Lanham and family returned Monday from Havre, Mont., where they spent a short vacation. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Lewis Card and son Philip of Whitefish, who are their guests here for a week.

Mrs. R. H. Davis returned Friday from a visit in North Carolina. She spent about a month visiting relatives and friends in her former home in that state.

Mrs. Raymond Huddleston and daughters are visiting friends in Lewiston and other points in Idaho. They motored over Sunday.

Storms such as have not been seen in this area in years visited the county the past week, leaving extensive crop damage in their wake. Wind and hail, followed by heavy showers of rain shattered wheat over an area reaching from Rock creek to the Columbia river.

The first storm hit this section mid-afternoon July 10. A heavy cloud of dust passed over Heppner, followed shortly by a downpour of rain. In the higher hills toward the southwest section of the county hail struck with some violence, practically wiping out the Lee-Scrivner crop and heavily damaging several other fields in that vicinity. Almost before the damage of the first storm could be estimated, a second and more ferocious storm hit the west end, this time carrying its destructive force across the wheat belt of Dry Fork, Gooseberry and Ione areas, over the sand belt to Boardman where many of the fruit and vegetable crops suffered heavy damage. This was the Monday storm which struck hard at Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam counties on its way to Morrow county.

A corps of insurance adjusters were out in the grain belt Wednesday and were continuing their work today so that anything like accurate figures on the losses sustained have not been made available. First reports on Monday's storm made the picture rather black, and many fields were severely damaged, but more conservative estimates have developed as time for studying the conditions has been lengthened.

## Gerald Peterson Severely Burned By Exploding Gas

Gerald Peterson, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Peterson, was severely burned about 7 o'clock Saturday evening when a gasoline drum exploded at the ranch home south of Ione.

The boy was attempting to remove the top of the drum which he planned to convert into a shower tank, using an acetylene torch. When the flame cut thru the metal, gas fumes were ignited. The force of the explosion blew both ends of the drum out, the upper portion, where the torch was being applied, striking him in the face and knocking him to the ground. His clothing was on fire when his brother Donald reached him, and the flame from the explosion had burned him about the neck and face.

When a physician arrived it was decided to place the boy in a hospital. The ambulance was called from Heppner and he was rushed to Pendleton. Latest report from the hospital was that Gerald was improving.

Commenting on the accident, Dr. A. D. McMurdo said that one should always remember to fill an empty oil drum with water before applying heat.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer and children, Julie Ann and John, of Seattle will return to their home in Seattle Friday after visiting several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crville Smith. Mr. Pfeiffer is Mrs. Smith's brother.

## Closing Game of W-T League To Be Played Sunday

### Heppner Will Try To Humble League-Leading Condon

All efforts of the Heppner Wheat-Timber league baseball team will be directed towards humbling Condon when the two teams meet on the Rodeo grounds at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the final home game of the season. Condon's perch on the top round of the ladder will not be affected, win or lose, and the Heppner lads would like to win this game just to say they beat the champs.

Heppner took a high scoring contest from Hermiston there last Sunday, winning 15-7. McCurdy pitched seven innings of good ball, allowing four hits and striking out 11 batters. Broadfoot finished the game, allowing three hits and striking out two men.

With a record of 18 hits, the Heppner lads were really "on the ball" Sunday. Hoyt made it four out of six; Boland three out of four, one his second home run of the season; Singer got three out of five. Broadfoot two out of four. The other hits were scattered among the rest of the players.

Hermiston's hitters for the day were Cellers, who clouted a home run; Schoonover, two out of four, and Michidis two out of four.

Heppner batters took a heavy toll of hits on Cellers, garnering 14 in eight innings. The Hermiston moundman struck out none.

This was Heppner's sixth victory in a row. The boys are hoping to keep up the winning streak Sunday.

## Francis P. McCabe Services Held at Catholic Church

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday from the St. Patrick's Catholic church for Francis Patrick McCabe, 36, whose death occurred at the state tuberculosis hospital at Salem on July 11. Rev. Francis McComack officiated, and pallbearers were Joe Brosnan, Francis Doherty, James Higgins, Hugh McLaughlin, Don Pointer and Bernard Doherty.

Francis was born May 2, 1910 at Pendleton. He grew to manhood in this county, attending school at Lena, Pine City and Baker. When called up for service in 1942 the physical examination revealed a tubercular condition and he was placed in the state tuberculosis hospital.

Surviving are his father, Frank McCabe of Heppner, and a sister, Mrs. Robert Miller of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engkrat returned last week from Nampa, Idaho, where they went to spend the Fourth and to get their daughter, Nadine Clark. They were guests of the H. O. Bauman family and with the Baumans spent the national holiday at Payette lake.

## HE'S A FARMER, ALL RIGHT! OH, YEH?

N. D. Bailey was telling ye yeh scribe that he'd bought himself a ranch over about Stanfield. We looked a bit skeptical.

"Oh, I'm a farmer, all right." We still looked skeptical.

"You don't believe me, do you? Well, to tell the truth, I don't know the first thing about farming."

So we say, as a farmer, Bailey is a first class carpenter.

## Mrs. Wilson Brock Dies at Pendleton

Several Heppner people drove to Pendleton Saturday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Wilson E. Brock, 77, who succumbed to a heart attack Thursday, being stricken while at the Taylor Hardware Co. of which she and her son, Harold R. Brock, are owners. The services were held at 2 p.m. from the Church of the Redeemer, with Rev. Neville Blunt of All Saints Episcopal church of Heppner, officiating.

A member of a pioneer Morrow county family, Mrs. Brock had been a resident of Pendleton since 1900. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus A. Rhea who were among the earlier settlers of this county, living on the creek to which Mr. Rhea gave his name. She and Mr. Brock were married in October 1893 and lived for a short time in Hillsboro where he was engaged in the drug business with his brother-in-law, the late George W. Conser, under the name of Conser & Brock. Mr. Brock was engaged in the drug business in Pendleton from 1900 to 1905, when he entered the hardware business. After his passing March 28, 1937, Mrs. Brock and son Harold continued the business.

Mrs. Brock is survived by her son; one sister, Mrs. Josephine Jones of Heppner; three brothers, Carl Rhea of Portland; Curtis P. Rhea of Forest Grove, and Waldon Rhea of Victoria, B. C., and a granddaughter, Mary Esther Brock.

Among those going from Heppner to the funeral services were Mrs. Josephine Jones, Mrs. Venice Stiles and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner.

## I.A.C. Conducting First Aid Classes

Logging camps in the vicinity of Heppner are being provided with first aid instruction by the accident prevention division of the State Industrial Accident commission.

Camps participating in the classes are the Afton Gayhart Logging company, 30 miles southwest of Heppner; the C. E. Lynch camp, 30 miles southeast of Heppner, and the Scrimmiller mill, 20 miles south of Heppner.

Robert Lafky of the accident prevention division is the instructor and he visits the camps in the order named above each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening.

## BUY FARM AT GRESHAM

A letter from Mrs. Roy Lieualen this week asked that the Gazette Times be mailed to Gresham hereafter. The Lieualens have purchased a farm near Gresham and like that section of the state very much. They would be pleased to see any of their Morrow county friends who happen around that way.

## IONE STUDENT AWARDED TUITION SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Drake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo L. Drake of Ione, was awarded an all tuition scholarship for the year 1947-48 at Eastern Oregon college.

## Violent Storm In Mountains Causes Local Boy's Death

### Gladwin E. Hudson Dies After Being Struck by Tree

A windstorm which swept over a large part of this area Thursday afternoon, July 10, obscuring the sun with dust followed by rain and hail, brought death to Gladwin Earl Hudson, 17, a native Heppner boy and an employee of the forest service in the Heppner district of the Umatilla national forest. The wind, estimated to have reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour, uprooted a Douglas fir tree which fell across the front of young Hudson's car, the top striking the



youth after being broken from the main trunk. The timber hit the victim on the back of the head, severely fracturing the skull. The accident happened about 3 o'clock p.m. and Gladwin passed away at 7:30 p.m. before a doctor and ambulance arrived.

Scene of the accident was about 200 yards from the Ant Hill emergency lookout station, which is approximately 30 miles southeast of Hardman and nine miles by road from the Tamarack lookout station. Gladwin was enroute to the emergency station to take some on-the-job lookout training and was riding alone in his car. Louis Gilliam, district fire guard, and Leonard Pate, lookout, were following him and were about one-half mile distant when the storm broke. When they arrived at the scene, Gladwin was stretched out on the ground, his head crushed. The men administered first aid and then moved the injured boy to Happy Jack camp where they did what they could to make him comfortable. Gilliam tried to reach Dr. A. D. McMurdo by telephone but the storm had disrupted the service and the forest had to drive to Hardman before the doctor could be contacted. The doctor and the ambulance did not arrive at the camp until 8 p.m.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiating. Mrs. Joe Giertson presided at the piano, accompanying a male quartet, James Estes, Robert Walker, William Coehell and Joe Giertson, in the singing of two of Gladwin's favorite hymns, "I Would Be True," and "Now the Day is Over." Pallbearers were chosen from the personnel of the forest service and included Leonard Pate, Louis Gilliam, Glenn Parsons, Roland Parsons, Lowell Rippey and Lauren Corwin. Due to the late arrival of friends from the east, commitment services were deferred until 9 a. m. Monday.

Gladwin Earl Hudson was born March 20, 1930 in Heppner, son of Darl E. and Eva Shannon Hudson, and departed this life July 10, 1947 at the age of 17 years, three months and 20 days. He was the third child of the family and besides the parents is survived by a brother, Hubert, two sisters, Wilma Unrein and Donna Hudson, and a younger brother, Jay Dew, besides four grandparents and other relatives.

Gladwin learned to know people at an early age. He began working as a delivery boy at the age of 12, assisting the Wightman Bros. with their milk route, continuing on this job until the dairy was sold a year or so ago. He did not neglect his school work, for he was active in high school affairs. He was an honor student during his three years and completed the junior year with the highest grades of his class. He was junior class president and assistant editor of the Mustang, high school annual. When the order of DeMolay was formed, he was the first name entered on the charter member list. He became a member of the Methodist church in 1944 and was a faithful attendant at church services.

Trustworthy and upright, "Gladwin" had won to himself a host of friends who are shocked and grieved at his untimely passing.

## News About Town

By Ruth Payne

Mrs. R. D. Allstott Jr. and Mrs. A. H. Thompson entertained Tuesday afternoon at the Allstott apartment in the Gilman building with a stork shower honoring Mrs. Bob Wright. Twenty guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bucknum motored to Portland Sunday to attend the Elks convention this week. They will spend some time at the coast before returning to Heppner. Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Sr. accompanied them to the city where she will spend a few days looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parker returned to their home in Pasco Tuesday after spending the week end here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Kenny were over from Pendleton to spend the week end with relatives.

Merle Cummings of Portland was transacting business in Heppner the end of the week in connection with his position as state director of Federal crop insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross and family and Mrs. Ross' mother, Mrs. Louise Ritchie motored up from The Dalles Sunday to attend the funeral services of the late Gladwin Hudson.



## Where Heppner Youth Met Death July 10

In lieu of an eyewitness account of the accident which cost the life of Gladwin Hudson last Thursday, members of the forest service reconstructed the story and took pictures to show how it happened. It is believed that the motor stalled as the car was rounding a steep grade near the summit of Ant Hill and that Gladwin was backing the car. Intent upon what he was doing he was unaware of the danger of a falling tree. The tree, a Douglas fir, was 84 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter at the butt and tapered down to about three inches at the point which struck the youth. The fact that the car door was open and no serious damage was done to the car indicates that the youth was leaning out to see the road as he backed the car down the grade. The blow from the limb struck the back of his head on the left side.

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