

## Henry Heppner Story Told By Harold Becket as Senior

(Continued from last week)

In 1872 he went into partnership with J. L. Morrow in the first store in Heppner. Mr. Heppner bought the stock while Mr. Morrow went back to build a store building and they were ready for business in 1872. During the winter of 1872-73 the town, consisting of one store, was named. According to the "History of Umatilla and Morrow counties," published by W. H. Lever, there was some discussion concerning its name, there being some difference of opinion as to whether to call it New Chicago, Willows, or Willow Creek. Mr. George Stansbury suggested the name "Heppner," which was adopted.

Another version of the incident, obtained in an interview with Mr. Cohn, of Heppner, is that goods were shipped from Pendleton marked "Henry Heppner," and in that way the place gradually assumed that name. It is reasonable to suppose that the two circumstances worked together. Mr. Stansbury suggesting the name "Heppner" because it was coming into use and was the logical name to consider.

Mr. Heppner and Mr. Morrow were instrumental in bringing in other business houses. One of

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his designs and blueprints, to the polisher with his buffing tool, from the chemist to the hooded welder, these are the men who keep the nation's traffic arteries humming. Despite production difficulties, Chevrolet has produced its latest million cars and trucks in almost exactly a year.

these was the drug store, put the town grow because it was in by Dr. Shobe.

Naturally the question soon he got on a pony and rode all the way up concerning a school over the country soliciting for Mr. Heppner was a very public subscriptions for a school. Later he furnished the bell for the

schoolhouse.

The first postoffice was in the corner of Heppner and Morrow's store, in 1873. Mr. Stansbury was the first postmaster, and Mr. Heppner and Mr. Morrow gave them their help and store space.

In 1875, says the "History of Umatilla and Morrow Counties,"

Mr. Heppner entered partnership with Frank Maddock in a store. Not very long after this he went to Arlington, through which a railroad had just been built, and there he constructed a warehouse for grain, wool, and hides, and also built a store. In his business at Arlington he was assisted by his brother, Phil, who took care of the business there after Henry returned to Heppner.

In 1888 the railroad reached this town, and in the following year Mr. Heppner built a large warehouse here. His business, run by his brother-in-law, Henry Blackman, and his nephews, Phil and Jerry Cohn, had been thriving all the time he was in Arlington. He owned a large part of the business section of the town. The building in which Mr. Prophet now has his store was formerly a warehouse with a dirt roof. Mr. Heppner reconstructed the building, and at intervals built the buildings next to it. These buildings were not built, however, to hold his own business, but simply for the expansion of the town. When he could find someone who would lease a building for a term of several years he would provide the building.

It would be hard to find a man who was more zealously devoted to the growth of the town than he was to Heppner. He apparently regarded it as a namesake, and treated it accordingly.

Whatever his motives were, the results he obtained were pleasing. Although he would not have thought of holding a public office, he occupied a high place in our history.

He was a gruff, eccentric old man, as remembered by many of the men who used to deal with him, very poorly dressed, and very unclean. It is said by those who knew him that to look at him one would not know he had fifteen cents. He would buy a suit and wear it until it was completely worn out, or buy a shirt and rarely take it off until he was forced to buy a new one. He slept in his store a good part of the time, and boarded at the hotel. Part of the time he lived with his sister, Mrs. Blackman. It was seldom that he could be found more than half sober, a condition that seemed to grow on him as he grew older.

On the other hand, his character redeemed him. He was close in business, like most members of his race, and when there was a demand for a certain article he would raise the price on it two or three times, but the very next day he would give a twenty-dollar bill to any one if he thought he needed it very badly. He subscribed to everything upon which he was approached, if his name was to head the list. He was gruff and surly to all with whom he talked, and not very careful about his language when around the ladies; but he saved many a poor man from bankruptcy when he had absolutely no security. At a Salvation Army meeting one night, when everyone was called to the front of the room there were some who would not answer the call, but these twenty-dollar bills were found on the platform. Part of this sum was attributed to Mr. Heppner. In addition to helping build a schoolhouse, Mr. Heppner aided many children to attend school. A man with many children and not very much money came from

the East. Mr. Cohn says that Heppner paid the tuition for those children to go to school. It would not be true to say that people liked him—they did not.

But it was for their interest to be friendly with him, and naturally it wasn't until after his death that his generosity was really appreciated.

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At his death he was one of the wealthiest men in this part of the country. Some of his money went to various relatives, but his estate remained intact, was incorporated, and is now run by Mr. Phil Cohn, his nephew, of this city.

Mr. Heppner died in April, 1905, in Heppner, and was laid to rest in the Jewish cemetery in Portland.



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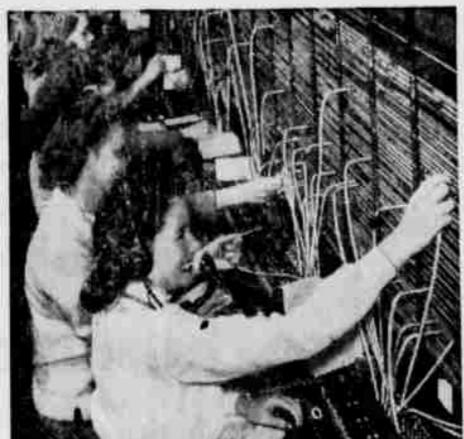
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## Long Holiday Slated For Kinzua Workers

By Elsa M. Leathers

The management has posted notices that due to the unusual logging conditions back in the hills the Christmas vacation will be longer this year, starting Friday, Dec. 24 and running thru January 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Caudill went to Kentucky Friday where they plan to make their home. Mr. Caudill has been electrician here for a long time.

Mrs. Harvey Boyer returned to her home here after spending a week end with Mrs. Reeser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nesselrodt are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday morning at the Wade maternity home. She has been named Beverly Jean.

Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Herb Wright and Patty spent several days at The Dales visiting and shopping. They returned home Thursday.

H. B. Sande, first aid man here, tendered his resignation last week and Dr. Atwood of Eugene arrived Thursday to take over the hospital.

Larry Carroll, representative of the A. F. L., was a visitor at the local union meeting Thursday evening.

Mrs. Nelson Murphy, who suffered a stroke here on Thursday evening and passed away in The Dalles on Monday, was taken to her home town in Missouri for burial. Besides her husband, she leaves three small children and several brothers and sisters all

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here in Oregon. Her parents and a smaller brother live in Missouri.

### JOBS OFFERED TO RECRUITS

Scores of specialized jobs at nearby army posts are open to veterans and civilians who, if they are qualified by experience, may choose a specific assignment when they enlist. Captain Eugene F. Halliday, commander of the Pendleton U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting station, announced today.

He named specialist openings as radio operators, radar technicians, surgical technicians, administration technicians and clerks, and clarinet and trumpet players in the 2d Infantry division at Ft Lewis, Wash. Other units at Ft Lewis have openings for electricians, topographic draftsmen and surveyors, typists, construction equipment mechanics, tank mechanics, surgical technicians, meat and dairy technicians, power turret and gun sight repairmen and photogrammetrists.

The 2d Engineer special brigade at Fort Worden, Wash., has openings for cooks, bakers, carpenters, construction technicians, typists, linemen, radio repairmen.

Openings at Fort Lawton, Wash., include military police, technicians, clerks and surgical technicians.

For men desiring duty on the east coast a few openings exist at posts in New York and New Jersey, Captain Halliday said.

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