

# EDITORIAL



## Oiling Will Help

With March winds stirring up the dust, conditions on Heppner streets have been somewhat reminiscent of the pre-paving era the past few days. An exceptionally moist winter has washed no little amount of good top soil from the hillsides down on to the streets and as this soil has dried it has started moving further and on, according to the fancy of the wind.

Our streets are getting dry and it would be a good idea to invest some of the funds reverting to the city from state highway funds in a new coat of oil. This may be done if a program now under consideration by the council is started this year. That is to establish curb lines and extend the paving out to those lines. Much of the existing trouble is due to a lack of proper drainage, the absence of established gutters to carry away the water that accumulates during storms or from melting snows. Parked vehicles gather up mud from the undrained sides of the streets and carry it out on to the traveled portion and when this mud dries wind and traffic stir up the dust. It is disagreeable and a thwarting of the effort to keep down the dust and provide cleaner streets and more comfortable living conditions.

By all means, let us have more oil on the present paving if there is a fund with which to pay for such improvement.

## National 4-H Club Week

This is national 4-H Club week. It is "get going with the spring season" time for 1,700,000 farm boys and girls in 4-H clubs. And here is what the clubs will do:

Without much national fanfare the boys and girls in 74,000 clubs over the country will meet with their adult leaders and talk over how best to carry on their agreed-on projects; make an inventory in order to see that they have all needed supplies and equipment; plan new projects;

visit other boys and girls in the community and invite them to attend meetings, join, and help, and plan special local public gatherings, exhibits, citizenship ceremonies, radio programs, and other activities to help explain club work to all, and make it mean more to farm boys and girls as well as to the general public.

The special theme for 4-H Club week and thru 1948 is "Creating Better Homes Today for a More Responsible Citizenship Tomorrow."

The boys and girls who follow through with their 4-H club work not only profit financially but become leaders in their chosen fields of endeavor. They learn early in life the value of being thrifty and industrious, of getting pleasure out of worthwhile enterprise instead of frivolity.

There is something for all of us in that 1948 theme, if we would but take a leaf from the 4-H club book.

## Welcome, Soroptimists

Heppner took another step forward this week with formation here of a chapter of Soroptimist, an international women's civic organization. While the charter membership is comparatively small, there is no doubt but that as meaning and aims of Soroptimist become better known the membership will increase. The local chapter will be a luncheon club with a meeting each week.

The new club will afford an outlet for business women of the community who have little or no time to participate in chamber of commerce and kindred civic activities, particularly those calling for evening meetings. The women will meet at luncheon, just as the chamber of commerce does, and transact club affairs during the noon hour.

Soroptimist is one more organization looking to civic improvement, and being a women's group will be prosecuted with more vigor than is the case with other organizations.

The new club is a welcome addition to the civic and social life of the community.

## Week's Events At Irrigon Chronicled By Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dues are home from Portland and Estacada where they visited Mrs. Dues' relatives. They returned by way of White Salmon where they visited Mr. Dues' brother, John, and family.

Rev. Walter Warner returned home Tuesday from a Methodist conference in Portland.

The C. A. Millers are starting 300 White Leghorn baby chicks. Miss Beth Russell of Pendleton spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Whipple had their sons home for a few days, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whipple of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Whipple and small son of Enterprise.

Mrs. Shirley Johnson of Umatilla and Frank Broughton were married in Pendleton Saturday. Mrs. Broughton spent several months in Irrigon with her mother, Mrs. Fred Davis and sister, Mrs. Joe Paul. They will be at home in Spokane after a short honeymoon trip.

The H. H. Whipples have improved the looks of their home by painting the exterior. They are also painting the interior.

The East Side Ditch company had a meeting at the Bill Graybeal home Monday evening. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Violet Hill took her four daughters and Janet Stephens and Glenda Abken to the Plamor Skating rink Sunday afternoon.

Horace Mulkey and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Matteson of Heppner spent the week end with their son and brothers, Gene and Lyle Mulkey, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall and baby of Spray spent Saturday at the Wm. J. Gollyhorn home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denison of Spray, Mrs. Lyle Matteson and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams of Echo and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gollyhorn and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Zabransky were dinner guests at the Wm. Gollyhorn home Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth McCoy and son Charles and family spent the week end at Imbler and Island City returning Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Zoby of Spokane spent two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. John Allen and family, going home Monday.

Warren McCoy is working on his house again, putting in door and window frames.

Mrs. Mabel Rand and son, Rev. Walter Rand, and brother Harvey Rand and family were in Walla Walla Sunday visiting David Rand at Whitman.

John Allen took his Boy Scout troops on a hiking and camping trip south of the highway Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Abken and Mrs. E. A. Stephens and son Clark took a trip to Plymouth and Kennewick and Horse Heaven Sunday.

Betty and Dean Aceck and James C. Shoun went to Portland and vicinity Saturday, returning Monday morning.

The Carl Haddock family were over from Sunnyside Tuesday evening. They attended the play, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works."

33,000 miles year-long tour last September 17 in Philadelphia. It carries 127 of the nation's most priceless documents showing the foundations and growth of American liberty.

The Freedom Train is, in essence, the spearhead of the American Heritage Foundation's program which seeks to recreate awareness among U. S. citizens of their priceless heritage; and to urge more active participation of all citizens in civic affairs.

Most of the documents aboard the Freedom Train have heretofore never been taken from their permanent place of safe-keeping. For the most part, custody of the papers belongs to the Library of Congress, the National archives, state department and war, navy and treasury departments. Many private collections, notably the Research Collection of early American memorabilia, are also well represented.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bucknum entertained with dinner and cards at their apartment on Gale street Saturday evening. Present were Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodge Jr. and Don Bennett.

## Gross Gets Nod From Pilots For Landing Fields

The rapid expansion in number of small airplane landing fields in Oregon and the popularity of grass runways is indicated by the frequent requests for information on best grasses to use for this purpose, reports E. R. Jackman, extension farm crops specialist at O.S.C.

The grass runways are far cheaper than surfaced runways, and in addition, pilots of small planes prefer them to the cement or gravel surfaces, says Jackman. Alta fescue, chewing fescue, and the various bent grasses produced in Oregon are all used successfully for landing fields. These provide a tough, smooth sod that stands wear and is usable under varying weather conditions.

Pilots say a grass runway affords better depth perception because there are practically no heat waves from grass, whereas on solid runways pilots are frequently confused by a wavy appearance, if not actual mirages.

Grass landing fields also practically eliminate tire wear, pilots report, in sharp contrast to other types of landing fields where rapid wear of tires is an important item of expense.

Other advantages in grass landing fields mentioned by pilots included the elimination of dust, which causes poor visibility on landing and wears out planes rapidly, and the freedom from flying gravel in the prop wash, which is common on gravelled fields.

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## School Bus Load Of Kinzuans Attend Dalles Tournament

By Elsa M. Leathers

The Kinzua school bus, driven by Lee Hoover, was taken to The Dalles on Thursday morning to take all the high school students who wished to attend the sub-district tourney. The Fossil Falcons were defeated by St. Mary's boys on Thursday evening. Those going from Kinzua were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Graham and family, Mrs. Lee Neth and daughter Marlene, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hoover and family, Owen Leathers Jr., Keith Osborn, Mark Jellick, Joan Otto, Dixie Woods and Helen Marlene.

A baby daughter was born on Thursday at The Dalles to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Morley. She was named Carol Levon and weighed 8 1/2 pounds. This is their only child.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson and family visited Saturday at Condon with Mr. Johnson's father, E. E. Pryor, and motored on to The Dalles to see the Condon Rover boys basketball players. Earl Pryor is a player and also Mr. Johnson's brother.

Mrs. Charles Elliott and brother, John Owens, from The Dalles were visiting a sister, Mrs. Warren Jobe, and brother, Jack Owens, over the week end.

Sterling Wahm met his wife at Arlington Thursday evening when she returned from Portland with their new little adopted daughter. They have named her Patsy.

Mrs. George Green began working in the confectionery on Saturday in the place of Bee Morgan who was married last week to Stan Hadley.

Mrs. Frank Denton is clerking at Kinzua Mercantile since Mrs. Sterling Wahm resigned to be at home with their newly adopted daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldy Reoser and daughter of Prineville spent last week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis.

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Joe Hays, Slip Wright, Geo. Close, Clay Phillips and Maurice Brown of Kinzua and Andrew Staig and George Duke of Fossil attended the Masonic lodge at Heppner Friday night.

Mrs. Harry Johnson and children of Portland are visiting here with her parents and friends for some time, while her husband is at sea. When he returns to Portland she will return to her home there.

J. D. Coleman and Geo. Close of Portland Friday on business.

Mrs. Aubria Paton and daughter of San Diego, Cal., came to

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From Heppner Gazette Times March 7, 1918

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J. J. McMillan of Lexington has started excavation for a fine new home there.

P. A. Mollahan, local sheepman, received a broken leg when his horse fell with him Saturday.

Arnold Piper, young son of Mr. and Mrs. John Piper, well known farmers of Morrow county, received a severe wound in the leg Sunday this week when he was

charged by a mad bull. One of the horns of the animal penetrated the young man's leg and a deep laceration was effected.

A. J. Walton, Portland contractor, who arrived in the city Wednesday evening, will start work at once to macadamize some of the principal streets of Heppner.

E. M. Shutt has announced himself as a candidate for sheriff and J. A. Waters also announces that he will be a candidate to succeed himself as county clerk.

W. O. Minor returned last week from Portland where he sold six head of blooded stock at the Minor, Dunn and Brown Shorthorn sale.

Greenwood Thornton has enlisted in the truck drivers' ser-

vice and has departed for Texas where they are being mobilized for immediate embarkation to France.

W. A. Richardson has been making several improvements on his Center street property. A new wire fence is one of the improvements.

## Freedom Train To Visit Walla Walla Tuesday, March 30

Carrying the documents that symbolize the freedom and her Judge, subject to the will of the Train will visit Walla Walla on March 30 where more than 100 years ago the wagon trains carried civilization to the Oregon country.

Walla Walla will be the first stop of the train in Oregon and Washington and the visit and week of rededication prior to the train's arrival are sponsored by the Junior chamber of commerce in cooperation with the American Heritage Foundation.

For weeks the Junior chamber and members of other organizations have been planning the events of rededication week to be climaxed by the visit of the train. Some 12 committees are planning the various events.

Reuben Denning, general chairman, this week approved the various days to feature the week prior to the visit of the train. March 23 is school day, March 24 veterans' day, March 25 labor, agriculture and management day, March 26 women's day, March 27 youth day, March 28 freedom of religion day, March 29 local heritage day and March 30 train day.

At present another committee is raising \$1000 as Walla Walla's share of the cost of the Freedom Train. This is being done thru solicitation and giving the people a chance to contribute any amount.

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