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Services Held For Charles A. Miller Wednesday P. M.

Was Born in Linn County, Oregon on December 23, 1852

Death came Monday, March 8, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones south of Heppner, with whom he had made his home for several years. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Christ in Heppner, the pastor, Joe Jewett, officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

In the passing of Mr. Miller, one of the early Oregon pioneers born within the boundaries of the state has been taken. He was born in Linn county, then in Oregon territory, December 23, 1852, the son of George and Martha Ann Miller, Oregon pioneers of 1850. Syracuse precinct was the site of the Miller home in those early days.

Mr. Miller's early years were spent in the Willamette valley, and his young manhood in southern Oregon on the cattle range. Later he spent many years as agent and telegrapher for the Oregon Pacific railroad, forerunner of the Corvallis & Eastern, having been located in Albany, Corvallis and Yaquina. He arrived at Yaquina via flat car and wagon before the railroad was completed, to take charge of the company's business. At Albany he was also agent for the O. R. & N. company's river operation.

He retired from the railroad in 1898 and entered the mercantile business. For the last 40 years he lived at Heppner. He was a member of the Christian church.

In March 1878 he was united in marriage with Alice Farwell, to this union one daughter was born, Mrs. C. P. Huston of Silverton. Following the death of his wife he was married in 1882 to Luella C. Farwell. Three daughters were born to this marriage, Mrs. C. R. Nokes, Albany; Mrs. C. N. Jones, Heppner; and Mrs. E. Jones, deceased. Mrs. Miller died in December 1942 and since that time Mr. Miller had made his home with his daughters and granddaughter.

Survivors are Mrs. C. N. Jones, Mrs. C. D. Huston, Mrs. C. R. Nokes, daughters; 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren. A granddaughter, a grandson and a great grandson also preceded him in death.

Pallbearers were Paul, Marcel, Floyd, Robert and Don Jones, all grandsons, and J. E. Kish.

BAND CONCERT POSTPONED

Due to the illness of Billy Cochell, director, the concert planned by the Heppner school band on March 19 has been postponed. The plans will be taken up again as soon as Mr. Cochell is able to be on the job, which will be a week or more.

ELKS LADIES NIGHT

Thursday, March 18 will be ladies night at Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E.

Elegant Baker Home Visited By 91 People at Open House

Visitors to the number of 91 wrote their names on the guest book at the E. Markham Baker home Sunday afternoon on the occasion of the open house held by them to permit the public to inspect what may be termed one of the most elegant farm homes in this or any other county. Guests were welcomed at the door, asked to sign the guest book and then piloted to the kitchen where refreshments of ice cream, cookies and coffee were passed out to be eaten at the dining room table or in the spacious living room where card tables were set up for that purpose.

Following the refreshment period, guests eagerly set about to see the nine-room house and full basement. "The best way to get the proper picture of the house is to visit the Bakers." Built-ins are at hand on every turn, yet in no instance has utility been permitted to detract from beauty, or vice versa. The idea, successfully worked out, was to save steps and running up and down stairs for this, that and the other thing.

Gooseberry Rain Man Reports 16.09 Inches of Moisture

Rainfall in the Gooseberry area is already four inches above normal since July 1, 1947, according to Leonard Carlson, observer. It should be said that precipitation is above normal, since snow has figured prominently in the moisture since winter set in along in November.

Carlson, in town Tuesday, reported a total of four and one-half inches of snow in his section that morning. This was good for 55 of an inch of moisture. Since July 1, 1947, a total of 16.09 inches of precipitation has been recorded up to March 10, or 4.09 inches above the yearly average over a 10-year period—and several months remain in the fiscal year.

"No wonder new springs are running," quoth the weather observer.

Stockman Presents Bill to Prevent Artificial Surplus

Congressman Lowell Stockman (R) of Oregon has introduced a bill to do away with the requirement for a 150 million bushel carry-over of wheat as of July 1, 1948. By this bill he hopes to prevent the government from creating an artificial wheat surplus in this country.

He stated today that "We are growing approximately 2 bushels of wheat for every bushel consumed in the United States, and if by legislative act we build up an artificial surplus in this country, the surplus will be just that much greater when the government stops buying for foreign relief and the natural surplus occurs."

When the Foreign Aid act of 1947 was passed, it contained a provision that the president should allow for a carry-over of wheat in the United States as of July 1, 1948, of not less than 150 million bushels. Congressman Stockman said, "I feel that this specified carry-over provision is unnecessary, that a normal crop can be expected in 1948, and if the government continues in the policy of creating an artificial surplus, this will only add to the natural surplus, and thus result in undue hardship to the wheat growers."

Congressman Stockman has therefore today filed a bill to amend the Foreign Aid Act of 1947 by striking out the provision requiring a carry-over as of July 1, 1948 of 150 million bushels of wheat.

SHOWER FOR REA FAMILY

A miscellaneous shower for the benefit of the Clell Rea family will be held at the Ione American Legion hall Sunday evening. It will be a public affair and sponsors are hoping that people of the county will participate and aid in refurbishing many items lost when fire destroyed the Rea home Monday.

The girls volleyball team of Rufus high school, playing at Ione Tuesday night, defeated the hostess team. Score unreported.

New Legion Hall To Be Dedicated Saturday, April 3

Arrangements have been completed by Heppner Post No. 87 American Legion for the dedication of the new hall recently completed at the site of the old St. Patrick's church. The date chosen for the event is Saturday, April 3, and the post is making somewhat elaborate preparations for the celebration.

Final touches have not been given the exterior of the building but the interior has been completed and will hold a pleasant surprise for those who have not seen it. The former church building has been expanded to make a roomy hall, and a second floor was built in to provide room for club meetings and other functions not requiring as much space as the lower floor.

An effort is being made to bring in the state commander as the featured speaker but up to press time the committee had had no word from him.

Mrs. Leon Curtiss Buried Saturday At The Dalles

Mrs. Leon W. Curtiss, 80, 411 Benton St., The Dalles, died shortly before 9 a.m., March 4 in The Dalles hospital after an illness of two weeks. Her first break in health was a stroke she suffered on her 77th birthday as she was sitting in the auditorium of The Dalles high school waiting for the graduation exercises to begin. This caused her to be hospitalized. Mrs. Curtiss had been a resident of Granddallies for 69 years but had resided in The Dalles for a little more than eight months.

She was born Georgiana Fenton at Amity, Oregon, on May 18, 1867. Mrs. Curtiss has been active in The Dalles, having served as president of the Sorosis club, and the Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church. She had also been worthy matron of the Eastern Star.

She was united in marriage to Leon W. Curtiss on January 12, 1888, and to this union were born three children, all of whom survive. Survivors are one son, Grover C. Curtiss, Cecil; two daughters, Mrs. Josephine Curtiss Fulton, The Dalles, and Verne E. Curtiss, a teacher in Wapato, Wash. Four grandchildren, Gard and Robert Fulton, both of The Dalles, and Bobby and Leona Curtiss of Cecil, and three great grandchildren, Judy Fulton, Kit Fulton, and John Fulton, all of The Dalles, also survive.

Mrs. Curtiss also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Isabelle Cooley, The Dalles; Mrs. Laura Menefee, Portland, and Mrs. Gertrude Hall of Oakland, Ore. She was preceded in death by her three brothers and by two sisters. Mr. Curtiss died October 10, 1934. Immediately after her marriage she and her husband engaged in stock raising and farming, retiring in 1910.

Funeral services were held from the Spencer & Libby chapel, The Dalles at 2 p.m. March 6, the Rev. Willard Hall officiating, assisted by the Rev. R. A. Hutchinson, former Congregational minister of The Dalles. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery, The Dalles, with the order of the Eastern Star conducting graveside services.

Finals of Legion Oratorical Contest Set for March 20

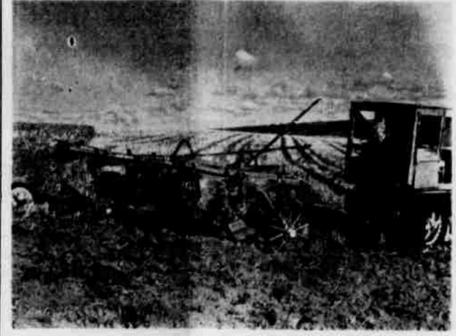
The finals of the district contest to determine the winner of the 11th annual American Legion Oratorical contest is scheduled at Eastern Oregon college Saturday, March 20, at 2:30 p.m., according to an announcement by Jesse Rosenbaum, division chairman, district 4, American Legion Oratorical contest for Oregon.

Included in district 4 under Mr. Rosenbaum's direction are the following counties: Harney, Grant, Umatilla, Wallowa, Union, Baker, Malheur, Crook, Morrow, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler.

It is expected that the winners from a number of these counties will participate in the regional contest at La Grande. The county contests are scheduled to be held prior to March 13, and names of winners should be forwarded to Jesse Rosenbaum, La Grande.

Ray Williams is chairman for Union county in the American Legion Oratorical contest, and reports the contest in La Grande high school is scheduled for Monday, March 8, in the high school English classroom.

Conservation Of Soil Still No. 1 Problem of County's Farms



Trashy fallow, New Clarras, Lexington farmer, is shown with his modified moldboard plow which is successfully used for trashy fallow. The practice of using trash on the surface is becoming very important to Morrow county farmers. Farmers in the heavier rainfall area with steeper land have a problem of water erosion where special efforts are being made by the Heppner Soil Conservation district and Morrow County Agricultural Conservation committee to bring about practices to save this soil. Modified moldboards are being tried by several farmers in the county this year as one means of controlling water erosion. Other types of equipment which will leave this trash on the surface are the Graham-Hoeme plow, the John Deere "CC" cultivator, Calkins sweep plow, and similar sub-soil tillage implements. In lighter stubble ordinary rod weeders with shovel attachments are being successfully used.

Morrow county farmers are reminded this week that conservation of their soil is still the number one problem that all should be interested in. With heavy rainfall during the fall and winter months continuing to wash away thousands of tons of good Morrow county soil it is important that farmers begin now to plan their conservation program to save this soil, which is disappearing much too fast if a permanent agriculture is to be maintained here, says County Agent Nelson Anderson.

This was the thinking of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation committee when meeting recently to make final plans for administering the 1948 conservation program. "Don't let erosion 'hog' all the soil on your farm," is the watchword for the Morrow county conservation practice in the handbook for 1948. A copy of this handbook has recently been mailed to all Morrow county farmers and others interested in conservation.

For 1948 the Morrow county committee has taken what it considers a forward step by encouraging farmers to combine the trashy fallow practice with contour farming. In order to qualify for trashy fallow payment in Morrow county, all tillage operations must be carried out on the contour on an entire area. This practice will qualify only on land with at least an average slope of 5 per cent, and on land which the county committee considers to be a water erosion hazard. This practice is aimed at the higher rainfall area in southern Morrow county where water erosion has taken much of the topsoil and effective means of controlling this erosion have not been adopted by farmers in that area.

This practice is new and many questions are bound to arise from farmers who can effectively use the practice for controlling water erosion, Anderson says. Specifications of this practice, G-8, is given in the 1948 handbook. The committee points out that at least 500 pounds of straw per acre must be left on the surface with no burning in any part of the field. Prior approval from the county committee must be obtained for this and all conservation practices for which conservation payments are made.

Other practices to be found in the 1948 Morrow County Handbook are green manure and cover crops, contour farming, strip-cropping, subsoiling with rotary and chiseling implements, soil waterways and waterspreading, erosion control dams, reorganization of irrigation systems and drainage development, range water development, deferred grazing and fencing for better distribution of livestock, and weed control.

Applications for prior approval for establishing conservation practices are now being taken by the committee at the AAA office.

News of General Interest Marks Community Life During Past Week

By Ruth Payne

The play, "A Hillbilly Court," Mrs. W. O. Bayless and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson were hostesses for the O. E. S. social club at the Masonic hall Saturday afternoon. The St. Patrick's motif was carried out in the decorations and refreshments. Cards were the diversion of the afternoon with Mrs. Fred Lucas receiving high score for bridge and Mrs. Floyd Worden high for pinocle. Mrs. Walter Becket received the door prize.

Initiation ceremonies were presented at the meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge Tuesday evening for the following members: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corbin, Mrs. Merle Burkenbine, Mrs. Lloyd Burkenbine, Garlene Turner, Colleen Conner, Mrs. Mildred Hanna, Mrs. William Collins and Mrs. James Brannon. Plans are being made by the lodge to attend the state convention which will be held in Portland on April 15 and 16. This lodge will present a tableau at that time. Hostesses for Tuesday's meeting were Mesdames J. J. O'Connor, Gordon Grady, M. V. Nolan and Edna Bailey. Meetings are being held in the American Legion hall.

Mrs. Harley Anderson was hostess for the O. E. S. Officers' club at the Ruggie apartment in the Gilman building Monday evening. Present were Mrs. Frank Conner, Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Mrs. Floyd Worden, Mrs. Oscar Rippee, Mrs. Gordon Banker, Mrs. Harold Becket, Mrs. Frank S. Parker and Mrs. Ruggles who was a guest of the club. Refreshments were served.

The Morrow County Shrine club and auxiliary will hold a meeting in the Masonic hall at 8 p.m., Saturday evening. Mrs. Mary Edwards left Friday morning for her home in Hillsboro after visiting in Heppner several days last week. Preceding her departure, Mr. and Mrs. George Gertson entertained with a pinocle party in her honor at their home Thursday evening. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Phelan, Mrs. Ethel Zeimant, Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mrs. Edna Turner, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Devine, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas. High score for men was received by Mr. Phelan and for the ladies by Mrs. Thom-

Annex Added To Service Station By James Farley

Construction of an addition to the Shell service station at the corner of May and Chase streets is being completed this week by James J. Farley, owner. Built for the purpose of providing Pontiac service to the people of the community, the station will henceforth be known as the Farley Pontiac company.

The addition is approximately the same size as the original station and will provide space for repair work and the servicing of cars. Farley has engaged the services of L. H. "Line" Nash, former Braden Tractor & Equipment employee but for the past years employed in the Pontiac garage at Hood River, one year as foreman, to operate the station.

Hunters, Anglers Elect Joe Aiken President for '48

Sportsmen of the county, in a meeting Wednesday evening, March 3, concluded they would rather see the Hunters and Anglers club carry on in the future than to be buried at this time and they set the wheels in motion for more activity in the months to come. They elected Joe Aiken president for the ensuing year as the first move in re-viving the club. On the board with Aiken will be Dr. L. D. Tibbles, vice president, and Willard Blake, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the Oregon State Game commission will be invited to attend the next meeting of the local club and work plans will be delayed until a reply from the commission.

City Officials Get Bid to League of Oregon Cities Meet

City officials and civic leaders of Heppner have received invitations from Mayor R. L. Elfstrom of Salem, president of the League of Oregon Cities and Mayor Hugh Bowman of Pendleton to attend a regional meeting to discuss current municipal problems at Pendleton on Tuesday evening, March 16. The meeting will be conducted on an informal basis according to an announcement of Mayor Elfstrom. Topics that have been suggested for discussion include the preparation of next year's city budgets, the financing of city facilities, building regulations, and city planning.

League representatives will make a report on the work of the legislative interim committee for the study of highway, road and street needs, revenue and taxation and will work with city officials on a plan for coordinating their presentation at the hearings of the interim committee to be held in eastern Oregon during the following week.

City officials of Umatilla and Morrow counties will attend the Pendleton meeting, and the league will be represented by Mayor George W. Peavy of Corvallis, league vice-president, Mr. Ed Ford of La Grande, league director, and members of the league staff in addition to Mayor Elfstrom.

LEXINGTON HOME EC CLUB SETS MEETING

Regular meeting of the Lexington grange home economics club will be held Thursday, March 18, beginning at 1 p.m. Mrs. Chris Brown will be hostess at her home in Heppner.

The project for the afternoon will be making articles from old reclaimed felt. All members are urged to attend, bring their felt and exchange ideas on both useful and decorative items. The chairman will have some patterns which may be used along with any suggestions from the members.

IONE FOLKS SERENADE NEWLYWEDS AT PARTY

Residents of Ione assembled at the American Legion hall in the "Egg City" Wednesday evening in what may be termed a serenade party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jack Farris, whose marriage was a recent event.

Mrs. Farris is the former Jo Anne Martin of Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chinn went to The Dalles Tuesday to receive the body of Mr. Chinn's nephew, David Chinn, who died Sunday at the Eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital, and take it to Portland for burial. David Chinn lived several years in Heppner where he worked as a cook in the Elkhorn restaurant when his uncle operated the place. He left here for Portland about five years ago and shortly afterward entered the hospital at The Dalles.

Fire Destroys One Of County's Oldest Landmarks Monday

One of the county's oldest residences passed out of existence Monday when fire destroyed the Pettys house a short distance east of the Jordan elevator. It was occupied by the Clell Rea family, none of whom were at home at the time. Mr. Rea was working on a farm near Morgan and Mrs. Rea and the younger children had driven down there to take his lunch to him.

With the exception of household goods removed from the lower floor by neighbors and passersby, house and everything were consumed by the flames. Millard Nolan and some freight truck drivers discovered the flames as they were driving past the place and got word to Ione at once.

It is said that A. C. Pettys, builder of the house, hauled the lumber from Goldendale, Wash., about 75 years ago. That was before the advent of Ione and when the house was completed it was not only the Pettys residence but served as a postoffice, under the name of Pettysville, for the settlers of that area.

Mrs. Frank Engelman, Mrs. C. W. Swanson, Mrs. Fred Nicholson, and G. A. Pettys of Ione, children of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pettys, were born in the house.

Hospital Financing Main Issue Before Luncheon Group

How to raise \$20,000 additional funds for the Pioneer Memorial hospital was the main issue before the luncheon group of the chamber of commerce at Monday's meeting. Discussion brot out the fact that something will have to be done real soon if the county is to share in the federal aid money allotted for this year to Oregon.

To get action on the project it was agreed that the board of directors should meet Wednesday evening with representatives from other organizations and any interested persons to map out a campaign for raising the needed funds. The meeting was held last night and methods of raising the money discussed but it was decided an experienced fund campaigner should be named chairman, selection of which was expected to be made today, and until the selection is made there will be no further action for a day or so.

Halbert Krog Dies After Brief Illness

Halbert Krog, about 60, died about midnight Monday following a short illness. Death was attributed to heart failure following an inquest by a coroner's jury.

Krog, a lumber grader at the Heppner Lumber company, had made his home in one of John Halton's apartments until about four days prior to his death, when he moved to the Hotel Heppner. He had been around town a little while Monday evening and on the advice of his physician returned to his room in the hotel. When found about 10 a.m. Tuesday by hotel employees he was lying on the bed fully dressed, in about the same position the physician left him Monday evening. It was estimated he had been dead about 12 hours when found.

It is understood the body is being shipped to Klamath Falls for burial beside his wife who died several years ago. A son came from there to make the arrangements.

HAD FINE PARTY

An old-time dance with music furnished by members of the club was enjoyed at the Lexington grange hall Saturday evening by the Wranglers, Morrow county riding organization. A large crowd turned out for the affair and a fine time was had by all.

The first ride of the season has been scheduled for Sunday, March 21. The group will leave the Rodeo grounds and ride to the Jim Valentine ranch in Sand Hollow, where Mr. Valentine has guaranteed a good lunch. A few hours will be spent at the ranch before the return ride to town.

ANGLING REGULATION READY FOR MAILING

Ready earlier than usual, copies of the 1948 official synopsis of angling regulations are now available for distribution at all license agencies as well as at the office of the game commission in Portland, announces C. A. Lockwood, state game supervisor.

Attention is called to a typographical error listing the non-resident baiting license fee as \$15 instead of \$5, to which amount this license was increased by the last legislative session.

Tetz Chosen Supt. Of Rural School District of County

New Post Carries Salary of \$5,000 Starting July 1

At a meeting of the rural school board Thursday evening, March 4, Henry Tetz, superintendent of the Heppner schools, was chosen as superintendent of the newly created rural school district. His duties will begin July 1, at which time he will take over the affairs of the present county superintendent, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, and incorporate them into the new rural school district set-up.

The rural school board has set up an attractive salary for the new office, which will handle most of the affairs of the board in an executive capacity, paying \$5,000 per year.

Tetz is now in the closing months of his year as superintendent of School District No. 1, coming here from Pendleton where he served one year as principal of the high school. Prior to that he served as high school principal at Grants Pass for several years. Having taught in the Heppner school some ten years ago he returned here no stranger to the school situation in the county.

Budgets for most of the school districts, with the exception of amounts included for special improvements, were approved by the rural board Thursday evening. The Ione, Boardman and Heppner budgets were approved but the board still has the Lexington budget under consideration.

Provision is made in the rural school set-up to care for incumbent county superintendents until the expiration of the term for which they were elected. They may stay and assist the new rural district superintendents, which it is expected most of them will do for a few months at least, or may retire July 1. The term of Mrs. Rodgers expires January 1, 1950.

The school board of district No. 1 is scratching its collective head over the problem of hiring a superintendent to succeed Mr. Tetz.

Stanford Graduate New Dean School Of Journalism At U

An outstanding young educator in journalism, Clifford Francis Weigle, was named Wednesday to the deanship of the University of Oregon's school of journalism. He will replace Dean George S. Turnbull, who retires June 30, after more than 30 years continuous service in the school.

Mr. Weigle, whose appointment as professor and dean of the school of journalism remains to be confirmed by the state board of higher education, is at present on leave from Stanford university where he is an associate professor in the department of journalism. He is now at the University of Minnesota studying toward his doctoral degree.

A graduate of Stanford university, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1929 majoring in social sciences and journalism, and his master's degree in 1936 with history and journalism as his major fields of interest, Mr. Weigle has also done advanced graduate work at Stanford and at the University of California. His work toward the doctor's degree has been centered in the fields of history and journalism.

The new dean visited on the University of Oregon campus in February, attending meetings of the Oregon Press conference and speaking briefly at a joint faculty-conference luncheon. He will return to the campus July 1, when his assignment becomes active.

SOROPTIMIST CLUB HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The newly formed Soroptimist club held its first meeting today, a luncheon affair in the club dining room at the Elkhorn restaurant. Twenty ladies were present, comprising the charter list to date.

The charter is still open and will remain so until early in April. It is hoped the charter list will grow to at least 30 members by the time the charter is formally instituted.

Soroptimist is a business women's organization, open to owners, co-owners or department heads. Membership selection is made by classification among women coming under these groupings, taking one from each business.

HOME EC MEETING 18TH

An all-day meeting of Rhea Creek grange home economics club will be held at the home of Mrs. Harold Wright beginning at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 18. A quilt will be tied and a dish towel shower for the grange hall will be held. All members are urged to be present.