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Short Term Circuit Court Being Held By Judge Watts Today

Several Criminal Cases Submitted By Grand Jury

Judge Homer I. Watts opened a short term of circuit court in Heppner this morning and has been spending a busy day disposing of civil and criminal cases which have accumulated in the past few weeks.

Aside from granting some divorces, the judge passed sentence on Charles Buchanan, 19, of Lexington, charged with being in possession of stolen property. J. O. Turner represented the defendant and advised his client to plead guilty and throw himself upon the mercy of the court. This was done and the judge sentenced him to two years and probated him to the custody of his father.

Melvin Moyer appeared before the judge and pled guilty to failure to keep up payments for the care of his children. He confessed to being three months in arrears. Judge Watts took Moyer's case into his own hands and assured him that unless he complied with the court's order, which is to catch up on the back payments by June 5, or at least most of them, and then keep them up hereafter, it will be the duty of the court to "send him down below"—meaning to Salem.

District Attorney P. W. Mahoney read the charge against Warren John Anent, responsible for the death of William Greener. Anent is charged with second degree murder. He is represented by J. S. Nys. The D.A. recommended that Anent be released under \$2500 bail but the judge thought that amount too heavy, and recommended a lesser amount.

Verne Ricketts was awaiting the reading of the charge against him for passing worthless checks. Ricketts was apprehended at Lovelock, Nev., several weeks after his visit to Heppner and Sheriff Bauman returned him from there on May 21. He has been held in jail here since.

RAN INTO CLOUDBURST

Heppner people traveling between this place and Pendleton Monday afternoon report running into a cloudburst near the Pendleton Graingrowers elevator about 11 miles west of Pendleton. Windshield wipers were of little use and driving was extremely hazardous for the duration of the storm, which lasted several minutes. It has not been learned to what extent the highway or adjacent fields were damaged but the travelers say water was plentiful for a short time.

NEW STATE OFFICE BUILDING

State building directories around the capitol group are allusive. They are always hiding. Continued on page 6

TO MEET THE PRESIDENT

President Truman has arranged for a conference with State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott in Portland June 11 to discuss a proposal to transfer the 20-acre Portland Veterans cemetery to the federal government. The meeting was arranged by United States Senator Guy Cordon.

This will be the first time under the present law of succession to the office of governor that the state treasurer has become governor, often erroneously termed "acting governor."

When a governor is removed from office, by his death, resignation, absence from the state or other inability to discharge the duties of office, the order of succession is: president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, secretary of state, state treasurer. Senator Marshall Cornett was killed in an airplane accident last October and no successor to his position as president of the senate has been elected. As Governor Hall, who was speaker of the house of representatives, and Secretary of State Earl Newby will be out of the state on June 11 State Treasurer Scott will be governor during their absence from the state.

VANPORT DISASTER RELIEF

When Vanport was devastated Sunday afternoon by a flash flood Governor Hall immediately declared a state of limited emergency, placed the Oregon National Guard and other state departments capable of aiding in relief work at the disposal of emergency relief officials.

President Basil O'Connor, of the Red Cross, instructed the state department that \$250,000 of the emergency funds had been allocated for Vanport relief.

J. L. Franzen, Salem city manager, and first manager of Vanport, was on the highway when he heard of the disaster. He arrived at Vanport within minutes and was offering the relief facilities of Salem and directing stricken refugees to the Capitol. McNary field in Salem has been made headquarters for O.N.G. planes. It has taken on a wartime air with everything from the C-47 to AT-6s lined all over the place. United Airlines Portland service headquarters has been transferred to Salem and McNary field is probably the busiest per square foot of any field in the nation just now. The Oregon State Fair Grounds barns are stabling more than 600 race horses from flood-swept Meadows race track. Many other state departments are housing or otherwise aiding in relief work.

Can you remember way back when a man could afford a yacht even if he only had a million or two?—Cuba (Mich.) News & Review.

Lexington Man Thinks More Of Home Since Midwest Visit

One has to get away from home and then to appreciate his own neighborhood more. thinks Oreville Cutsforth who, with members of his family, returned with in the week from a trip to Columbia, Mo., where they attended high school commencement exercises at the graduation of Dorothy Cutsforth.

For one thing, none of the country traversed looked as good to the Lexington folk as their own vicinity. They were not on a sightseeing tour but could see enough to convince them that this section has been much more favored this season than the region traversed east of the Rockies.

Highway 30 was traveled eastward and this route took them through a region where the crop situation is a little backward. Lack of moisture is evident, Cutsforth said, particularly in Nebraska and Kansas. Returning through Kansas in order to get a slant on the wheat crop, he found the prospects poor. He believes a 20-bushel stand will be a rare thing there this season unless rain comes real soon. Fields where from five to seven bushels is the average are being plowed up.

Fear that dust bowl conditions may be returning was seen in fields where dust was blowing through the growing grain. It is dry back there and no doubt about it, Cutsforth said.

While the trip was made in good time by car, Mr. Cutsforth said he wished nearly all the way they had taken the plane. "We could have flown four or five hours at a time and set down for rest and then beaten the car time by hours, but more of the family wanted to go than the plane would accommodate so we traveled by car."

Dorothy Cutsforth will return to Columbia in the fall and matriculate in the college course at Stephens college.

News About Town . . .

Week-end houseguests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Furlong were Mr. and Mrs. Conser Adkins and son Frank of Colfax, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stark and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Winters and children of Hay, Wn., and Mrs. Melvin Harrington of Vancouver, Wn.

Mrs. Della Duran is here from Umatilla for a few days' visit at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McMurtry. The McMurtrys motored over to Umatilla after Mrs. Duran on Monday.

Dan Brock of Dayville is spending several days in Heppner with his sister, Mrs. Susie Hughes. Mr. Brock accompanied Ed Wilson to Heppner.

George Darling of Adams visited friends in Heppner over the week end. Mr. Darling worked here several years ago before moving to Adams where he has since made his home.

Ray Ogletree left Thursday for Alaska where he will be employed for a time. Mr. Ogletree came to Oregon last year from Alabama and has made his home here with his brother, Douglas, working for the Heppner Lumber company during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Collins moved to Cottage Grove to spend Decoration day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sliger of Albany were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Saager.

Among business visitors here Tuesday from Condon were Lawrence Farrar, Walter Jaeger, W. J. Eaton, Orve Dyer and Will Har die.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson made a business trip to Pendleton Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TAKE JOBS FOR SUMMER

Several members of the class of 1948, Heppner high school, went to work immediately or have jobs upon which they will start shortly. Beverly Yocom is the new clerk in the office of Turner, Van Marter & Co., entering upon her new duties Tuesday, June 1. Corabelle Nutting is working at Scotty's, Don DuBois is clerking in the postoffice, and Lella McLachlan will succeed Mrs. Loren Ledbetter in the tax department of the sheriff's office beginning July 1.

Three of the boys of the class left the first of the week for Alaska to work until about the first of October. Clarence Greenup, who spent last summer in the north, was accompanied by Jack Ployhar and Buster Padberg. All three were prominent members of the athlete squads during their term in high school.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP TO ENTERTAIN VISITORS

The Young Adult Fellowship of the Methodist church will play host Sunday to similar groups from other churches of the district. Visitors to the number of about 50 are expected and the local group has planned entertainment to make the occasion worthwhile.

Following the morning services at the church the YAF groups will congregate on the church parsonage lawn for a picnic dinner.

JAMES CARTY PASSES

James Carty, pioneer sheepman of Morrow county and a resident of Gilliam county the past eight years, died at the family residence at Heppner Junction this morning. Funeral arrangements are being held up pending word from Mr. Carty's two daughters. He and his son Packy moved from the Emigrant springs ranch north of lone to the junction when their ranch was included in the bombing range back in 1940.

Wheat Commission Will Seek Lower Freight Rates East

Oregon's Wheat commission has decided to fight for lower rates on wheat and flour, Chairman Jens Terjeson announced this week. Present rates do not permit wheat and flour produced in Oregon and other northwest states to be sold to eastern markets on equal terms with wheat grown in other areas, he said.

The commission at its recent meeting in Pendleton outlined a broad program of research and education for the coming year. It includes a study of the various markets, at home and abroad where Pacific northwest wheat and flour are sold. This study is expected to point to ways of expanding these markets, Terjeson said.

He said, however, that it would be unprofitable to ship northwest wheat elsewhere in the nation as long as transportation costs remained at present levels.

The commission proposes to study the freight rate problem in cooperation with wheat producers, dealers, millers and others interested in the northwest wheat industry.

Terjeson said the problem included water as well as rail transportation.

The commission also decided to expand its research program to develop better varieties of wheat and to find new uses for wheat. Feeding of wheat to livestock will be encouraged through the Eastern Oregon Fat Stock show and sale and other shows.

The commission plans to cooperate with the Millers' National foundation in an attempt to increase flour consumption. Use of the types of flours milled from Oregon and other northwest wheat will be encouraged by the Cake Baking contest, which the commission is sponsoring this year for the first time, and other similar projects.

Terjeson said possible industrial uses of wheat would be studied and an attempt would be made to locate more processors of wheat in the northwest. He mentioned wheat gluten, starch and alcohol as possible products of wheat in addition to its many uses as human food. Location of new industries would depend, in part, upon favorable transportation rates, he said.

Much of the basic research along these lines will be done in government laboratories at Peoria, Ill., Albany, Calif., and Pullman, Wash.

Terjeson said that the program outlined by the commission would benefit the entire region and that the cooperation of growers, dealers and millers from throughout the area was expected.

Graduates In Class of '48 Receive Diplomas At Exercises



Top row, left to right—Supt. Henry Tetz, Richard Allstott, Robert Kilkenny, Jack Ployhar, Doyle Key, Donald DuBois, Principal Leonard Pate. Middle row—Elizabeth Ann

Smethurst, Clarence Greenup, Morgan Connor, Kenneth Green, Myron Bill, Donald Rippee, Harriet Ann Ball. Front row—Corabelle Lee Nutting, Mary Ellen Gearhart, Lella Joan McLachlan, Beverly

Ann Yocom, Edda Mae Thorpe, Ollie Eynone Hastings, Clara Sue Ledbetter, Joan Marie Hiler. Not in picture—Bernard U. Merle Padberg, Herval Ray Pettjohn.

This class of 21 seniors received diplomas from the hands of Harold Becket, district No. 1 school board chairman, in appropriate commencement exercises Friday evening, at which time Frank Bennett, superintendent of Salem schools, delivered the commencement address. Mr. Bennett assured the class that it was up to each individual to decide whether it was graduation or commencement, should they consider

their search for knowledge ended with receipt of their diplomas or should they consider their high school work the beginning. The seniors were left with the thought that it was up to them to decide what they would do with their lives and that there are still plenty of things to be done in this world if they will but be alert.

Citizenship, scholastic, activities, and leadership awards were made by Principal Leonard Pate.

Lella McLachlan received the valedictory award for having maintained the highest scholastic average during her four years of high school work; to Morgan Connor went the salutatory medal; Beverly Yocom received the activity medal; Harriet Ball, citizenship award; Buster Padberg, outstanding athlete award; Don DuBois, student body president, the leadership award, and Joan Hiler's name will be placed on the school's honor plaque.

Soroptimists To Present Variety Home Talent At Star, June 9-10

Plans are progressing for the home talent show which will be presented at the Star theater, June 9 and 10, under the sponsorship of the Heppner Soroptimist club, according to Mrs. Joe Hughes Sr., general chairman.

Several vaudeville acts have been scheduled which will be featured—a "Barbershop Quartette," a "Gay Nineties Revue," and a "Hillbilly Routine." In addition to these skits there will be the regular movie, "Always Together" and "The March of Time." Prizes are being offered to anyone in the audience who can identify the "Man of Mystery" from clues given at intervals during the performance.

This week, Heppner has taken on the appearance of a "main line" city with cars bearing license plates from all over the United States becoming a common occurrence along Main street. Because of flood conditions along the Columbia River highway, normal highway traffic has been routed through the interior. Tourists are given the opportunity to view some of the Oregon country which is ordinarily by-passed.

Miss Helen Phelan returned to her home in San Francisco Monday after spending the week end in Heppner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Phelan. Miss Phelan made the trip by United Airlines and was met in Pendleton Saturday by Russell O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roof of Albany were week-end visitors in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Moore and daughters were over from Monument Saturday transacting business in Heppner and visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Add Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carey and son, Jimmy, of Portland arrived Saturday to spend the week-end holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ulrich. The Careys came by motor via the Mt. Hood loop highway and over the Wapinitia cut-off.

Mrs. E. H. Burns of Spokane was a week-end guest at the country home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson. Mrs. Burns flew from Spokane and was met in Pendleton Saturday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers and Mrs. Sara McNamer motored to Walla Walla and Prescott, Wash., for Decoration day. In Pendleton they were joined by Mrs. McNamer's brother, James Rodgers of Meadows, Idaho, who accompanied them to Walla Walla and returned to Heppner for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gentry and daughter, Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie V. Gentry of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gentry and children, Phyllis and Gary of Bend, and Roy Gentry of Oregan, Wash., spent the week end in Heppner with their mother, Mrs. Ordie Gentry, who is seriously ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alice Gentry, Mrs. Harold Gentry and Roy Gentry were assisting with the care of her father, George Mead, who has been seriously ill at the home of another daughter, Mrs. Si Walker.

Mrs. Gerald Boisher returned to her home in Boise Idaho, Thursday after a brief visit in Heppner with her mother, Mrs. Corda Sang.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles and daughter motored to Moro for Decoration day.

Eighth Graders Receive Diplomas During Past Week

Graduation exercises were held last week for eighth grade classes of the county with the result that 66 young people are ready to enter high school in the fall.

Heppner graduated about the largest class in history Wednesday evening, May 26, when 35 diplomas were passed out. Despite interruption by a heavy thunder storm which caused a blackout of lights, the program was carried through on schedule, with candles and flashlights at hand to provide light in case of necessity. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers was guest speaker, and Principal Waldo Jackson introduced and presented the class to Supt. Henry Tetz who presented the diplomas. A feature of the exercises were two first graders, Carolyn McDaniel and Dickie Robinson, dressed for the part, who turned the pages of a large book revealing the program for the evening.

Members of the class were Nancy Jane Adams, Dale William Baker, Edwayne E. Bergstrom, Marilyn Louise Bergstrom, Donald Earl Blake, Jeanne M. Bothwell, Albert Faye Burkenbine, Sally Cohn, Marvin Gary Connor, Robert Keith Connor, Genevieve L. Cox, Jo Jean Dix, Marlene June Duran, Afton Lenora Eberhart, Dorothea E. Falcon, Nancy Ferguson, Dona Marlene Gayhart, Floyd Elmer Green, E. Allen Hughes, Bernice Mae Huston, Michael Conley Lanham, Eugene M. Miller, Marilyn V. Miller, Nancy A. Moore, Jimmy Vernon Prock, Eleanor Lee Rice, Charleen Elsa Hill, Lynville Woodrow Bill, Charles Lewis Smith, Kenneth J. Turner, Betty Jean Washburn, Jack Yeager, Rita Mae Graves.

District No. 25, Boardman, was second on the list with a class of 14. These are Franklin B. Ball, Richard Barlow, Larry L. Carpenter, Douglas Calif, Elvora Earwood, Max Fussell, Donald I. Gillespie, William D. Palmer, Peter D. Cassidy, Carol Robertson, Nancy Rand, Stanley Shattuck, Gracia Ann Veele, Delores Zivney.

Five young people were awarded diplomas at Irrigon as follows: Jim Kenny, Leroy Connors, Gerald Hinkley, Lorraine Carter and James Keith Jr.

District No. 35, Lone, graduated 14, as follows: Clarence Leroy Brenner, Barbara Jackson, Delores Ann Drake, Clarice Fern Jones, Wilma Edna Dalzell, Elise Bauernfeld, Lila Batts, Allen Ely, Donald Eubanks, Mary M. Jepson.

Elizabeth Jane Griffin and Edna Jane Ivey were awarded diplomas at Lexington.

CHURCH SPONSORING SHOWER FOR VANPORT FLOOD VICTIMS

The women of the Heppner Church of Christ are sponsoring a miscellaneous shower at 3 p. m. Friday, June 11, for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt and son who lost everything in the Vanport flood. All friends are invited.

The Hoyts were just ready to eat when someone shouted to them to make a run for it as the dike had broken. They grabbed the baby and ran to the car and succeeded in escaping the water. Upon reaching higher ground they looked back and saw the water envelop their house.

Services Held At Graveside For Nickerson Infant

Graveside services were held at 4 o'clock p.m. Wednesday for Dane Francis Nickerson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Nickerson, whose death occurred at an early hour Tuesday. Rev. Neville Blunt conducted the service.

Dane Francis was one of a set of twins born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson, the other being a girl. The little fellow was not strong enough to cope with the struggle of living and breathed his last at the age of two days.

Mrs. Nickerson and the little daughter, Alice Adelle, are gaining strength daily at the Corda Sailing home.

Vacation School To End June 10

Vacation Bible school under the auspices of the protestant churches of the city opened Monday at the Heppner school with a good attendance.

The intensified training given the young people will culminate in a program to be given at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, at the Methodist church.

TAKES LONG DRIVE

Mrs. Frances Mitchell knows something about detouring since venturing forth into the flood area last Friday afternoon. She left for The Dalles Friday afternoon accompanied by her daughter Lorene who has taken a position in a hospital there for the summer, and Johnnie Mollahan. Reaching Dinty's station Mrs. Mitchell was told she would have to detour there via Grass Valley and Tygh Valley to highway 97. Coming back up Saturday she crossed Shearer's bridge and took a cut-off road that brought her down to the mouth of the Deschutes. The water was nearly up to the floor of the bridge but she crossed over and headed up the river only to run into the flood waters above Arlington. Negotiating this she headed on up the highway en route to Wallowa county. Little difficulty was experienced the rest of the way, although the Grande Ronde river was on a rampage and the Wallowa's banks were full where that river and the Minam join. She spent Memorial day at Joseph. Johnnie Mollahan stopped off at Pendleton to visit relatives while Mrs. Mitchell went on up the line.

MRS. MINNIE GAUNT

Chapel services were held at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Wednesday for Mrs. Minnie Gaunt, 76, who passed away Monday night at Hermiston. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien conducted the service. Interment was in Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Gaunt was born July 15, 1872 at Myrtle Point, the daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Brown) McFerrin. She was married to John Gaunt and they came to Morrow county to make their home. They resided in the Matteson butte district for a number of years, later moving to Heppner where Mr. Gaunt died. Mrs. Gaunt continued to make her home here until a year or so ago when she went to Hermiston. She was a sister of Mrs. Grace Hughes and had other relatives here.

MARRIAGE DATE SET

Mr. and Mrs. Otis East announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Maxine, to Lester Cox of Lexington, on Saturday evening, June 19 at 8 o'clock p. m. in the Heppner Methodist church. Friends of the couple have been extended an invitation to attend.

Big Fish Opines High Water Good Time For Cruise Up Columbia River

Late spring run-off has caused a drought in fish stories this year and it remained for the Columbia flood waters to produce a tale which may be believed or taken with a grain of salt by Gazette Times readers. But before describing what was seen let it be known that the writer and his family were stone sober, in their right minds, and were not fishing but merely riding along the Columbia river highway watching the logs, parts of buildings and other debris breasting the 10-miles-an-hour current.

It was late Sunday afternoon. Our party was taking a leisurely drive from Arlington down the river towards Rufus. Opposite the railroad station of Hook, a few miles east of the mouth of the John Day river, a shoal of black rock is visible in low water but at present it is several feet under the surface of the swirling waters. While passing that point it was noticed that a grayish rock was sticking out of the water just above the rapids formed by the shoal. The object seemed to be moving but that is an optical illusion often formed by water passing over rocks, yet in this instance the "rock" was most surely moving away from the rest of the shoal, and as said before, the shoal rock is black and this whatever-it-was gray.

The car slowed down and our party watched the object gradually gain headway against the heavy current. It had moved away more than 100 yards when the conclusion was reached that it was a fish of some kind—but what?

We moved down the highway at a leisurely pace, reaching Rufus where state police directed us over the Rufus-Wasco cutoff, but as we were only cruising down the river and Arlington was our objective for the night, we turned back up the river. Pictures were taken along the way and when Hook was reached nothing more was seen of the mid-stream denizen. Some distance above Hook our attention was again called to the activity in the middle of the river and sure enough there was the big fish still battling the current and making good progress up the river. This time the car came to a stop and closer observation was made of the big fellow's motions. With head bobbing in and out of the water at intervals, the tail maintained a steady thrashing. The fish appeared to be at least 12 feet in length and the head had the resemblance of a whale. Not being ichthyologists (that's a whale of a word) we could not say positively that it was a whale and this is being written with the hope that others may have seen the same thing and will come forth with the right name for it. Since it took the middle of the stream it was too far away to be photographed, but it could be plainly seen from shore and doubtless others than ourselves saw it.

Interior Highways Bear Brunt River Traffic In Crisis

Passenger Cars, Freight Outfits Routed Thu Here

Literally thousands of travelers learned of new, interesting highways this week when flood conditions along the Columbia river route forced diversion of traffic over interior roads. Monday and Tuesday saw a steady stream of traffic through Heppner as cars turned from Highway 30 above Boardman were directed to come this way and over the Heppner-Condon highway to the John Day where they chose a north or south course, as their destinations called for. Others headed for Arlington were sent down the Willow creek highway and detoured over the Rhea Siding-Arlington cut-off.

People trying to make Portland and Columbia river points between Arlington and Portland were compelled to travel many extra miles. The first detour was between Dinty's, at Biggs, and The Dalles. Travelers going west were detoured at Dinty's as far south as Grass Valley, thence over the Grass Valley-Tygh Valley highway to 97. By Sunday the detour started at Rufus because of the unsafe condition of the highway west of that point.

Many local people have driven to points on the river within the week to see "the highest water since '94." The Columbia has backed up Willow creek for more than one-fourth of a mile and ranchers were busy Saturday trying to save a hay crop in the path of the swollen stream.

Water from the swollen Columbia swept through a culvert under the Union Pacific railroad about five miles west of Heppner Junction and flooded the highway. The railroad bed remained well above the water line while the highway was submerged under as much as two feet of water for a distance of approximately one-half mile. Travelers who were fearful of negotiating the water returned to Heppner Junction or Arlington and took the Arlington-Rhea cut-off. By Monday the rising river water had penetrated more railroad culverts in the Boardman area and a sizeable territory along the highway was flooded. This started the interior travel in a big way; particularly for people returning to western points from holiday trips to eastern Oregon and Washington, or Idaho.

Heppner and other interior towns enjoyed a real tourist business for two or three days, particularly in the restaurant and gas station services. Strings of cars and trucks passed through, some stopping, others merely observing traffic regulations as they sped on their way homeward. Numerous out of state cars were included, the detour affording them an unsought opportunity to see more of Oregon than they would have otherwise seen.

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