

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Battle For Clean Streets Takes New Turn This Week

### Gutters and Drains Will Help Carry Off Excess Soil

Pat Mollahan, city superintendent of work, launched a new drive this week in his battle to clean Heppner's streets and help keep them clean from here on out. Mud and debris washed on to the streets during heavy rains have caused no amount of trouble to the street department and the superintendent decided something different would have to be done.

The work that is being done this week is a little in advance of plans of the city relative to establishing curb lines but in order to facilitate street cleaning work, the superintendent was given the go ahead on his plan, which includes grading gutters on the side streets to help carry off excess sidewalk drainage and the installation of drain pipes along Main street crossings where none exist.

Grading work was started Tuesday on Gale street where mud by the ton has been deposited since early spring when snow and rain started an ooze from the hillside which has continued with each heavy shower. Efforts to haul it away proved futile. Now, with gutters established and drains opened up it is hoped that much of the trouble will be avoided. The gutter work has been extended up west-center and west Baltimore streets on the west side of town and on Gilmore street and part of north Court street in an effort to reduce the hazard of flooding yards and basements.

Johnny Mollahan and Gordon Grady formed the grading crew, Johnny driving the tractor and Gordon manipulating the grader. Mudholes on the side streets which have never dried up since winter are now beginning to dry. Drain pipe will be run from the Gilliam & Bisbee corner to the Rosewall corner and from the hotel to the Peterson building corner, after which the paving will be patched to cover up some bad spots that have been in evidence since the water line was relaid last fall.

## North Morrow Co. Fair Board Buys Site At Boardman

The North Morrow County Fair board has purchased ten acres from Mr. and Mrs. G. Gustin for the fair grounds. This property lies just north of the Gustin home and west of the Clyde Tannehill property. It takes in what was known as the Salm Boardman grove. Purchase price was \$3000.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Skoubo Tuesday night were Rev. and Mrs. Alfson and two children of Palmer, Alaska. Mr. Alfson is the Presbyterian minister at Palmer and knew the three Skoubo girls, Asta, Erna and Dagmar, which prompted them to stop in Boardman. Mr. Alfson is also a Dane and that made the evening more enjoyable.

## Teacher Hiring Not So Tough Now But More Teachers Need

Teacher hiring has not been quite the problem this year that it has for several seasons and barring return of unsigned contracts the staff in the Heppner schools is practically filled, according to Supt. Leonard Pate. Some contracts are already in the hands of the school board and one or two more are out.

Strange to say high school applicants have been more plentiful than grade school applicants. In one case, that of coach, the board received 50 applications. After giving many of them careful study they selected Vernon L. Bohles from Montana. Mr. Bohles and family lost no time in getting to Heppner following the close of school in Montana and have been here the past two weeks.

There were several bids for the job of music supervisor and from these the school officials chose Robert Collins of Silverton. Mr. Collins has been band director at Silverton the past two years and prior to that had served in that capacity at Ontario and other larger schools than Heppner.

## Heppner, Condon Remain In League Winning Column

Heppner and Condon remained in the winning column as the result of meetings with Ione and Arlington, respectively. Heppner winning 10-6 and Condon trouncing Arlington, 27-4, in Sunday's Wheat-Timber league play. Rain prevented Wasco and Fossil from settling their differences, and Kinzua drew a bye.

Heppner and Ione slugged it out on the Lexington diamond. It was Ione's time to entertain the county seat gang but since the grass is still too soft on the Ione field the game was transferred to Lexington.

Condon seems to have had little trouble in disposing of Arlington, if the score tells the story. Kinzua and Fossil will renew their feud at Fossil Sunday. Condon will meet Ione on the Lexington field, Arlington goes to Wasco, while Heppner draws a bye.

### MISS EAST HONORED WITH BRIDAL SHOWER

Miss Maxine East, whose marriage to Lester L. Cox will be an event of Saturday evening, June 19, was honored with a bridal shower Tuesday evening at the Methodist church parlors. The ladies of the church, assisted by Mrs. Frances Mitchell and Mrs. John Ledbetter, were the hostesses and about 30 guests were present.

Refreshments were served and Mrs. Willard Warren favored the gathering with two vocal solos at the close of the shower.

### NEW STAFF MEMBER

Miss Dorothy Cutsforth has joined the staff of the Gazette Times for the summer. A graduate of the high school division of Stephens college in Columbia, Mo., the latter part of May, Dorothy expects to matriculate in journalism at the college this fall and hopes to acquire a little firsthand knowledge from grass-roots sources.

Gene Empey who has been attending Oregon State college, has returned to Heppner and will spend the summer here with Mrs. Ida Zinter.

## School Election To Settle Several Important Matters

Patrons of school district No. 1 will be called upon to decide several matters at the annual school election to be held at 2 o'clock p.m., Monday, June 21, at the Heppner city hall.

First is the matter of electing a director. Harold Becket, outgoing chairman, is the most likely candidate to succeed himself and while he hasn't been passing out campaign cigars it is generally conceded that he is willing to serve another three years. The other members of the board are Edwin Dick and Mrs. Oscar George.

Next on the agenda is the proposal to consolidate district No. 49 with district No. 1. District 49 is the Hale Ridge section and children from there have been attending school in Heppner several years.

Due to buildings improvement, increase in salaries and other items, the school board finds it necessary to seek an increase in the budget outside of the six per cent limitation. The sum asked for is \$10,500.

## Mrs. Jason Biddle Dies At DeLake

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at McMinnville for Nina Ethel Biddle of DeLake. Reverend Osborne of the Christian church of McMinnville officiated.

Mrs. Biddle, the former Nina Dorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dorman, was born October 2, 1877, at Turner, Oregon, and spent her girlhood days in Morrow county, coming here at the age of 2 when this county was part of Umatilla county.

She was married to Jason Biddle in Portland on June 29, 1912, and in 1914 they moved to the original Dorman farm on Rhea creek where they engaged in farming and livestock raising. Having been forced to release their holdings in Morrow county because of ill health, the Biddles moved to DeLake where they resided until Mrs. Biddle's death last Saturday.

She had been in ill health for a number of years. Vault entombment was at the Riverview Abbey mausoleum at Portland.

## Outdoor Magazine Publisher Visits

M. W. (Bill) Steele, publisher of Western Outdoors, was a Heppner visitor Tuesday morning in the interest of his magazine. A resident of Oswego, Steele is a printer and publisher in his own right, being familiar with both front office procedure and back shop production.

Western Outdoors is a distinctly western publication devoted to depicting life in the 11 western states and to the conservation of the rich natural resources of this vast region. As stated on its masthead it is "published in the interests of the conservation of valuable assets of flora and fauna."

Steele said interest in the magazine is growing and that its influence in conservation of forests and game is being felt throughout the territory served.

Mrs. Blanche Patterson has returned to her home in Snohomish, Wash., after visiting for two weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. O. Hager.

## JayC-ettes Told Of New York City

Mrs. Gordon Ridings spoke before the regular meeting of the JayC-ettes at the civic center building Wednesday evening, telling the local young women's group about New York City, its environs and living conditions in the nation's greatest city.

Ridings and little daughter are spending some time here with her father, M. D. Clark, before all three go to Eugene for a visit at the Frank Riggs home.

The Jaycees and the JayC-ettes discussed the flood relief drive proposed by the Heppner chamber of commerce. They will place milk bottles in business houses with placards stating what the bottles are for, besides participating in the drive for food and clothing.

The next regular monthly meeting of the JayC-ettes will be in the nature of a picnic, more about which will be said later.

Following the business meeting, the social committee served strawberry shortcake and cream to the JayC-ettes and Jaycees. Mrs. Gordon Grady, Mrs. Bill Farra and Mrs. Tom Wilson comprise the committee.

E. Harvey Miller was here from Portland Friday looking after business matters.

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## Cooler Weather Puts Damper On Violent Storms

Cooler weather has served to put a damper on the electric storms and flash floods that have kept a large sector of eastern Oregon and eastern Washington unsettled the past two or three weeks. So far this week there has been but one reported in the county and that occurred Tuesday evening on upper Rhea creek.

No particular damage resulted from the storm, so far as reported. It having struck in the mountains.

To date, the greatest damage reported is that which occurred at Kinzua and which our correspondent describes in another column. The John Day highway near Fossil was washed out and the town was practically isolated for a few days. The storm that struck that area and Kinzua resulted in the loss of two lives.

Repairs have been made to most of the roads, although up until Wednesday trucks and buses from the main lines were being routed over the Heppner-Pendleton highway and some were still going over the Heppner-Condon highway to reach western destinations.

Lexington has about dug out of the mud deposited in the town when the flash flood raging down Blackhorse canyon broke the dike near the Lexington Oil Co-operative plant and raced through town. Ed Grant, tired of having to clean out his garage and service station every time a little high water comes along, borrowed Orville Cutsforth's bulldozer the first of the week and made a channel sufficient to carry off surplus mud and water due to flash storms. At least, it will have to back upstream if it gets into his place next time—he hopes.

## Los Angeles Auto Figures In Crash On Highway 30

A Los Angeles family, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Meyers and two children, were brought to Heppner early Monday morning following an automobile accident on the Columbia River highway seven miles west of Arlington at about 2:30 a.m. The Meyers were en route to Walla Walla to visit relatives when, according to reports, a freight truck and trailer unit, traveling at an excessive speed, attempted to pass the Meyers car. Failing in this, the trailer hit the Meyers car, turned over and sandwiched the automobile between it and the truck, completely demolishing the car. The Meyers' daughter, aged 7, received facial lacerations and one ear was almost severed from her head. The son, aged 1, received many serious cuts across his face. Mr. Meyers suffered facial cuts and an injured hand and Mrs. Meyers, minor bruises and shock. Following treatment at the office of a local physician, they continued on to Walla Walla with relatives who came to Heppner after them.

## Rev. Neville Blunt To Go To Medford

Rev. Neville Blunt, vicar of All Saints Episcopal church the past five years, announced to his congregation Sunday morning that he has been offered and has accepted pastorate work at Medford. He will close his work at All Saints the latter part of August.

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## New Ford To Make Bow To Public At Rosewall's Friday

A crew of men is working feverishly today to put the finishing touches to the Rosewall building in preparation for the showing of the new 1949 Ford at 8 o'clock a.m. Friday. Work of moving the parts department into the room formerly occupied by the Heppner cafe has been accomplished and electricians, carpenters, painters and other workmen are working against time to have the floor cleared for the two new cars which will constitute the display.

The partition between the main building and the cafe room has been removed, a new concrete floor laid to bring the smaller room to the level of the rest of the building, new lights put in, the entire show room redecorated—in fact, the Rosewall corner is a beehive of activity, but it is expected that everything will be in readiness by morning.

Two sedans, a four-door and a two-door, will be on display. There will be someone on hand all the time to show the fine points of the new cars and to answer questions by interested spectators. Ample space will be cleared to make viewing the cars a pleasure and the more people the merrier, Mr. Rosewall declares.

## Rosewall Motors Takes Postponed Game From BPOE

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## Water, Water, Everywhere!



When the oil companies erected these gasoline storage tanks it was not expected that "Ol' Man River" would someday expand his limits to include them, but that is what happened at Umatilla when

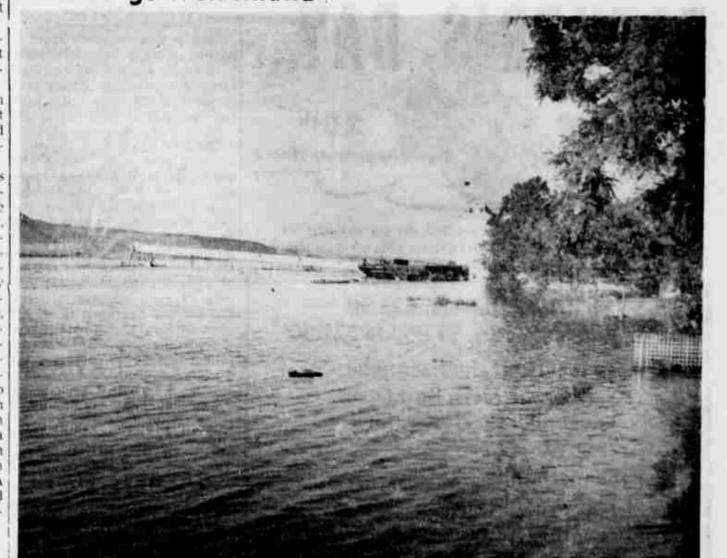
caused the gasoline to rise to the Columbia went on a rampage. The dark tank at the right sprang a leak and lost approximately 100,000 gallons of gasoline before engineers could get to the job of pumping water into the tank, which

the top and thus hold the loss to a minimum. According to Louis Lyons, who took the picture, the house at the extreme right is two stories, with only the top story showing above the water.

Raymond Genty cut the index

**FIRECRACKERS UNDER BAN**  
The public is reminded that the city of Heppner has an ordinance forbidding both the sale and use of firecrackers within the city limits. City Marshal James Washburn has served notice that violations of the ordinance will be handled in accordance with the provisions thereof.

## River Barge Well Inland



The river channel has been wherever you find it in the Columbia the past two or three weeks. Here is a barge that has drifted into the new shore line where, unless it has been moved, it will be high and dry

when the river recedes to the normal shore line, which is at the end of the loading chute. The day the picture was taken, a crew of men was working feverishly to build a dike just beyond the trees. At that time the river was still rising and

efforts were being made to hold the water back from the town of Umatilla. Property lines and fences were disregarded as bulldozers and trucks cut thru fences, back yards and front yards in their rush to beat the oncoming flood.