

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES

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## Robert C. Owens Dies In Seattle Monday Morning

### Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Business Man

Death came at 7 o'clock Monday morning to Robert C. Owens, young Heppner business man, following a lingering illness. The end came at a Seattle hospital to which he was taken a week ago in the hope that some improvement in his condition might be realized.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Home Undertaking parlor in Seattle, with interment in Lake View cemetery there.

Mr. Owens was born at Peshastin, Wash., and was a graduate of Wenatchee high school and of Wenatchee Business college. Before coming to Heppner he worked as an accountant in Waterville and Olympia. After coming here he worked as bookkeeper for the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., at the head office in Lexington, and later in 1947 bought the Marshall-Wells hardware store in Heppner.

As a resident of the town he was active in church and civic work, being a lifelong member of the Methodist church, and holding memberships in both the Junior and Senior chambers of commerce. Always eager to do his part, Mr. Owens seldom permitted his physical condition to interfere with a committee assignment or other activity, and his service to the organizations and to the community will be sorely missed.

In memory of his service as superintendent of the Sunday school and church, a special memorial service is being planned for the church school hour Sunday morning at the Methodist church.

Mr. Owens was married in 1940 to Lucille Moyer of Heppner, who, with his mother, Mrs. A. W. Dye of Seattle; one brother, Russell, of Bremerton, and one sister, Eleanor of Seattle, survive.

## Community Urged To Attend Braden Festivities on 15th

People of the community and county have been extended a cordial invitation to be the guests of the Braden Traction & Equipment company in Heppner for a full day of entertainment on Tuesday, February 15. And the best part of it is that everything will be free—free shows, free eats, free advice, etc.

Robert Grabill, local manager, has arranged the following program for "John Deere Day":

Open house—registration 10 a. m. till noon.  
Free lunch in Braden Traction store, 12 noon.  
Show starts at Star theater at 1:30.

In connection with the short subject pictures, Grabill says many of them were taken of local operations in the Pendleton-Walla Walla districts.

Grabill reports that some of the John Deere day events scheduled in northern Washington centers have been cancelled by the weather and he is hoping that such will not be the case here. He has thought of cancelling unless snow or mud conditions make it impossible for people in outlying districts to get to town, and since this hardly seems likely he says the show will go on as scheduled.

"What we want is a good attendance," Grabill stated. "Town and country people alike are invited and the more the better," he continued. "Since much of the John Deere equipment is designed for use in rehabilitating grazing lands, we are anxious that stockmen and their families be guests as well as those representing the grain raising branch of agriculture in the county," he concluded.

### LIBERALS EXHALE

Young liberals are making quite a splash in Salem... Rep. Howard V. Morgan, new deal democrat, is a son-in-law of ex-Sen. Harry Corbett, staunch republican... Phil Dreyer, another new deal democrat, helped do research for President Truman's campaign speeches... Sen. Bob Holmes of Clatsop is well-known radio exec who sends station KAST play-by-play legislative doings... Sen. Ben Musa of The Dalles, was head of young democrats in Portland—then moved to Columbia Gorge... Sen. Dick Neuberger and wife have an article jointly in Feb. Liberty about Gretchen Fraser, famous N.W. skier, with Mrs. Neuberger doing the photography... Sen. Jack Bain of Port. Gov. Vic Movers of Washington, who has set new record up North by being elected five successive terms.

## Random Thoughts...

Few of us, perhaps, fully appreciate how well off we have been throughout the long winter which at this writing appears to be subsiding. This particular section has experienced some inconveniences, some scheduled events have been canceled, and fuel bills have been upped beyond normal expectancy, but compared with some other sections of the country, and even here in Oregon, we have not fared badly. We must not be unmindful of the fact that it is still winter time and that anything can happen between now and Decoration day, but we are mighty thankful to see the snow disappearing and a little rain falling. It makes us think that things haven't gone to pot and that there may be, after all, a little silver lining to the clouds which moved in on a gale Sunday morning and deposited a blanket of some two and one-half inches of the beautiful in less than an hour's time.

It is with pleasure that the Gazette Times welcomes Mrs. Millie Wilson to the corps of correspondents. Her first Monument items will be found elsewhere in this issue. It will be just as well to keep an eye on Monument the next few years and we are happy to establish this contact with that district. There was a time when Heppner was the distributing point for quite a large territory to the south and mail contracts prevailed between here and Canyon. This contact can be re-established, and will be when a more direct road is built from the mouth of Chapin creek to Monument. In the meantime, much of the lumber produced in the mills centering about Monument will be brought here for drying in the kiln of the Heppner Lumber company and in due time stronger ties between the two communities will be welded.

Mrs. Wilson's column will be watched with interest as she tells of the progress of her community.

Occasionally the writer thinks comment has been made on some particular happening or subject, when a perusal of the previous issue of the paper discloses that he was laboring under a false impression. That, in a measure, accounts for missing items from time to time. Such a case in mind at this time was the failure to say anything about Harold Erwin's talk to the chamber of commerce on January 31. Erwin has been one of the prime movers in the effort to get a more effective and comprehensive state brand law. He and Ed Hughes and some of the other stockmen hereabouts came up with some good points on the existing law at the planning conference a year ago and since that time have visited other important stock centers to get the viewpoints of stockmen and found most of them in accord with their ideas. Some opposition developed earlier in the year from quarters not interested in stockraising in the same manner or on the same scale as the typical eastern Oregon cattleman, but since the new bill has been tossed into the hopper at Salem it appears that most of this opposition has turned to support of the measure, all except the packers who seem to have a private dislike for it and are offering some resistance. Erwin explained the proposed law to the satisfaction of his hearers, who felt that he knew what he was talking about.

Lone citizens have an improvement program underway which will contribute to make that little city a place of note. The school plant—and this includes the community in its scope—now has a turf athletic field and a first class tennis court. The next move, we understand, is to build the swimming tank. The town has a commodious community center in the Legion hall, and besides, for a number of years the Willows grange hall has provided a center for community activities. To aid the community improvement fund, the Lone Memorial Improvement association, the Topic club will serve a smorgasbord dinner this Saturday evening. Here is an opportunity for the citizens of the community to contribute to the fund and at the same time enjoy some rare good food and a pleasant evening. The lone Legion hall should be crowded to capacity Saturday evening.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Pastor, Shelby E. Graves.  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; Mrs. Ora Wyland, supt. 11 a.m., worship hour.  
7 p.m., Christ's Ambassadors service. 2 Cor., 5:20.  
7:45 p.m., evangelistic service.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., cottage prayer meeting in lone.  
Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study and prayer meeting.

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."—Psalm 37:4.

Heads up at the curb—it's the pedestrians' danger line.

## Shamrocks Go On Spree and Win 2 Games Past Week

### Edge Out Indian Boys 53-52; Smite Connell 56 to 44

Heppner's surprising Shamrock hoopers scored a stunning 53 to 52 victory Saturday night over Pendleton's league-leading Motor in Theater All Indian team in as wild and exciting basketball game as has been seen on the local court for several years.

In a see-saw fourth quarter in which the lead changed hands almost as fast as the scorekeeper could mark the score, the local fans went wild as the Shamrocks jumped to a 5 point lead with two minutes to play on successive baskets by Padberg and Scrivner. A desperate last minute rally by the Indians almost snatched victory from the hands of the Shamrocks as Van Pelt, Indian guard, fired in two howitzers from mid-floor to cut the margin to one point.

The Shamrocks' tight defense and superb backboard work by the Kemp brothers forced the Indians to fire at long range most of the contest. Scrivner, Heppner guard, and Ebyusk, Motor in forward tied for high point honors with 14 counters.

In the preliminary Heppner grade school team overwhelmed the visiting Umatilla grade school team.

Following Saturday night's victory the Shamrocks journeyed to Connell, Wash., Monday night to dump the highly touted Connell team, league champions in South-eastern Washington by a score of 56-44.

Box scores:  
Heppner, 53 Motor In, 52  
Greenup 6 f 14 Ebyusk  
Ulrich 12 f 12 Liberty  
Kemp, S. 10 c 10 Penny  
Scrivner 14 g 7 Minthorn  
Pickens 4 s 9 Van Pelt, C.  
Padberg 5 s Jones  
Ferguson 2 s Bus  
Campbell s Van Pelt, T.  
Bucknum s

Heppner, 56 Connell, 44  
Greenup 9 f 2 Thompson  
Ulrich 12 f 5 German, B.  
Kemp, S. 12 c 11 Cochran  
Kemp, J. 9 g 9 German, T.  
Padberg 4 g 17 German, E.  
Pickens 4 s Bolon  
Ferguson 4 s Harper  
Campbell 2 s

**EUGENE MILLRACE HAS NAMESAKE IN HONG KONG**  
Eugene has a 15-year-old namesake in Hong Kong, China. He is Eugene Millrace Chau, named for his parents' college days.

King Y. Chau, his father, was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1933 with major work in economics and business. His mother attended Northwest Christian college.

**RETURN FROM EAST**  
John Runyan, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, returned Sunday from a month spent in the middle west and east where he was on a fund raising campaign for the McKinley Indian Mission in the Yakima valley. He experienced plenty of winter weather on his entire trip but ran into no great difficulties getting from one point to another. Returning west, the train on which he was traveling was delayed about two hours due to drifts in western Wyoming. Three passenger trains were combined in one and two huge locomotives were hooked on and the train rolled along at a fair rate of speed despite the snow.

**BOY SCOUTS SOROPTIMIST MEETING THEME TODAY**  
This being Boy Scout week, the Soroptimist Club of Heppner used its program at the luncheon today. Mrs. Conley Lambam, a scout mother, was chairman and introduced her son, Mickey, and Gene Miller on hand to talk on scouting and demonstrate some of their work.

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## Soil Conservation Practices Revealed At Oil Cooperative Meeting Tuesday

Attended by approximately 80 farmers, the annual meetings of Heppner Soil Conservation district, Lexington Blow Control district, and Lexington Oil Cooperative were held Tuesday at the Lexington grange hall. Main attraction of the day appeared to be the bountiful dinner served by the Lexington H. E. club with Lexington Oil Cooperative as host.

Opening the program for the day was the showing of two films, "The Wilsons Go to Town" and "Under Western Skies." These were entertaining and educational, enjoyed by all. The Lexington Blow Control district held its annual meeting during the morning, reelecting Fred Nelson, Lexington, and Kenneth Smouse, Lone, as members of the district board. Kenneth Smouse is chairman of this organization.

Following an educational film, "Permanent Agriculture," shown after the dinner had been served, the Heppner Soil Conservation district annual meeting was called to order by Orville Cutsforth, chairman. Speaking on this program was Howard Cushman, secretary, state soil conservation committee. Mr. Cushman replaced Wm. L. Teutsch, assistant director, extension service, Oregon State college, who was unable to attend because of illness.

Mr. Cushman spoke on the history of soil conservation districts in Oregon, laws governing their organization and proposed changes in the state laws affecting the district organization.

Presenting the annual report of the Heppner Soil Conservation district was N. C. Anderson, county agent and secretary of the district. The report pointed out that the district, organized in October 1941, with a new addition made this past spring, comprises 725,003 acres. Of this 183,903 acres are cultivated, 441,848 range land, 10,125 creek bottom land and 89,217 forest land.

It was brought to the attention of those in attendance that, in general, the principal practices established the past year through the Heppner Soil Conservation district, were crop residue utilization, range improvement, cross slope planting, seeding of grasses and legumes, diversion ditches and irrigation land preparation.

Re-elected as supervisor for a period of three years was W. E. Hughes, Heppner.

Annual audit of the Lexington Oil Cooperative, presented by Auditor Jentsch brought forth much discussion from the floor when it was revealed that the cooperative is doing a good job of supplying farm members with their needs, at the same time saving them much money in their purchases.

H. P. Williams and Walter Loma of the Pacific Supply Cooperative, discussed functions of co-ops and other matters relating to their successful operation.

**Donkey Basketball Gives Promise of Action, Hilarity**  
Something new has been added to the sports world and it is to be suspected that it might be more amusing than amusing—donkey basketball. But whatever it is, the Lexington high school has billed a game of donkey basketball for the evening of February 14.

Those who have seen this type of basketball consider it great sport. It is inconceivable that a donkey would get much excited, and it is conceivable that the game would be considerably slowed. Whatever it is, the fans will not want to miss this exhibition at the Lexington gymnasium Monday evening.

**Sub-District Meet To Be Played Off At Condon 17-19**  
Condon will play host to four teams of the Wheat league in the sub-district basketball tournament to be played off February 17, 18 and 19. Heppner, Fossil, Condon and Arlington will be the participating teams, with Arlington not to be eliminated because it will be the host team at the district tournament to be held there a little later. Moro, other team of the district, will play at Arlington but not at Condon.

Fossil and Condon will lead off Thursday evening at 7:30. To be followed by Heppner and Arlington, First night's winners and losers will be matched Friday evening and the third night's play will determine which of the two teams besides Arlington will play in the district tourney.

**Hermiston To Be Seat of McNary Baseball League**  
Headquarters for the McNary Baseball league have been moved from Walla Walla to Hermiston, Lloyd Russell, chairman of the local Eagle's athletic committee, revealed Thursday. The semi-pro circuit containing six Oregon teams and three Washington clubs is to meet at the Rendezvous club in Hermiston, Thursday night, March 4, for the purpose of drawing up the 1949 schedule. Sponsoring the league activities, was founder, "Seedy" Cummings of Walla Walla honorary league president.

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## Heppner Gets Hot And Takes Torrid Game From Condon

### Waters Sets New Individual Score, Tossing 27 Points

In one of the hottest fought contests seen on the local floor in many seasons, Heppner wrestled an overtime basketball game from Condon Wednesday evening by a score of 58 to 52.

A nip and tuck battle all the way through, the score was tied up at 45-all as the final whistle blew and another five minutes was added for the play-off. Heppner really went to town and laid in 13 counters while Condon was garnering 7 points.

Outstanding feature of the game was the sharpshooting done by Jerry Waters. Only a fair shot throughout the season, Waters suddenly blossomed into a Dick Deadeye with a can't-miss phobia and when his scoring was tallied up it was found that he had accounted for almost one-half of the score with 27 points. This sets a record for individual scoring on a Heppner team and it goes without saying that Mr. Waters is the man of the hour. The Heppner B team also had it in for Condon last night and won rather handsily by a score of 41-29.

Last scheduled game for the Mustang squad will be at Fossil Friday evening and Coach Bohles hopes the boys will continue generating heat on the scale that prevailed last night. If they take Fossil they will enter the sub-district tournament at Condon with two strikes in their favor and a strong possibility of entering the district tourney at Arlington.

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## Ambulance Column

Editor's note—The Ambulance column missed last week's edition due to missing the deadline. The "Column" editor has promised to do better in the future.

**MORROW COUNTY AMBULANCE FUND**

The committee wishes to thank the people of Morrow county for the grand and enthusiastic response in giving their contributions to the ambulance fund, especially when we are being asked to contribute to so many things and do not forget the committee is ever mindful of that situation, and for that reason we feel doubly grateful. The VFW committee spent nearly a whole day going into every detail from every angle we could and we have tried to do our best but we, too, are only human. We realize there will be "whys" and wherever there is a why there will be a wherefore.

It seems that some people think the ambulance is too large. Well, it would appear that way as it is capable of carrying four persons in an emergency. There are two folding stretchers packed away in a compartment out of sight all the time and will only be used in an emergency. This might serve as an example: Suppose there is a bad accident, say on the highway, and three or four persons are badly injured. It is happening every day somewhere. If the ambulance were capable of taking only one or two who would decide which would be the ones to go first while the others were left suffering with exposure till the ambulance could return?

**Late Contributors**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mrs. Robt. A. Thompson, R. A. Campbell, Humphreys Drug Co., Thomson Bros., Mrs. Charles Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Harry Dinges, J. R. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Pate, The H. H. S. Student Body, Miss Annie Hynd and David Hynd.

We, the committee, wish to express our deep appreciation to the Heppner Gazette Times for wholehearted cooperation and help in making this worthy cause a success. We already have more than one seventh of the cost of the ambulance and have hardly scratched the surface.

Mrs. B. C. Forsythe is now accepting donations from people of lone and vicinity.

Donations have been received by mail from persons who prefer to remain anonymous. This is not necessary, as any request to avoid publicity will be honored by the person taking the donation and by the committee. Receipts issued with this understanding will be withheld from the list for publication.

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## Final Drawings Of Hospital On Way To Federal Agency

### Call for Bids In Near Future Seen As Possibility

Final drawings of the plans for the projected Morrow county hospital are, or should be, in the hands of the federal agency in San Francisco, Judge J. G. Barratt told the luncheon group of the chamber of commerce Monday noon. The judge said he had been informed by the architect that the final draft was ready for submission to the federal agency, which is the final authority so far as projects of this kind in the Pacific coast area are concerned.

Barratt went into considerable detail to lay the hospital project from the beginning up to the present before the club. He recited the actions of the court and hospital committee in selecting the site for the building, told of the many obstructions that had been removed in getting the project cleared for federal aid and stated that if bids to be asked for in the near future are too high he could be persuaded to forego the federal aid and try to put up the building by force account, if necessary. He met the statement that the City of Heppner could not afford to make water and sewer connections with the hospital—on the engineer's estimate of something in the neighborhood of \$100,000—by stating that the county's water system is adequate for all hospital needs and that a septic tank and drainage system for the plant would cost \$7800, an amount included in the over-all plans. This amount, he said, in the event the people of Heppner sanction the proposed sewer system and the system is in operation by the time the hospital is ready to be connected, can be applied in running a line from the hospital to the nearest sewer line, which would make very little the city would have to stand in providing the service for the county-owned property.

In closing, Judge Barratt urged all present as well as all citizens to visit the court and find out how things are going with the hospital and all other county affairs.

Jack O'Connor said that inasmuch as the chamber of commerce had been one of the prime movers in getting the hospital project under way it was up to the organization to get behind it now and see that building operations are started.

Judge Barratt made a report on the dinner meeting at Pendleton last Thursday evening honoring the U. S. Army engineers and their party.

**Youth Recreation Committee Seeks New Activity Site**

A special committee headed by Henry Tetz, appointed to study the feasibility of inaugurating a year-round youth recreation program in Heppner, submitted a report to the representatives of the several civic and fraternal organizations at a luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at the Elkhorn restaurant.

Briefly, the committee urges immediate re-activation of the Cub and Boy Scout troops and continued encouragement of the Girl Scout program; that the Blue Mountain council be asked for immediate professional assistance somewhat in relation to the financial assistance to the council for this district.

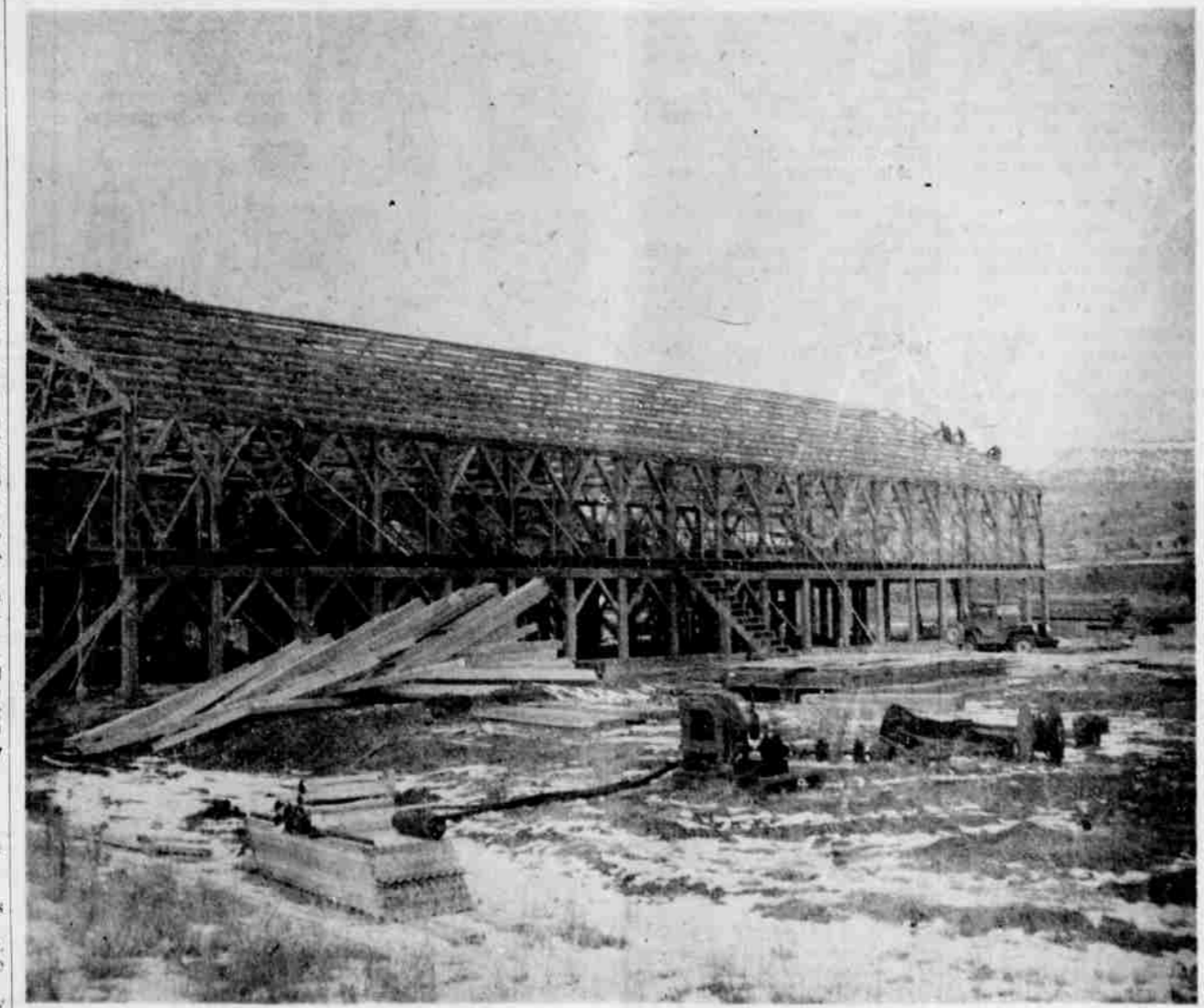
Recommends a permanent program for the recreation for the youth of Heppner community and that it be implemented as soon as possible; that it provide for all the youth of the Heppner community; that it provide the social and physical recreation which together with that now available will aid youth to enjoy a wholesome life; that this program provide room or space for games, dancing, refreshments, for developing physical skills, for reading and visual enjoyment and a "living room" or reception quarters; that the city swimming pool building, with the proper alterations, would be admirably suited for such a center.

Tetz presented a blackboard drawing of tentative alterations to the swimming pool building which would provide adequate space for the several activities suggested.

The report was submitted to the parent committee with the suggestion that a town meeting be held at the earliest possible date to lay the program before the community with the hope that early action may be realized.

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## THE NEW BROADFOOT SAWMILL AT MONUMENT



This view of the Big Four Lumber company's mill at Monument shows the main building nearly ready for the covering. The picture was taken the latter part of January and the crew of workmen was pushing the construction in spite of the prevailing cold weather. The main building will be 46 feet in width and 150 feet long. The green chain will be 18 feet wide and 150 feet long. Dane E. Broadfoot is in charge of all building construction and Lindell L. Broadfoot will superintend the installation of machinery. Harry Owen is the mill foreman. Bubi Harshman is in charge of logging operations, and Lloyd Moyer will have one truck on the lumber haul from Monument to the Heppner Lumber company plant where the lumber will be put through the dry kiln. It is expected the plant will be ready for sawing as soon as road conditions make logging operations feasible.

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