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## "Unloaded" Gun Cause of Shooting Accident Saturday

### Kenneth Klingner In Hospital With Abdominal Wound

Kenneth Klingner, part-time operator of Lexington, is in the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton as a result of a shooting accident in Heppner Saturday evening. Latest report from there was to the effect that he has a good chance for recovery.

Klingner, who is a collector of guns, had a revolver on him when he went into O'Donnell's cafe to see his friend Russell O'Donnell. The young men were together for some time and in the course of their visit, Klingner handed the gun over to O'Donnell, who, after examining it, removed the cartridges. A short while after that they went on an errand for the cafe and when they returned there was more discussion about the gun. Klingner, according to the story given to officials, pointed the gun at O'Donnell and the latter, in mock resentment, took it away from him. With full confidence that there was no ammunition in the gun, O'Donnell pressed the trigger and there was a report. Klingner received the charge in the abdomen.

Sheriff Bauman and a physician were called and the victim was made ready to be taken to Pendleton. He remained conscious throughout and told the officer that no blame was to be placed on O'Donnell, that it was purely an accident.

## Real Conservation Required to Save Productivity of Soil

The time has passed when farm and ranch folk can move into an area, take up a piece of land, farm it to death and then move on to a new territory. That was what Glenn Parsons told the luncheon group of the Heppner chamber of commerce at the Monday luncheon when speaking on his favorite subject.

Parsons had prepared a graph to show the stages our soil passes through starting as rock and disintegrating and catching grass seed which eventually grows into a soil covering. This soil covering when properly handled will last indefinitely, but when it is over-grazed the topsoil is exposed to the elements and without that covering eventually begins to wash off and blow away. He pointed to the surrounding hills as living examples of what is taking place and the apparent disinterest of land owners in helping to conserve this precious topsoil without which there can be no agricultural industry. This is not a problem for future generations, the speaker contended, but is the worry of this generation.

## LODGE MEETINGS CANCELLED

Since there is no emergency, and since the coal supply at the Masonic building has all but disappeared, the Masonic building committee this week decided to curtail use of the lodge rooms.

## Rainbow-DeMolay Installation Ceremony Popular Function of Sunday Afternoon

By RUTH F. PAYNE

Installation of officers for the Order of DeMolay and Order of Rainbow was held at joint ceremonies Sunday afternoon at the Masonic hall. Elective officers installed for the Rainbow Girls included Patricia Drake, worthy adviser; Eunice Keithley, worthy associate adviser; Joan Reininger, Charly; Constance Ruggles, Hope; Betty Wells, Faith; Nancy Ferguson, recorder; Wanda Hodge treasurer; and several appointive officers were installed at this time. Mrs. Frank Wilkinson was chosen Mother Adviser. Installing officers included Worthy Adviser, Mrs. E. O. Ferguson; Marshall, Mrs. Dean Hunt; recorder, Lorene Mitchell, and musician, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael of Lexington. Mrs. Clyde Dunham was soloist.

Officers of the DeMolay included Marion Green, master counselor; Gerald Bergstrom, senior counselor; Jim Smith, junior counselor; Melvin Piper, senior deacon; Larry Lovgren, junior deacon; Gary Connor, senior steward; Vern Bell, junior steward; orator, Wendell Connor; chaplain, Keith Connor; chaplain, George Wickes; marshal, Loren Piper; standard bearer, Allen Hughes; almoner, Phillip Smith; and seven preceptors, Fritz Cunniff, Carl Smith of Condon, Lynn Hill, Gay Harshman, Arthur Harshman of Condon, Elwayne Bergstrom and Charles Stout Jr. of C. A. Ruggles is adviser to the group.

Following the installation, Marion Green, master counselor of DeMolay, crowned Patricia Drake as worthy adviser of Rainbow.

A luncheon at 12:30 p. m. preceded the afternoon ceremonies.

## Boardman Reports 22 Below Zero In Current Cold Snap

The cold weather is still the main topic of interest in the Boardman community with temperatures going as low as 22 degrees minus, Monday night.

Sunday, February 12 following the regular church service at the Boardman Community church there will be a congregational business meeting for the purpose of changing the name of this church. Your vote counts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gronquist are the parents of a baby daughter born January 26 at the St. Anthony hospital, Pendleton. The little miss is Karen Ann, and is the first daughter but the third child for the Gronquists. Grandparents are Mrs. Mary Healy, Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. John Gronquist, Duluth, Minn.

Jeff Hayes spent the week-end in Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes motored to Arlington Sunday afternoon.

The 4-H clubbers had a benefit show and lunch at the grange hall Monday evening for the purpose of the new club building. The show was "Under the 4-H Flag". Despite the weather a large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Partlow motored to The Dalles Monday to get their daughter Susan, who had recently undergone an appendectomy at the Mid-Columbia hospital.

The March of Dimes benefit at 8 p. m. Saturday, March 4 at the grange hall is for everybody. It will be a box social and the ladies are requested to bring well filled baskets.

## A CORRECTION

When Nelson Anderson sent his letter on the proposed union high school last week he included Morrow County Agricultural Agent with his signature. This was inadvertently included when the copy was set up for the paper, which was not Mr. Anderson's intention. He was writing as the father of five children and not as the agricultural agent.

## Mustangs Strike Stride, Step Into Wheat League Lead

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## Says Mr. O'Connor To Mr. Anderson

and Boardman Soil Conservation districts; secretary Agricultural Planning conference. And on top of all this he is now serving on the board of directors of the Heppner chamber of commerce. With all of this "extra-curricular" activity he carries on the work of the county agricultural agent and has been most effective in guiding the agricultural units in the 4-H clubs of the county.

Anderson is 31 years of age and is the father of five children.

"It is obvious that this man's value to a farming community is inestimable and that his accomplishments work toward the welfare of the entire state," wrote the committee in submitting Anderson's name for consideration in the state first citizen selection. The committee, chosen by the Junior chamber of commerce to make the selection included Frank W. Turner, chairman; Elaine S. George and C. J. D. Leaman.

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## Party Postponed

The O. E. S. Social club party scheduled for this Saturday evening has been postponed until March 4, announces Mrs. Harley Anderson, worthy matron of Ruth chapter No. 32, O. E. S.

## Capital Parade

There are 450,000,000 people in China. Vast areas are unproductive. They can't raise enough food for themselves. They have to import food from Burma and Siam. Eighty percent of the people cannot read nor write. In Formosa, eighty percent of the people can.

These primary basic facts came from the man President Truman selected to make a survey of China in 1947, Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, 6th Army commander, who conferred with Governor McKay and Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, Oregon's adjutant general at the capitol this week, while on an inspection tour.

The three star general quipped it was not his errand to discuss China policies. He is sympathetic with the Chinese people, believes Chang Kai-shek is "sincere, honest and concerned for the welfare of his people."

"The war against communism is not going to be won militarily—it is going to be won by Americans becoming more fervent Americans and espousing at home and to the world the philosophy of the free man," the general said.

## Feb. 6 Designated National Children's Dental Health Day

February 6 has been set aside as "National Children's Dental Health" day. The American Dental association has sponsored this day for the promotion of better dental health for our nation's children. The purpose is to educate both parents and children to the importance of care to both the "first" or deciduous teeth, and the permanent teeth. Preserving the first teeth is probably as important as the permanent for upon this foundation is built future dental health.

A few good rules are: proper home hygiene, care in diet by elimination of excessive sweets; starting children's visits to dentist by at least three years of age; periodic visits to dentist, and fluoride treatments as a preventive to decay.

Above all, parents are urged to remember that upon them rests the responsibility of their children's dental health.

## Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

An even dozen Heppner high school students made the honor roll in the third six weeks period, announces Leonard Pate, superintendent. These include Wendell Connor, Roger Palmer, Marjorie Pierson, Jack Sumner, Nancy Adams, Joanne Bothwell, Eleanor Rice, Jim Smith, Marion Green, Gerald Bergstrom, Jim Orwick, and Rose Pierson.

## Fires Are Needed But Should Be Confined to Stoves

Fire is a necessity in cold weather—controlled fire, that is—but when it is the type that causes the fire siren to rear its raucous voice, that constitutes a nuisance. That's the opinion of the lads whose job it is to accompany the fire truck in sub-zero weather. Two such calls have come this week, one Tuesday evening, the other this morning.

Firtex used in refinishing an apartment at the home of Mrs. R. H. Zinter on North Gate street was tacked too close to the flue, with the result that it was on the verge of breaking into a blaze when Mrs. Zinter discovered it and phoned for the department. Only minor damage was done.

This morning a fire started in the state highway shed at the corner of Willow and Chase streets, causing the truck to be called out at about 6 o'clock. The potential blaze was quickly subdued and only minor damage was done. Worst thing about it was having to break in the door to get inside to fight the fire.

## Shamrocks Add 2 More Contests to Winning Column

Heppner's fighting Shamrocks, their cap set for the AAU playoffs, continued their blistering basketball pace Saturday and Monday nights, as they conquered the Condon Rover Boys 53 to 37 and downed the stubborn, scrappy Pendleton Motor in Indian team 68 to 60.

Both contests were strikingly similar in that they each were played for the benefit of the March of Dimes, and in each contest the Shamrocks pulled the game out of the fire in the second half.

At Arlington Saturday night the Heppner green clads and the Condon Rover Boys battled on even terms the first half with the score 21 to 21 at half time. The third quarter the Shamrocks caught fire and ran up a 39 to 26 lead at the end of that period. From then on they kept the game on ice as Condon was never able to close the margin to less than 10 points.

On the local floor Monday night the Pendleton Motor in Indians proved themselves to be a fast, sharpshooting scrappy team as they gave the Shamrocks a real scare before the Heppner boys finally came out the winners. After a shaky second quarter which at one time found the Shamrocks at a 9 point deficit, the Heppnerites' victory string was tottering on the brink of disaster as the half ended with Motor in leading 27 to 23.

Once again the Shamrocks rose to the occasion in the third period as they quickly knotted the count at 32 all. Then for five or six minutes the game was a seesaw battle as the two teams matched baskets with first one ahead and then the other. The last of the third quarter and first of the fourth the Shamrocks gradually pulled ahead and at one time were in the lead by 12 points.

In both the Condon and Pendleton games, Harold Whitbeck and Junior Kemp were the siege guns of the Heppner attack as Whitbeck hit the hoop for 16 points against Condon and 26 against Motor in, while Kemp buried Shamrock forward collected 14 and 21 points in the two respective contests.

Next Wednesday night the Shamrocks will meet on the local gym floor the Irrigon Independents, the only team to have beaten the Shamrocks this year. These two teams are now tied for first place in the league.

## North Jones Snow Depth 38 Inches

Snow on North Jones prairie in the Blue mountains south of Heppner was 38.16 inches in depth when measured early this week, according to Glenn Parsons, ranger of the Heppner district. The water content of the snow, which is a bit on the dry side, is 10.7 inches, Parsons said.

The measuring was done by Marvin Bennett, Umatilla county water master and Harvey Wright of the Heppner ranger district. Twelve spots were measured in the vicinity of Happy Home springs about one-half mile north of Jones prairie.

## Heppner District SCS Annual Dinner Set For Tuesday

### Merle Oveson to Be Guest Speaker At Rhea Creek

Merle Oveson, superintendent of the Pendleton branch experiment station will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district, Tuesday, February 7, at the Rhea Creek grange hall. Mr. Oveson will explain the soil conservation research program in progress in Umatilla county sponsored by the Oregon Wheat league in cooperation with various federal and state agencies.

Conservation practices and activities of soil conservation districts in the Columbia basin will be discussed by Tom Helseth, district conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, from Pendleton.

The annual report of the Heppner Soil Conservation district will be presented to Morrow county farmers by N. C. Anderson, Morrow county agent and secretary for the district supervisory board. Nomination and election of one supervisor will be necessary to fill the vacancy created by Orrian Wright's expired term. Procedure and petitions for adding the remaining portions of Morrow county lying outside of the present boundaries of the Heppner Soil Conservation district will be presented to the group by members of the state soil conservation committee and the county agent.

The program will begin at 11 o'clock with dinner served at noon by the ladies of the Rhea Creek grange. Conservation films and slides will complete the program. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

## Meat Services Set For Saturday P. M.

Funeral services for George R. W. Mead, 91, will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Heppner Church of Christ, with Rev. E. D. Greeley officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Lexington cemetery.

Mr. Mead passed away Monday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Sie Walker, on west Baltimore street. He has been an invalid for several years, spending most of his time in a wheel chair.

(An obituary will be published next week.)

## Random Thoughts...

Despite our best efforts, the Gazette Times is later than usual this week. The reason? Weather! Cold is an enemy of machinery and printer's ink. Then, too, the question of "juice" enters into the picture. Power lines are over-loaded these days and the extremely cold weather is not adding cheer to the situation for the power company. Since the operation of the newspaper plant depends solely upon electric power and their are periods in the day when motors run sluggishly, it is necessary to shut down temporarily until the peak loads pass. This slows production and there is but one thing to do and that is to keep on working until the "old rag" is made up and ready to go to press. Well, what can't be cured must be endured.

## 30-Year Record Equalled as Cold Snap Lingers On

Only twice before since official recordings have been made has the mercury dropped as low as it has been this week—last night, to be more specific. In 1919 there was a general cold snap all over the west and the mercury dropped to 18 minus in Heppner. Again in 1933 the same point was reached, and Wednesday evening of this week, the thermometer at the Gilliam residence said 18 below. This came upon the heels of two previous nights, Monday and Tuesday, which recorded 16 below.

The stage appears to be set for another cold night—possibly the coldest yet recorded, for there has been no change in the atmospheric conditions which have chilled the region from a characteristically mild winter climate to one not unlike the frozen steppes of Russia—or at least here. Fore considered less favored spots in our own United States.

All is not unfavorable, according to Len Gilliam, Heppner weather observer, who reports that precipitation for January showed 2.38 inches, mostly due to snow.

Some importing of hay is being done by stockmen, although to what extent has not been revealed. Unless there is a break in the weather soon there may be a marked shortage of stock feeds, for the herds and flocks must be well fed to withstand the extreme temperatures.

## Farm Bureaus To Study Plans For Reapportionment of Legislature

Twenty-three County Farm Bureaus will review plans for reapportionment of the Oregon legislature.

Representative Giles French, Sherman County publisher agreed to withdraw his federal plan in view of overwhelming odds against its success. French stated, "If I am relieved of my responsibility to the Oregon Farm Bureau federation, the Wheat League and the County Judges association, I will be glad to throw the full weight of my support behind the compromise proposal."

French's statement was made at a Portland meeting of the Legislative and Tax committee of the Oregon Farm Bureau, January 28. Senators Band of Multnomah, Marsh of Yamhill, Patterson of Washington and Representatives Carter of Umatilla, Sells of Wasco and Sheppard of Columbia presented their opinions on the compromise proposal at the meeting. Reported as favoring the compromise were Representatives Short of Deschutes, Geary, Seamon and Hitchcock of Klamath.

The Farm Bureau Legislative and Tax committee report will be made available to County Farm Bureaus February 2. General opinion of the committee is, (1) the federal plan, allowing one senator to every county, will draw op-

## CBE To Resume Construction Work Early Next Month

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