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Parole Violators Draw Heavy Terms From Judge Watts

Velma Hughes To Serve Six Years For Manslaughter

Violation of parole terms may be taken lightly by the violators but with Judge Homer I. Watts such conduct is a serious offense against the law. This was demonstrated Saturday when the judge came to Heppner to pass sentence upon two persons with whom he had previously dealt rather kindly. As a result of the short session of circuit court, Velma Hughes is now serving six years in the state penitentiary at Salem and Victor Jack Gibson is in the same institution for a period of four years. In each case the judge doubled the time previously given the violators.

Judge Watts sentenced Velma Hughes to three years in 1949 when she pled guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the slaying of her husband, Arthur Hughes in the early morning hours of December 15, 1948. The terms under which she was paroled required living an exemplary life. The Umatilla county parole officer, investigating reports that she was not living up to the probation terms, found sufficient evidence to cause her to be taken into custody. She was ill for several weeks and hospitalized part of that time.

Gibson was given a sentence of two years and placed on probation by Judge Watts last fall when he pled guilty to a charge of larceny not in a dwelling. Evidence came in that he had violated his parole and the judge ordered him brought in for sentencing. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman accompanied by John Wightman, went to Port Angeles, Wash. last week and picked Gibson up.

Sheriff Bauman said he had taken many prisoners to Salem in his upwards of 20 years but this was the first time he had committed a woman prisoner. Mrs. Hughes was the 28th woman on the prison roster, he reported.

Red Cross Drive To Open Wednesday

A campaign to raise \$67,000.000 for Red Cross services to the American people will open Wednesday morning, March 1, and plans are completed for joining in the drive in Morrow county, announces William Richards, county chairman.

Glenn Warner, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, has accepted appointment as fund chairman, replacing F. W. Turner, who served in that capacity for several years.

Actual funds needed amount to \$79,000,000, announces General George C. Marshall, new Red Cross president, but through economies affected and application of \$12,000,000 from almost depleted surpluses the organization is able to hold its request down to \$67,000,000.

P-TA SPONSORING DINNER EVENING OF MARCH 8

A dinner, sponsored by the Heppner Parent-Teacher association will be served at the Methodist church at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday, March 8, it is announced by Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, president of the local unit. An invitation has been extended to the public to attend but reservations should be made with Mrs. Merle Bockert.

The dinner is in honor of Stewart Holbrook, noted northwest author, who will be guest speaker at the P-TA meeting and program that evening.

ANNA K. BYLAND

Services were held at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday from the Phelps Funeral Home for Mrs. Anna K. Byland, 84, who passed away Thursday, February 16 at Pendleton. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated and interment was in the Masonic cemetery. She is survived by three sons, Elmer, Asa and Ralph.

Business visitors at the tax department the first of the week included Mrs. Clel Rea of Stanfield, Monday and Don McElhigott of Lower Gooseberry, Tuesday.

NIFTY KNITTERS MEET AT LEADER'S HOME

The Nifty Knitters met Feb. 16 at the home of Mrs. Cornett Green. President Clarice Hastings called the meeting to order. The minutes were read by Mary Ruth Green, secretary. Participation in 4-H club week was discussed and it was decided that Nancy Ball and Mary Ruth Green were to make posters for our club and display them.

The rest of the time was spent knitting on our bed socks. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.
Janice Beamer, Reporter.

Personal Assessments Due 2nd Of March

Assessor W. O. Dix reports that 75 percent of the assessment blanks mailed to taxpayers of the county have not been filled out and returned to his office. Since March 2 is the final date for filing, he urges immediate attention to this important matter.

Taxpayers are again reminded that a heavy fine may be imposed for failure to file the assessment blanks within the specified time and the assessor has no alternative in cases of neglect.

ATTORNEY DISCUSSES WASHINGTON AT WEEKLY SOROPTHIST LUNCHEON

In observance of Washington's birthday, the Soropthism Club of Heppner listened to a brief discourse by Attorney J. O. Turner at the regular meeting this noon. Mr. Turner refreshed the minds of his listeners on the life and activities of the "Father of our Country" and then connected him up with present day conditions and problems.

This was the birthday meeting for the month and was duly recognized with a cake with an enticing cherry tree thereon. Mrs. O. G. Crawford presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. O. George who is in Portland on business.

The next meeting will be a business meeting at which time there will be no program.

TO OPEN MEN'S STORE

E. O. Ferguson and son Ted are at Gold Beach where they are stocking up a men's wear store which Ted and an associate, Bob Crump, will operate. The new business, which will be called Ted and Bob's, will be ready for business as soon as the shelves and counters are stocked.

Stockman Tells House Appropriations Committee Of Spruce Budworms Menace

Immediate action for emergency funds to fight the spruce budworm pest was urged by Congressman Lowell Stockman recently when he appeared before the House Appropriations committee.

Representative Stockman argued that unless \$880,000 in supplemental funds, which is the federal government's share in treating 1,000,000 acres of infested lands, is made available at once, it will tax the capacity of the local manufacturers to provide the million gallons of DDT solution by the time the spraying must be done in the month of June.

He told the committee "The timber which the budworm would kill in eastern Oregon is needed for continued support of the very large lumber industry in this section. As the first cut in ponderosa pine is completed the eastern Oregon mills are turning more and more to the cutting of Douglas fir and white fir. Bend, Burns, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, La Grande, Baker, Kinzua, Lakeview

Census Enumerators Will Be Well Paid

Persons employed as enumerators for the 17th Decennial Census in Morrow county will earn about \$8.00 to \$9.00 per day, it is announced by Robert W. Gibson, census district supervisor, whose office is located at Room 6, Sommer Bldg., La Grande. The enumerator's pay scale is based on the payment of piece prices, so much per name, per farm, or per dwelling unit enumerated in the census.

Applications for enumerator jobs are now being received by the district supervisor's office. Approximately four positions are to be filled. Most of the enumerators will be employed for a period of from two to four weeks.

Happy Winter Time!



While automobilists were having difficulty negotiating the snow, these tots found transportation no problem whatever. Their noble steeds took them wherever they wished to go, and in this instance they passed by the Heppner Photo Studio where Louis Lyons and his ever-ready camera caught a picture of them. The children are Daniel Anderson, aged 5 and his sister, Darlene, age 3. The picture was taken February 8 while the whole region was still in the clutches of winter. The dogs are Australian shepherds.

Hospital Board Employs Manager At Tuesday Meeting

George Waddill of Enterprise to Take Charge Next Week

Meeting in Heppner Tuesday, the recently created board entered into a contract with George Waddill of Enterprise to become manager of the Morrow County Memorial hospital. Waddill will be in Heppner next week to assume his new duties.

In hiring a manager at this time, with official opening of the hospital still a matter of possibly several months, the hospital board feels that an opportunity is being grasped to make a saving of considerable money in completing the task of equipping and furnishing the building, while the heavy equipment has been installed, there remains furniture and incidentals which will involve considerable expenditure of money and the members of the board have recognized the desirability of having a qualified hospital manager on the job to help in the purchasing.

Waddill gained his experience in some of the larger hospitals of the state and for some time has been in charge of the hospital at Enterprise.

The manager is the second man employed by the county in connection with operation of the hospital. Robert Lowe was put on the job the first of the year as custodian and sanitary engineer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe, former residents of Cecil and now of Portland. It is understood that Mrs. Robert Gammell will be receptionist when the hospital goes into operation.

Amateur Hour At Fossil Attracts Many People From Kinzua

By ELSA M. LEATHERS
A large number of Kinzua people attended the first amateur hour at Fossil Wednesday evening sponsored by the P-TA. George Close was master of ceremonies. The program was divided in four classes and first, second and third prizes were given, and each contestant received a gift. Shirley Adams, singing, received first prize in her division, \$10. Miss Blanche Davis of Lone Rock as "Minnie Pearl", received first in the adult class, \$10. One first prize went to Condon, and the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Two trophies were presented at this time to Slip Wright, handicapped, cup and the actual 16 yard cup to Bill Wrenn. The president of the gun club, Herb Wright, was not present. Slip Wright made the presentation to Bill and himself.

The Legion auxiliary social hour was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Denton Monday evening. Mrs. James Armstrong was co-hostess.

Friends and neighbors called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dimbaski, newlyweds, Saturday evening for a house warming. Potluck lunch was served. The basketball boys and girls went to Heppner Friday night to play and won both games. Lexington played the local team with Fossil winning.

Carl Pierson and Tommy Hanks went to Portland last week. Jimmy Hulet accompanied them down and Bill Litzell returned home with them to see his father, Frank, before reporting to San Diego the first of the week to enter the navy. Bill took an examination on electronics before entering the navy and was 5th highest in the state. He will have 32 weeks of school now on electronics at Treasure Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rood were visiting in Heppner Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Kelly moved their household goods to Milton-Freewater Saturday where he will work in a garage. Kelly has been employed here the last year.

Mrs. David Peterson returned to work Monday after being off a week due to illness. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Doerr made a business trip to The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers Sr. spent Saturday in Heppner attending to business and visiting. Owen also visited at his sister's home in Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael.

Sonny Matteson went to Arlington to meet his wife and daughter Friday morning. Mrs. Matteson went to San Diego the first of December for a major operation and is now returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Delvin McDaniel returned home Saturday from Pendleton after spending several days there attending the funeral services and attending to business of Mrs. McDaniel's father who passed away on Monday. Carl Manksy taught in her absence.

Mrs. Layton Tripp was visiting Mrs. Richard Greenfield in Fossil Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Perry motored to Condon Sunday to get their daughters, Valoris and Valorie. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Orwick accompanied them.

Nelson Murphy went to The Dalles during the week to see his son Bobby who underwent an operation last week for a ruptured appendix and isn't doing too well. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Merritt and son of Heppner were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Adams Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bird were in The Dalles Saturday where Mrs. Bird received medical attention. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Reeser of Prineville went to The Dalles Saturday and brought Mrs. Bill Pres. ton home from the hospital where she recently underwent surgery. Mrs. Reeser is spending a few days here with her sister while recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. England made a business trip to Pendleton and Baker Monday, returning Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Morgan and baby daughter of Springfield were here over the week-end visiting Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Thompson, and other relatives and friends here and at Fossil.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray O'Neil were attending to business at The Dalles Saturday. Mrs. Leonard Collins accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson and two children of Beaverton spent the week-end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harve Boyer and other relatives and friends. Mrs. Boyer returned to Beaverton with them Sunday.

Kenneth Draheim, Pat Owens, Jean Owens and Dorothy Long went to The Dalles this week collecting ads for their high school annual.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jobe motored to The Dalles Saturday to see Mr. Owens, their father, who is ill in the hospital there.

Contracts Awarded For Relocation of River Rail Lines

Award of contract for the construction of 11.6 miles of Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway relocation from Yellett to Finley, Wash. has been made to Gibbons & Reed company of Salt Lake City, Utah, for \$1,548,600.80. Col. Wm. Whipple, Walla Walla district engineer, corps of engineers, announced Monday.

This is the last major contract for the relocation of 34 miles of the S. P. & S. railroad along the Columbia river to make way for the reservoir to be created by McNary dam. The work includes roadbed grading and involves 1,600,000 cubic yards of common excavation, 200,000 cubic yards of class I embankment and 2,400,000 cubic yards of class II and III embankment. All work required for the construction of the roadbed is to be completed by January 1, 1951 and all the remaining work by May 1, 1951.

Notice to proceed with the construction of 11.4 miles of Union Pacific railroad relocation along the Columbia river between Sand, Oregon and the Walla Walla river, Washington, has been given by the Utah Construction company under terms of a \$3,070,709 contract. Col Whipple announced.

Included under the contract is approximately 10 miles of relocation of state highways 395 and 730. This relocation work is necessary to permit the planned closure of the Columbia river at McNary dam in October, 1950.

The contractor will have ten calendar days after receipt of the notice in which to start the work. One year is allowed for completion.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rasmus from Sunday to Tuesday were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cecil who were accompanied by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Cecil, all of Spray.

Mustangs Humbled By Fossil Friday Evening, 38 to 32

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Correspondent Finds Many Items of Personal Interest Around Ye Olde Town

By Ruth Payne
The degree staff of Holly Rebekah lodge of Lexington conferred the honors of the degree upon five candidates from there and one, Mrs. Virginia Groshens, of Heppner at the regular meeting of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge Friday evening. Thirty two members of the Lexington lodge were present as well as many local members. Following lodge refreshments were served by Mesdames Florence Green, Mary Bailey, Della Tash and Della Davidson. Plans are being made to hold another initiation for seven candidates March 3 at which time the drill team of Sans Souci will present the ritualistic and floor work.

Nine tables of bridge and 15 of pinocle were in play at the Elks' ladies card party Saturday afternoon at the American Legion hall. For bridge, high score was received by Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and second by Mrs. Earl Blake, and for pinocle, Mrs. Walter Hayes of Boardman received high and Mrs. James Healey second. Mrs. Clyde Denney of Gresham received the door prize. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames H. D. McCurdy Jr., Harold Becket, Jack Van Winkle, Willard Blake, Milton Morgan of Lone, Tom Wilson and J. J. O'Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McCurdy Jr. were here from Ukiah for the week-end festivities at the Elks, Sunday they continued on to Portland to spend a few days on business and pleasure. During their absence their daughters remained with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan D. McCurdy at Lone.

David Hynd, who has been confined to his home by illness most of the winter, is out and about again. Mr. Hynd was at church Wednesday morning, greeting his friends and is much improved.

Scott Neill was over from Condon Saturday to attend the Elks annual. Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Bibby were Mr. and Mrs. Judy Morrison from Arlington.

Mrs. Claude Graham is a patient at Portland Sanatorium having undergone surgery there the last of the week. Her father, John Wightman, who accompanied her to the city returned to Heppner Friday.

Mrs. Pearl Devine, Mrs. Mary Wright and Deb Wright motored to Portland Tuesday to spend a few days on business. Art Ives is spending this week in Portland in attendance at a school for Frigidaire repair and salesmen.

Jimmie Wilson was here from Portland for the week-end to attend the Elks annual and visit with his brother David and sister, Mrs. Alva Jones. Mr. Wilson has recently returned from Ireland where he spent several weeks visiting his birthplace and where he attended school. He was very impressed with the pla-

Father Of Country Extolled in High School Lad's Talk

Washington the surveyor, the soldier and the first president of the United States was extolled in a brief talk before the chamber of commerce luncheon group Monday noon by Marion Green, Heppner high school student. This being Washington's birthday week, the program chairman, Glen Parsons, thought it would be fitting to have a talk on the "Father of His Country". He consulted Supt. Leonard Pate, who recommended Green.

Although one of the busiest students in the school, Marion found time to do some research work on the subject assigned him and came up with a talk worthy of one many years his senior. A communication from the Baker chamber of commerce invited the local group to send a representative to a meeting scheduled for some time in the near future in Baker to take up the matter of more widely advertising the Old Oregon Trail and particularly the counties traversed by the highway. No immediate action was taken but it is likely that the invitation will be accepted.

The Boardman F.F.A. parliamentary team placed first in the Blue Mountain district at Milton Saturday, under the supervision of Ronald Black. The members of the team are Bob Sicard, Keith Tannehill, Donald Gillespie, Peter and Michael Cassidy. Other members attending were Max Fussell, Jimmie Graham and Robert Fortner. The chapter received new equipment for the shop lately, a joiner plane, jug saw and a lathe.

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Results Of Test On UHS Reported By Rural Board

Sentiment Not in Favor Shown By Voters Responding

In view of the county-wide responsibility for the educational program as financed by the rural school budget which is levied uniformly throughout the county, by request the Rural School Board fostered a survey of the sentiment in relation to the establishment of a union high school serving the students of the present high schools at Lone, Lexington and Heppner.

Information pertinent to a union high school was sent to parents of the area. A card was enclosed asking each parent to express his reaction to the proposal. Four hundred and ninety cards were sent out and 177 were returned, with the following results by districts:

Heppner—yes 39, no 29, more information, 13. In the same order follows Lexington—19, 7, and 4; Lone—3, 41, 3; other districts—9, 3, 2. Total—Yes, 70; no, 80; more information, 27.

Further letters were received opposing such a plan from the Lone Parent-Teacher association and the Heppner school board. The board felt that this information should be made available in the light of its letter to the parents of this area. This was merely an advisory vote. Steps by which official action could have been taken were outlined in the Gazette Times.

Vernon Munkers, chairman of the Rural School Board, in clarifying the board's position, said: "The board wants to make its position clear on this issue. The Rural School Board has fulfilled its responsibility in testing sentiment in regard to a union high school. If some interested persons of the various districts feel that it is worth further study they will have to follow the legal procedure. The Rural district office will furnish such information as is pertinent to such a procedure."

It also wishes to clarify the financial procedure in the acquisition of sites and building of a school plant. The responsibility, both in voting and in financing lies with the local district and is financed by a local district tax and not by a county-wide tax.

The bonds are voted by the local district and it must levy a special tax within the district to retire such bonds. It does not become a part of the rural school district budget which is levied on the county as a whole."

Veterans who took out National Service life insurance in 1942 were reminded today by Charles M. Cox, local representative of the Veterans Administration, that they must convert or renew their present policies this year, before they expire.

Failure of veterans to do this may result in the loss of their G. I. insurance, unless they are able to pass a physical examination, Cox said.

G. I. policies issued in 1942, a year of heavy recruitment by the armed services, have eight years to run before they must be converted or renewed, and veterans must apply for their new policies before the old ones expire.

Many veterans, the VA said, are not sure when they first took out their policies and needlessly run the risk of losing their insurance protection because they do not know when their policies should be renewed.

Even though the VA will try to notify the veteran 60 days before the expiration date, it is wise for him to check with the VA to determine the anniversary date of his insurance policy.

Approximately one-third of the half million veterans in the Pacific northwest who have GI insurance pay their premiums during the 31-day "grace period," according to the VA. They, too, face the loss of their insurance when it expires, because it may no longer be in force when they get around to making application for a converted policy or a renewal.

The VA advises veterans to pay their premiums promptly and depend on the "grace period" only in times of real financial emergency.

MR. BRIGGS FILES
First to announce candidacy for a county office is Leon W. Briggs, who announced this morning that he is seeking reelection as county treasurer. Mr. Briggs observed his 90th birthday last July and so far has successfully defended the challenge issued by this newspaper that he is Oregon's oldest public servant.

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