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Local Man's Auto Figures in Wreck On Portland Street

Dorsey L. Miller Hospitalized, Passenger Killed

Wednesday's Morning Oregonian contained an account of a serious accident in Portland in which a Heppner citizen was involved. Dorsey L. Miller, proprietor of Cal's Tavern, was booked by county police on a charge of reckless driving, according to the Oregonian account, and held as a material witness.

Lyle Sones, 46, operator of the Palace cafe in Vancouver, Wash., was killed when the northbound car traveling along N. E. 122d avenue went off the road and smashed into a power pole. Deputy sheriffs who went to the scene said the car failed to negotiate an S-turn just south of Prescott street on 122d avenue. They said it continued 200 to 250 feet off the road before striking the pole. The officers said the car hit so hard the pole was severed halfway up and the base loosened. A new, large diameter pole it had not been placed in service yet so no power outage resulted.

Miller suffered injury and shock, the steering wheel striking him over the chest and he was taken to the Multnomah hospital where he may have to remain for about 10 days. Mrs. Miller left for Portland immediately upon receiving news of the accident. She returned today and reported her husband is getting along quite well.

World Day of Prayer Program on Friday

A World Day of Prayer program will be given at 2:30 p. m. Friday (tomorrow) in All Saints Episcopal church. The program is sponsored by the Union Missionary Society and will be in charge of Mrs. Paul Jones, new president.

Conditions being as they are in the world today, the World Day of Prayer has a more significant meaning and the UMS is desirous of seeing a well filled auditorium at the service.

Honkers Humble Heppner in Wheat League Encounter

Heppner eked out a one-point win at Ione Tuesday over the tough Ione Cardinals there, score 42-41. It was close-all the way, with never more than five points separating the teams at any one time. Failure of the local team to connect from the field during only a one-point advantage at the first half left Heppner with the half. In the second half, Jim Prock sparked the offense and ended up with 17 points. Gary Connor, Keith Connor and Marlon Green teamed up effectively with a sliding zone defense and held.

Gene Dougherty, high scoring Cardinal ace, showed up well in checking and played an important part in the close contest. The B team split in its games as well, winning from Arlington and losing to Ione. The BBs season record now stands an impressive 12 wins and three losses. Wesley Marlatt led the scoring column in both games with 13 and 14 points respectively, followed by Roland Taylor with 9 and 10 points.

Although showing improvement in each succeeding game, the Heppner high school basketball team still lacks the punch necessary to come out on the long end of the score in the Wheat league games. The squad puts up stiff opposition but usually comes out a little shy on points. This was demonstrated in the Arlington game, which the Honkers won, 48-43. It was close all the way except just before the half when the visitors began to pour in points from all angles and left the floor at intermission time with an 11-point advantage, 28-17. Heppner came back in the second half to reduce that lead but couldn't muster enough to salt the game down.

Scoring was well balanced for the Heppner players, with Jim Smith leading with 10 hard earned points and Prock and Gary Connor with 8 points each and Marlon Green with 6.

Sound Methods Find Sound Timbers—Researchers are now using sonic methods to test wood without destroying it. These exacting methods can permit safer construction of wood aircraft frames, ladders and scaffolds.

Precipitation For January 1.31 Inches

Rain and snow accounted for 1.31 inches of moisture in the Gooseberry section during January according to figures kept by Leonard Carlson. Snow didn't figure much in the total, a measurement showing a total of one and one-fourth inches, with .75 inch falling on January 11 and .50 inch on the 28th.

There was rainfall 11 days of the month. Beginning with .12 on the second the record was as follows: 10th trace; 11, .13 rain; 12, .08; 17, .31; 21, .18; 22 trace; 23, .20; 24, .17; 28, .08 rain followed by .50 inch of snow and decline in temperature to 2 below zero; 29, zero; 30, 2 above; 31, 5 above. One-half inch snow remained on ground through the 31st.

Carlson reports that 5.54 inches of moisture had fallen since the first of August to time of making his January report. February gives every promise of living up to earlier predictions—wet.

Contract Awarded On Court Street Curbing Project

Mayor J. O. Turner received notification from the state highway commission late last week that the contract for the Court street improvement project had been awarded. C. G. Dennis & Son of Portland was the successful bidder, with a figure of \$16,200. A definite date for starting the work has not been made but the job is to be completed by July 1, 1951.

The state highway commission entered into an agreement with setting out certain financial obligations to do the work, that the city in 1950 to do the work, that the city's share was \$4450, which amount was turned over to the commission. Later the commission came back and asked the city to raise the ante by \$1550. Before taking action on this the mayor and council decided to see what the curbing could be put in for by local contractors. A figure was obtained and the mayor approached the curbing. It was then that the contract be let omitting commission with the proposition commission decided to go ahead with the project under the original terms.

The project was put up to the highway commission after residents along the street presented a petition asking for it. There will be a lowering of the grade as much as two feet in places to establish proper lines for the curbing in an effort to provide proper drainage, a matter that has disturbed residents in that area for a number of years. Property owners have agreed to pay \$1.25 per running foot on the curbing when it is in, with the city and commission financing the grading, surfacing and other items.

Soroptimist Club To Sponsor Music Event February 16

A concert is being sponsored by the Soroptimist Club of Heppner on Friday night February 16. Jess F. Thomas, tenor, director of guidance programs in the Hermiston public schools, and Mrs. Grant Hutchins soprano, will present a varied program at the Heppner Church of Christ at 8 p. m.

Each is a soloist of note and their program offers sufficient variety to interest all groups. This will include operatic arias, favorite classical selections, and light opera numbers by Schubert and Romberg. The visiting artists will close the evening's program with well known duets from light American operatic works.

A silver offering will be taken as this is one of the means the club uses for its welfare and Soroptimist club is using this year philanthropic work.

An evening of delightful music, 8 p. m. Friday, February 16.

Foundation Day To Be Observed Here

Wednesday evening, February 14 is the date for the next Parent-Teacher association meeting at the high school auditorium. Mrs. Palmer Sorlien is program chairman and Founders Day will be observed. All members of the various P.T.A. groups of the county have been especially invited to be present as well as the county P.T.A. council.

Mrs. L. D. Tibbles, room mother for the sixth grade, will be chairman for the refreshment hour. Mrs. E. E. Gonty is president of the local organization.

Annual Meeting Of Heppner SCD Held Tuesday in Ione

Summary of 1950 Activities Shows Much Progress

This week beheld the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district, February 6 at the Willows grange hall in Ione. The program for the day opened at 10:30 a. m. with the film, "Waves of Green," shown to approximately 50 persons. At 11 a. m. Ralston Hurlbut, field agronomist of the Pullman soil conservation experiment station in Washington, spoke to the group on preferred grasses and legumes to be used for crop rotation—a practice highly recommended by the district. Following this, the Willows grange home economics club served a delightful lunch of roast pork and applesauce, with apple pie to top the meal.

Introduction of guests was made during the lunch hour with main speakers of the day, Ralston Hurlbut, agronomist, SCS; Arthur S. King, soil conservation specialist from Oregon State college and Tom P. Helseth district conservatist, SCS, presented. At 1 p. m. the annual report for the year 1950 was given by secretary of the district Nelson C. Anderson, who revealed the following information to the farmers present:

Progress for 1950: 27 farm applications with 206 total, covering 493,225 acres. Active plans are 140 covering 360,481 acres.

Practices: Contour farming, 8184 acres.

Stubble mulching, 14,266 acres.

Strip cropping, 1341 acres.

Cross slope farming, 10,190 acres.

Field diversions, 3.4 miles.

Range improvement, 23,232 acres.

Pasture improvement, 326 acres.

Seeding grasses and legumes, 891 acres.

Seeding range, 275 acres.

Land prepared for irrigation, 193 acres.

Irrigation systems improved, 266 acres.

Surveys: Conservation—26,080 acres.

Engineering 895 acres.

Range conditions, 52,000 acres.

Election was held to fill the expired term of Orville Cutsforth for supervisor. Cutsforth was re-elected. At 2 p. m. Arthur S. King, soil conservation specialist from Oregon State college, took the limelight to express to the farmers of the district the many different ways to conserve the precious soil of Morrow county—one of the "conservation sore spots" of the Columbia basin area. Following King, Orville Cutsforth, program chairman for the meeting, introduced Tom P. Helseth, district conservatist, SCS, who explained the relationship of the SCS with soil conservation districts of the state. The meeting was adjourned with the showing of "The People Together."

Tri-County Weather Research Corporation Seeks Farmers Viewpoint of Project

Ralph Crum, president of the Tri-County Weather Research Corporation, has written the Gazette Times relative to the progress of the project and the need for hearing from subscribers and others regarding their views. The letter follows:

In the weather modifying operation that has been carried on through the months of October, November and December, with results that appear to be so amazing that we are going to have to make up some new words to explain this new science of water and soil conservation, the future productive capacity of the soil and storage of more water for irrigation are insured. We have nearly all kinds of erodible soil in the target area, and in many places it is very steep, yet with double the normal rainfall there has been less runoff than in many years when there has been less than half the normal precipitation.

The long time average for those three months is 3.3 and this year we received more than 7.1 inches of rain that began earlier, lasted longer, fell more gently, spread out more over the country and seemed to sink into the soil without washing.

It leaves the ground open there is no hard crust that is so common with the natural rains that hit the ground with pelting force, and often result in cloudbursts and washouts. These are very important facts. I cannot emphasize too strongly that while we want growers and stockmen who appreciate the extra moisture, our interest is first of all scientific and in enhancing the progress and prosperity of

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BECKONS PUBLISHERS

Date of the annual Oregon Press Conference is February 16-17 at Eugene. Publishers and key employees gather in the Journalism building on the University of Oregon campus for a two-day refresher course during which time prominent speakers will be heard and things affecting the publishing industry discussed. It is the desire of the Gazette Times publishers to attend this meeting. It can be done if correspondents and advertisers will move up at least one day in turning in copy. Otherwise it will be almost impossible to make the mail in time to permit them to arrive in time for the Friday sessions. Cooperation in the matter will be greatly appreciated and it may make the said publishers a little easier to get along with. Thank you.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

A county wide civilian defense meeting has been scheduled for 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, February 13 at the school house in Lexington. W. E. Davis, county coordinator and department chairman will be on hand to explain what has been done and help outline plans for completion of the program throughout the county. Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman announces that the first First Aid class has been organized and lessons are underway. A second class will be started soon to accommodate those who wish to get in on the training. Ione observers report seeing some of the planes that were on a swing about the state on a simulated air raid Saturday and Sunday. The observation post there is in the school building.

Hunters-Anglers Meeting Attracts Large Attendance

At the meeting Monday night of the Hunters and Anglers club, 75 members were present. Election of officers was the first order of business and by unanimous consent all officers were retained for another year. Dr. L. D. Tibbles president; Floyd Tolleson vice president and Mrs. Paul Brown secretary-treasurer.

The club passed a motion to establish a fishing reserve for youngsters on Willow creek above Heppner. Floyd Tolleson, Bill Labhart and Ed Dick were delegated to pick the site. Also two-thirds of those present favored passage of House Bill 123 relative to transferring game poaching to control of the state game commission.

Colored movies of a fish that didn't get away were shown by Jack Hynd. The filming was done at the mouth of the Deschutes river and showed some beauties caught by Jack and Herbert Hynd.

Famous College Band Schedules Heppner Concert

OSC Organization, 70 Strong Coming To Eastern Oregon

The 70 piece Oregon State college concert band, under the direction of Ted Mesang, will include Heppner on its spring tour of Eastern Oregon, according to former Heppnerite, Jim Barratt, who is arranging the tour.

Sponsored by the Heppner Junior Chamber of Commerce, the concert will be given Sunday evening March 18. Concerts will be held at later dates in Hermiston, Echo, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater. A sixth concert is also being scheduled in the Portland area during the return trip of the band.

Last Heppner appearance of the colorful OSC band was in 1942, when local citizens poured into every seat of the high school gymnasium to hear a popular concert directed by the late Captain Harry L. Beard. This good-will non-profit tour into eastern Oregon has been arranged for several reasons. First, to provide top-grade entertainment for a tax-supported institution for people in less densely populated areas, second, to give high school bandsmen the opportunity to observe one of the finest college bands in the west and third, to bring to OSC alumni in this region a representative group from their college.

Because of the last reason, a joint sponsor of the entire tour is the alumni association. Barratt, assistant director of the OSC alumni association, will accompany the band and will arrange alumni meetings at which athletic movies and colored slides of the campus will be shown. He will introduce Director Mesang at all meetings throughout eastern Oregon.

Already acclaimed as one of the finest directors of bands in the nation, Mesang is one of the most prolific writers of band music. He has written over 70 overtures and marches and just recently off the press is his latest book entitled "Ted Mesang March Book No. 2." Coming to OSC last year from Wisconsin, he has had an outstanding record as a band leader. In 1942, his Ashland, (Wis.) high school band won the national band championship. He was assistant director at Wisconsin before moving west.

The band will stay overnight in Heppner at private homes and will travel during the tour by buses.

CITY HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. C. C. Dunham, former member of the city council and city health officer during that period, has been named by Mayor J. O. Turner to serve during the current administration.

"Dimes" Campaign In County Might Double Last Year

Returns to Date Indicate Response Here Generous

As returns come in it appears likely that Morrow county will double the 1950 subscription in the current March of Dimes campaign. Complete returns are in from some of the communities and partial returns from others. Many folders have not been received and the director and committee heads urge holders to fill them and mail them in at the earliest possible date.

Mrs. Walter Roberts, community chairman for Ione, reported \$155.70 turned in from cards mailed to the people of her district; \$12.55 was realized from subscriptions and the school children donated \$37.04, for a total of \$205.29.

Heppner citizens have responded wholeheartedly, according to James H. Driscoll Heppner chairman. Funds received and credited to the city of Heppner, (people whose post office address is Heppner) amount to \$1,570. 25. Individual contributions have been received, some ranging as high as \$200.

Driscoll would call special attention to the record set by the Heppner school. The young citizens scraped their penny jars, piggy banks or what have you and came forth with a total of \$317.91.

Fraternal organizations and civic groups accounted for \$410.15, including the following donors: Elks, \$340.15; Heppner chamber of commerce, \$25.00; Order of Eastern Star, \$10.00; American Souci Rebekah lodge \$5.00; Heppner auxiliary, \$5.00; Willows lodge, I.O.O.F. No. 66, \$5.00; Sams ner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., \$10.00; Heppner post American Legion, \$5.00, and Soroptimist club of Heppner, \$5.00.

Mrs. Joe Hughes, county director reported that Hardman sent in close to \$15 this year as compared with less than \$3.00 last year. Lexington Boardman Iririgon and Pine City returns had not been tabulated up to this morning.

Shamrocks Raise Wins To 20 Out Of 23 In Season

After dropping two successive games, one to Centerville and the other to Pendleton Motor In, the Heppner Shamrocks came roaring back to win six games in a row making the season's record of 20 wins in 23 games.

Minus four regular players, the Shamrocks found in their first Centerville game that they had greatly underestimated their opponents and went down to defeat by an 88 to 54 score. In the next game the Shamrocks met Pendleton Motor In and again tasted defeat, 79 to 62. Motor In, smarting under a previous loss to the Shamrocks, came loaded for bear in this second game, as they added to their roster of players tall Willard Jones of Iririgon and Jim Catterall, ex-Oregon State and current Pendleton VFW star.

Rebounding back from these two losses the Shamrocks dumped Lexington 70-31, Arlington 67-49, and the Harlem Globe Trotterettes who proved a great disappointment in their lack of ability and ambition, by a score of 42 to 32. Next the Shamrocks rolled over Hermiston 78 to 49, Condon 56 to 41, and then avenged themselves against Centerville by downing the visitors 85 to 70.

The Shamrocks hold a firm grip on first place in league standing with 12 wins and no losses. Next home game for the Shamrocks will be Saturday night February 10, when they meet Hermiston.

Picture Shop Due To Open February 12

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dodson who arrived in Heppner last week bringing equipment and furnishings for a photograph studio, announce that they will be ready to open their doors to the public Monday morning, February 12. This latest enterprise in Heppner located in the Ferra building, will be called The Picture Shop. The Dodsons came prepared for a housing shortage having their own "house on wheels," a modern trailer.

What's Doing In The Legislature

By REP. GILES FRENCH

The house had one of those days Saturday, a day when everything went wrong. The speaker was determined to hold a Saturday session although many members wanted to go home. Some were excused, others left anyway. At ten o'clock only 36 answered to their names and 40 is required for a quorum.

Undaunted, a motion was made for a call of the house although there wasn't enough to legally begin a session. Then they begin to wonder how to get out from under the call of the house and adjourn, a fear that did not exist because if no quorum existed to make a call legal, no concern need be felt about the lack of a quorum to dispense with the call.

So the talking in excited groups went on for two hours and a half while members drove to Salem to bring the county up to 20. Then a couple of bills and a resolution were passed.

Economy got a draw in the fourth round (week) calling upon reserves within the house and senate. Little outside support has been received by those who would drastically cut the budget. Economizers should realize that the atmosphere in the capital city is for more and better spending. Salem's best industry is the state government and the department heads who live here have a natural ambition to have their departments grow.

The state spent more than \$20 million more in the last biennium than it took in taxes. If the present budget is passed it will spend over \$30 million more than it takes in next biennium. In 1953 it will be really broke and without any cushion or surplus or anything else resembling funds. It will have some very expensive habits that have been allowed to continue overlong.

It seems the part of wisdom to do some cutting now instead of putting the baby's milk money into the slot machine.

There has been little disagreement with the theory of hard districts written into the 1947 law. That law gave the right for counties or smaller units of area to establish by popular vote a district where stock could not run at large. A small number of residents can petition for a district vote. It has the great advantage of giving the actual residents of an area the right to control grazing. That is local government which is so often better than state or national government.

The legislature should get down to actual work on some of the major bills this week after spending the first month getting them written and introduced. There will be a great deal of highway legislation as shown by "Big Bertha" a monstrous mimeographed bill that rewrites the entire highway code. It was broken up—perhaps for scrap.

The interim tax committee bills are nearly all in and are being discussed; four reappointment bills have been introduced and are being debated in the house committee on a general basis so far; the bill designed to reorganize the financial organization of the state was read Saturday.

All this is a start and will give committees something to do to get the new ideas into shape for house and senate action. The senate has most of the Holy repton bills of which there are legion. Because they are a coordinated effort that must be considered as a whole the job will be long. Senators have too many committees anyway and find trouble getting a quorum in committee.

There is still a feeling that it will be useless for the legislature to pass any new tax bill without expecting a referendum against it. If that sentiment lasts to the end property owners may have a 20 mill state levy next year or the year after. And that should mean a leaner, hungrier, braver, tougher bunch of legislators come the 1953 session.

NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKER DUE SUNDAY

Sponsored by the Methodist church, Church of Christ and the Assembly of God, Joe Brill, nationally known speaker, will address the people of the community at 3 p. m. Sunday. The meeting will be held at the Methodist church. Brill is a national speaker for the Youth of Christ movement, the organization of which Evangelist Billy Graham is vice president.

The visitor will address the Youth for Christ sponsored meeting at 7:30 p. m. Monday in the high school auditorium. Attendance is desired by the young people in particular and the public in general.