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Ownership of Old Home Town Paper To Change July 1

Robert Penland of Lebanon to Become Publisher of G-T

Negotiations have been completed for transfer of ownership and management of the Heppner Gazette Times from Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland of Lebanon. The transfer will take place July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Penland will arrive June 26 with their household goods. In the meantime, the Crawfords are on the lookout for a place to live, temporarily, at least. They have no plans for the future other than to take a good rest and look around for a location.

The man assuming the role of publisher is a native Oregonian and an experienced newspaperman. He was born in Albany, graduated from grade and high schools there and in 1939 graduated from the University of Oregon school of journalism. His first assignment was on the advertising staff of the Bend Bulletin where he spent four years. Part of that time he was on the Bulletin's radio station, KBND. During the war he was employed at Coos Bay for one and one-half years and from there went to the Lebanon Express where he has been manager for the past six and one-half years.

Mr. Penland was pledged to Sigma Delta Chi while at U. of O.; was president of Oregon Admenagers in 1947-48. He is a member of the Lebanon Elks lodge, Masonic lodge and the Lions club. He and Mrs. Penland are members of the Episcopal church. They have one child, Neal, eight years old.

The Penlands, while new to Heppner, are not coming as total strangers. They were classmates of Edwin Dick, Francis Nickerson, Joe Green, and John G. Parker, which goes to say that they knew all about the town during their university days. Their acquaintance with the present publishers dates back five or six years when both families were attending the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association meetings.

The present publishers assumed ownership on October 1, 1942. Those were black days throughout the world but everybody carried on in a forward looking manner and the newspaper grew and prospered. It required working around the clock many times and this eventually played havoc with Mrs. Crawford's health. It was finally decided that the property should be sold and the "old man" go out and look for something less strenuous as a means for earning a livelihood.

FUTURE FARMERS JUDGED BEST SWINE HERDSMEN

While the 4-H clubbers were grabbing off most of the honors at the Oregon Wheat League Fat Stock show and sale at The Dalles the first of the week the Future Farmers of America were a bit busy on their own account. They took first in swine herdsmanhood. The boys had their own animals at the show.

The three boys on the team were Lynn Rill, Jerry Buschke and Bob Buschke.

Francis Cook was their coach.

PENDLETON JUNIORS BLANK HEPPNER HOPEFULS, 7-0

Pendleton's Legion Junior baseball team blanked Heppner's hopefuls in the game played Sunday on Rodeo field. It was the first appearance of the Heppner boys while Pendleton has been playing three years.

Gary Connor, star Heppner high school athlete, pitched the winning contest and gave up four hits. Heppner garnered four runs but was unable to make a run count. The visitors scored three runs in the first inning and none in the last. The other five runs were constituted a pitchers' error.

A crowd turned out to hear the young fellows give their interpretation of the national pastime.

Heppner's next game will be with Hermiston. It will be played at night on the Echo field.

Pendleton Post No. 61 and the Oregon Motor Service are sponsoring the Pendleton and Heppner Post No. 87 and Rosewall Motor Co. are the backers of the local team.

Copious Showers Enhance Prospects For County's Crops

Crop prospects have improved immeasurably this week with the coming of rains that up to the time of going to press have brought more than an inch of precipitation to the county. Starting in with heavy but not violent showers Monday night there have been intermittent showers ever since and the farmers are feeling comfortable—if not down right smug.

According to Ralph Crum, president of Tri-County Weather Research, Inc., these showers are the work of nature and not the result of any effort put forth by Dr. Krick and associates. However, Dr. Krick did forecast rain for Monday night, beating the weather bureau to the draw by at least 12 hours. The bureau had forecast rain for Tuesday.

Farmers say the rains are timely as in some sections the grain was not filling as it should. Cool nights and lack of really warm days have been a help to the crops and now the prospect is bright for a heavy yield all over the county. The situation is such that many of the farmers subscribing to the rain making experiment took time off this morning to drive to Condon to attend the annual meeting of the Tri-County Weather Research, Inc., where Dr. Krick and some of his staff are on deck to answer questions and explain the workings of their weather experiments.

Reports reaching Heppner are to the effect that the current showers have been more copious over the northern grain section than up this way. Some of the larger grain growers are predicting as much as 50 bushels in fields here and there over the wheat belt in any event, the average will be higher than previous years if the present prospect holds until the combines enter the fields.

Citizens Must Back Sewage Disposal Plan, Mayor Says

Plans formulated thus far by the city council for the construction of a sewer system in Heppner were discussed by Mayor J. O. Turner at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Heppner chamber of commerce. The mayor stated that the council had made a start on a program to try and get something definite underway and he thought it was about time the citizens, or certain segments of them at least, were let in on the plans.

Before entering upon a discussion of the council's dilemma, the mayor read letters from the state sanitary board in which it was apparent that the state officials expect Heppner to do something about obtaining proper sewage disposal in the near future. They would like to know the approximate date the city expects to start.

Speaking for the city, Mayor Turner said the council had made something of a start in plans for raising revenue. One item is the levying of a 10-mill tax over a certain period. This would be augmented by a special water users' levy or assessment. The council committee studying the problem has recommended a monthly additional charge of \$1 for residences and businesses not included in the heavy user class. As for apartment houses, hotels, restaurants and any other type of business using more than the minimum, the rate has not been determined as the committee feels further adjusting of rates should be made before submitting them for consideration by the council and the voters.

Former Mayor Garland Swanson of Ione was at the luncheon and was asked to tell how Ione handles the town meetings. The town council calls an annual town meeting when all problems of the council and the community are brought to light. The results have been highly gratifying, Swanson said.

The chamber of commerce complimented Mrs. Henry Tetz on her work of making signs for the children's fishing reserve and rewarded Vic Groshens with a gift for being the best kid fisherman in the month of May. He caught a 21-inch trout, not in the reserve but below town.

Annual Dinner of Soroptimist Club of Heppner . . .



This scene was taken Friday evening in the banquet room of O'Donnell's Cafe on the occasion of the third annual banquet and installation of officers of the Soroptimist club of Heppner. Mrs. Clara Gertson was installed as president; Mrs. Joe Hughes vice president and Mrs. W. C. Collins, secretary. Photography by The Picture Shop

Soroptimist Club Holds Installation

Mrs. Clara B. Gertson was installed as president of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner following the annual dinner served in the banquet room of O'Donnell's Cafe Friday evening. Mrs. Alice Dowell Jones of Portland, past Northwest Regional director and present chairman of the advisory committee, addressed the gathering and did the installing. Mrs. Joe Hughes was installed as vice president, and Mrs. W. C. Collins as recording secretary. Miss Leta Humphreys, corresponding secretary-elect and Mrs. John Saager, treasurer-elect were unable to be present and will be inducted later.

The assemblage sat down to elegantly decorated tables, the handiwork of Soroptimist Mary Van Stevens, and partook of a most satisfying baked ham dinner. Dinner music was supplied by a record player from Gonty's.

Mrs. C. C. Dunham was mistress of ceremonies and kept the meeting flowing smoothly. She called for a report from members on the manner in which they earned their five dollar assessments for the educational fund. Miss Margaret Gillis captured the prize with her story. A man sent her five dollars for getting

Council Ready To Submit Plan For Sewer Financing

A start was made Monday evening by the city council to build up a fund for the construction of a sewer system. The council approved a proposal to submit to the voters at the budget election the levying of a 10-mill tax. This will be supplemented by an assessment of \$1 per water meter for residences and properly adjusted rates on business-houses, county buildings and school buildings.

Pending further adjustments on public property. Residents of Water street are preparing a petition to present asking for permanent improvements to that street to take care of drainage.

The honored guest, Mrs. Jones, was accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Gotcher, president-elect of the Soroptimist Club of Portland. The ladies drove to Prineville Saturday to attend the institution of a new club.

Air Raid Alert Given Test Wednesday

Oregon's civil defense air raid alert system was given a test Wednesday morning when warnings were flashed to the several districts. The central office at Pendleton received the flash at 10 o'clock and it was relayed to Heppner by 1:15.

The sheriff's office is the central agency for the civil defense in Morrow county. Sheriff Bauman had left instructions with his deputies, Mrs. Frances Mitchell and Mrs. Juanita Massey, and within 12 minutes after the alarm was received at the central office the several posts in the county had been alerted. The deputies had to put call in to Ione, Irrigon and Boardman.

Sheriff Bauman commended the local telephone exchange for the manner in which the calls were dispatched.

O'CONNOR LEAVING

Jack O'Connor, manager of the Heppner J. C. Penney Co. store since 1944, announced today that he is leaving June 17 to take the management of the company's store at Fallon, Nevada. (Particulars next week).

Carl Thorpe has purchased the Richfield station from George Davidson.

Morrow Countians Log Trip of Oregon Journal Sponsored Cruise To Alaska

Leonard Carlson took time out to write the Gazette Times a letter from Alaska while on the Oregon Journal sponsored cruise to the northland.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker and Mrs. Ida Grimes left on the Journal Alaska cruise train from Portland at 8:15 a. m., May 26 from Vancouver, B. C. 337 miles distant, making a lunch stop at Tacoma at 11:25 a. m. Chartered buses were waiting to transport us to the Top of the Ocean restaurant for a special smorgasbord lunch. Left Tacoma at 1:15 p. m. and at 2:10 p. m. arrived at King street station in Seattle. Left there at 2:30 p. m. and arrived at Bellingham at 5:20 p. m. where buses were waiting to take them to the Leopold hotel, six blocks distant, for a fine dinner.

Left Bellingham at 7:10, arriving at Vancouver B. C. at 9:15 p. m. Chartered buses were waiting at the station to transport the party to the Canadian National dock where we boarded the Prince George for the cruise north to Skagway, Alaska, 1122 miles up the coast. Stops were made along the way. At Ocean Falls, a paper mill town, seat of what is said to be the largest mill of the kind in the world. The cruise party had a grand time visiting over the city and inspecting the paper factory where guides took us through and explained everything about making paper of all kinds. Sailing from Ocean Falls at 8:30 p. m. we arrived at Prince Rupert at 9:30 a. m., May 28. We were taken through the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage plant, also said to be the largest in the world. Left PR at 1 p. m. and arrived at Ketchikan at 7:30 p. m. where we had 2 and a half hours to do as we pleased. At 10 p. m. we sailed for Juneau, capital of Alaska, arriving at 4:15 p. m., May 29. Gray Line sightseeing buses met us for a 32-mile ride through Tongass National Forest along Gastineau channel to the

spectacular Mendenhall glacier. On the return we skirted lovely Auke lake and had a beautiful view of the glacier and the snow capped mountains. In the evening we went to the territorial museum. It contains fine collections of Eskimo and Indian art and displays of Russian occupation and gold rush days. We sailed from Juneau at 11:45 a. m., May 30, arriving at Skagway at 9 a. m. The story is that many gold seekers of the Klondyke rush landed at this port on the west side of the canal to venture over Chilcoot Pass, while others took the White Pass trail. A. L. Lamb of Salem and E. F. Marshall of Tacoma, members of the cruise, were among those early pioneers. Both came north in 1898. They gave us some interesting talks on gold rush days.

At 9:30 a. m. the party left for Carcross, Yukon territory by special parlor car train over the White Pass & Yukon route. Had dinner at Lake Bennett, 66 miles from Skagway. An interesting ride over rugged country. Saw a number of old mines where gold seekers had been looking for nuggets. Returned to Skagway at 7:30 p. m. Carcross was the northern terminus of our trip. At 7:30 p. m. the residents of Skagway gave us a party reminiscent of the days of '98 which was a delight to all. We sailed from Skagway at 10 p. m. for Glacier Bay, arriving at 7 a. m. It is a wonderful sight with glaciers hundreds of feet high.

We were favored with excellent weather for the cruise. The captain said no ship has ever been so close to the glacier before. On June 1, on our return trip we arrived at Petersburg at 8 a. m. The Petersburg chamber of commerce was host for the party for the three hours we were in port. The Prince George left Petersburg at 12 noon, passing through Wrangell Narrows. This thrilling trip must be at exactly

the right stage of the tide and required skillful navigation. We left Wrangell Narrows at 1:30 p. m., arriving at Wrangell, Alaska at 4 p. m. The party was taken for a bus sightseeing ride over the city. At 8:30 the citizens of Wrangell entertained us with an interesting frontier party of the '98 gold days. Left Wrangell at 11:30 p. m. and arrived at Ketchikan at 8 a. m., June 2. Had an hour bus ride over the city and two hours shopping. A beautiful little city; main industries, fishing, canneries and cold storage plants. Sailed from Ketchikan at 12 noon June 2, arriving at Prince Rupert, B. C. at 7 p. m.; spent four hours shopping as we pleased. Sailed from PR at 11 p. m. Sunday; at 6 a. m. Monday the Prince George arrived at Douglas Channel and for miles we cruised right into the heart of the Coast Range mountains of British Columbia. Here glaciers and waterfalls of spectacular beauty can be seen. We left the Gardner Canal at 8 p. m. Monday at 5 p. m. and entered the Seymour Narrows, a beautiful view. Arrived at Victoria at 7:30 a. m. Tuesday, landing at Ogden Point dock. A visit was made to the provincial capital of British Columbia in Victoria, the Prince George came in for an entire day so the cruise party went sight seeing, and browsed around and shopped as they wished. We sailed from Victoria at 11 p. m. and arrived at Vancouver at 7:30 a. m. Gray Line sightseeing buses were waiting to take the party for a three hour ride about the city. Vancouver is Canada's third largest city, population 400,000. At 12:15 we had luncheon at the Panorama Roof hotel. At 1:45 Wednesday June 6, we entrained by Great Northern for Portland, arriving there at 10:35 p. m. All the cruise party had a wonderful time. We made about 3500 miles in all.

4-H Clubbers Win Lion's Share of Awards at Fat Stock Show at The Dalles

Heppner Strated By Fossil, 13 to 8, In Sunday's Contest

Heppner outhit Fossil in the Timber-Wheat league game at Fossil Sunday but hits don't mean scores unless the hitter crosses the home plate. Heppner got 15 hits to Fossil's 14 but Fossil got 13 runs to Heppner's eight. The teams got six strikeouts each.

Mortimore started pitching for Fossil and gave up five hits and four runs. He left the game with Heppner ahead 4-3. Prindle took over in the third and was never in much trouble. Fossil scored seven runs in the fourth inning on five hits after three Heppner errors.

Drake pitched and Ball caught the entire game for Heppner. Hitting honors for Fossil went to Lewis, first baseman, who had a triple, double and two singles. Norman Bergstrom of Heppner led his teammates with a triple, a double and two singles. Joel Engelman, Heppner's speedy centerfielder, got three hits to keep his average above .500 for the season.

Next Sunday Heppner takes on the league leading Kinzua club. The game will be played on the turf field at Ione. Thus far Kinzua has lost only to Heppner.

Local News In Brief

Randall Peterson is home from school at Couer d' Alene, Idaho to spend the summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Peterson.

Janet Wightman, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wightman, submitted to an appendectomy at the Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson left Monday morning for Chicago to visit her son and family, the Francis Nickersons. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Billie Pat Hayes of Arlington, and a niece. Upon their return at the end of three weeks they will be accompanied by Karen Hayes who stayed with Nickersons and attended school there the past year.

Miss Leta Humphreys returned the first of the week from a short vacation. She went first to Kelso, Wash. to visit an uncle and aunt. Then she and her aunt went to Hillsboro for Memorial day. On their return the ladies visited other members of the family at points along the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom and daughter Marilyn left this morning for Corvallis to bring Gerald Bergstrom, student at Oregon State college, home for the summer vacation. They were accompanied by Mrs. Martha King and daughter Mary who went for a short visit with relatives in the college town.

Services will be held Sunday at the Heppner Church of Christ by the Rev. Earl L. Soward of Burns who will preach at 11 a. m. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Soward.

Mrs. Maud Casswell has moved from the Farrens house to an apartment in Mrs. Bertha Johnson's house. She has redecorated the rooms according to her own taste, demonstrating both her knowledge of interior decorating and her ability to do the work.

Mrs. Douglas Ogletree returned Monday from Portland after undergoing major surgery last week. She came to Pendleton by plane and was met there by her husband. She will be bedfast for some time.

Miss Margaret Gillis left today for Longview, Wash. to attend a reunion of alumnae of the Presbyterian hospital of New York City.

Garden Club Show Set at Lexington

Tuesday, June 12 is the date chosen by the Lexington Garden club for its spring flower show at the Ladies Aid room of the Congregational-Christian church. Exhibits must be in place by 2 p. m. for judging. There are four classes: Specimen flowers; flower arrangements including one variety and mixed lots; corsages; house plants, both foliage plants and flowering. A silver tea will be held from 2:30 to 4 o'clock.

Twelve Morrow county 4-H club members arrived home on Thursday morning from the fifth annual Oregon Wheat League Fat Stock show and sale held at The Dalles early this week. Attending and taking part in the show were Duane and Ronald Baker, Malcolm and Leland McKinney, Herbert and Richard Ekstrom, Janet Howton and Ingrid Hermann of Ione; Johanne Wilson, Deane Graves and Eddie and Johnnie Brosnan of Heppner. Leaders attending were John Graves of Heppner and Earl McKinney of Ione. Several of the club members' parents were on hand to encourage the members through to the excellent showing they made.

In taking considerably more than their share of the awards at this show, the first accomplishment was their showing in the livestock judging contest held on the first day, Monday, June 4. Six of the ten high-placing livestock judges were from Morrow county with 108 participating in the contest. Ronald and Duane Baker and Johanne Wilson were given cash prizes and a trophy at the Tuesday evening banquet when it was announced that Ronald scored first, Duane second and Johanne fifth. Janet Howton, Deane Graves and Herbert Ekstrom took sixth, seventh and tenth places, respectively.

With the livestock judged Tuesday, the second day, Morrow county club members again scored. Ingrid Hermann taking first place with her prime Hereford steer which was later judged reserve champion of the entire show. Morrow county placed nothing lower than fourth place in the fat steer classes. Ronald Baker's Shorthorn steer was then judged champion Shorthorn of that division, which too, was a prime steer with Morrow exhibiting four of the seven prime beef of the 98 calves competing in the show. Deane Graves with his fat Hereford steer was also in the group showing for Grand Championship, won over by Brent Horn of Umatilla county and Ingrid Hermann of Morrow.

In the showmanship contest on Wednesday morning, Morrow county again took more than its share of awards when Malcolm McKinney placed first in the intermediate class of fat steer showmanship and Ronald Baker in the senior division. Competing with the winner of the junior class, Ronald Baker was judged Grand Champion beef showman, with Malcolm McKinney taking Reserve Champion award. Moving on to the sheep showmanship contest Ronald was judged first place winner with Johanne Wilson a close second. One of the highlights of the show was the grand championship contest. Ronald competed against himself with his steer and sheep, with Sammie Nobles as champion hog showman. Ronald was awarded the Service Motor Company award. The Dalles, as Grand Champion showman of the week. The Morrow county group then took champion herd of five steers of the entire show.

The auction sale Wednesday evening was a successful event for the local club members with all animals exhibited bringing premiums of at least four cents over market prices. During this auction sale Malcolm McKinney was awarded the Mountain View Hereford Ranch Special which was a show halter presented by Fred Cox & Sons, Grass Valley. Ronald was awarded the Service Motor trophy at this time.

HOSPITAL NOTES . . .

Patients at the Pioneer Memorial hospital this week included the following:

Mrs. Juanita Massey, surgery.
Mrs. Mabel Burkenbine, medical treatment.
Mrs. Glenn Adams, Spray, out patient.

Mrs. Velma Huebener, out patient.

Mrs. Cornet Green, out patient.
Lillian Hubbard, Janet Wightman, medical treatment.

Frank Van, Lexington, medical treatment.

A son was born June 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay of Kinzua.

Mrs. Garnet Barratt discharged after several days.