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## Reception Held Monday For New Christian Pastor

A reception, honoring Rev. and Mrs. Earl L. Soward, new pastor at the First Church of Christ, was held Monday evening in the church parlors. Marcel Jones was master of ceremonies. Charles N. Jones, chairman of the church board, gave the address of welcome. A program was presented which included brief talks by Mayor Jesse O. Turner, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein of the Methodist Church; Rev. Elvon L. Tull of All Saints Episcopal Church; John Ernsdorf, representing St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church; Mrs. Clara B. Gertson of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner and Mrs. Oliver Creswick of the Parents Teachers' Association. Musical numbers included a piano solo by Mrs. J. C. Turner; a duet by Charles Barlow and Robert Walker, accompanied by Mrs. Walker; and a solo by Fred Hoskins, Jr. After the program, refreshments were served to over one hundred guests some of whom came from Ione and Lexington.

Mr. Soward comes to Heppner from Burns where he served as pastor of the Church of Christ. There are two children in the family, a daughter who is attending Northwest Christian College at Eugene and a son, Wayne 13, who is spending the summer in Nebraska.

## New Smith-Hughes Instructor Arrives

The appointment of a new Smith-Hughes instructor for the Heppner schools was announced this week by L. L. Pate, school superintendent.

James Allen has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Francis Cook who held the position last year. Allen has been agricultural instructor for veterans at Vale and Wallowa for the past year. He is married and has two children and will live in the Victor Lovgren house.

He arrived in Heppner July 1.

## Wranglers Meet, Plans Set for Next Ride

The July meeting of the Wranglers was held Tuesday evening at the club rooms.

Business matters taken care of and plans were discussed for the coming over-night ride to the Winchester mountain home.

Mrs. Wilbur Stegalls of Lexington won the drawing. After adjournment by president Merle Becket, the entertainment committee, Mrs. Laurel Van Marter and Mrs. Cliff Dougherty took over.

Mrs. Lennie Lowden and Harold Erwin played a few lively dance numbers but mainly chorus rehearsal was held for Saturday night.

Mrs. Ed LeTrace, Mrs. Edna Fetch and Mrs. Frances Orwick served coffee and sandwiches.

The refreshment committee for the June meeting doing a grand job of serving a large crowd was Mrs. Bell Picker and Mrs. Clifford Hermanns.

Mrs. W. O. George is leaving by plane Sunday from Pendleton for Del Mar, California to attend a theatre convention. Later she will visit friends in San Francisco.

## Do's and Don'ts for Your Summer Vacation Automobile Trip



Automobile travel on the nation's highways is expected to reach a new peak this summer. To help travelers get the most pleasure out of touring, and to help keep their cars in the best possible condition, the Auto Service Department reminds owners of the following DO's and DON'Ts:

- DO be particularly careful to watch crankcase oil level on long trips
- DO remember to switch tires and to watch pressure, especially on hot days
- DO wash your car once a week to remove road film and chemicals
- DO sit in a comfortable, erect position and rest frequently
- DO keep the windshield free of dust and dirt at all times
- DO give your car a Lubricare treatment
- DO remember that most drivers can get 10 percent more miles per gallon by observing economy rules.
- DON'T neglect inspection and adjustment of brakes before starting a long trip
- DON'T allow grime and dirt to accumulate on chrome. Clean as frequently as necessary
- DON'T take chances with improperly aimed headlights. Your safety is at stake.
- DON'T put off having the air cleaner cleaned and refilled with new oil.
- DON'T forget in warm weather your battery needs water frequently. Check it often.
- DON'T block vision with gadgets and stickers.
- DON'T drive faster than conditions warrant, don't run risks on the highway, and don't drive if you are fatigued.

## Fossil Takes Baseball Title; All-Star Game Set

The Fossil Townies won the Wheat-Timber baseball league with a record of eight wins to two losses and have challenged an All-Star team picked from the other four teams.

League officials have set July 15 at 2:30 as the date for the All-Star game which is to be played at Fossil. Chosen for the team are: Joel Engleman, outfielder; Roland Bergstrom, 3rd; Doug Drake, pitcher and Fred Sanders, outfielder from Heppner.

The rest of the team has not been selected but it is known that the Hendrix brothers from Kinzua will be the All-Star starting battery. Fossil is expected to start Roark on the mound and Mathews catching.

## Miller Services Sunday

Funeral Services for Willard William Miller were held Monday, July 9 at the Phelps Funeral home chapel. He passed away Saturday, July 7 at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

He was born December 8, 1899 in Idaho. Surviving are his wife, Rosalind E.; one step son William Topp; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Blake and Mrs. Nellie Gulick and two brothers, Edward and Robert Miller.

Pallbearers were Earl, Willard and Keithly Blake, Ed Roberts, Floyd Dickinson and Boyd Gulick. Services were conducted by J. Palmer of the Methodist church. Interment was in the Ione cemetery.

Mrs. Venice Stiles of Portland arrived Sunday to visit with her mother, Josie Jones. She plans on being here till about July 21.

## Build Permits Total \$60,000 For First Half Year

Incomplete building permit figures for the first half of 1950 show construction in Heppner amounted to \$60,050. There are several other building permits in the process of completion which will add several thousand dollars to the total.

Most of the permits issued were for construction of new residences with one permit issued for the construction of a \$15,000 clinic building.

## New Auto Registration Fee Schedule Due

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman reported Thursday that a new schedule of fees for motor vehicle titles and registrations will go into effect Thursday, August 2.

The new rates set by the last legislature are: title fee, \$2; finance fee, \$2; clear title, \$2; duplicate title \$1; duplicate registration card, \$1; duplicate plate, each plate \$1; duplicate tab, each tab, 50c; continuous trip permit \$5.

The legislature made many other changes in motor vehicle registration fees and liability laws which will be announced at a later date.

## HEPPNER FIREMEN CALLED

Heppner firemen were called shortly before noon Thursday to fight a grass fire south of town. Sparks from burning at the city dump apparently started the blaze which covered several acres before being controlled.

The Oliver Creswick's three boys returned Sunday from Hermiton where they had been visiting at the Paul McCoy home. Mr. McCoy and boys drove them home.

## MURCHISON TAKEN TO PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Archie Murchison of Heppner, salesman for Empire Machinery Co., was taken to the Emmanuel hospital in Portland Tuesday for treatment of a back or hip injury.

He was taken to Portland by Mr. and Mrs. John Lane who reported Thursday morning that Murchison had been put in traction by his physician and it was hoped no surgery would be necessary. He had been confined to bed since July 6.

## Wayne Soward To Join Family In Heppner

Wayne Soward, son of Rev. and Mrs. Earl L. Soward will join his parents in Heppner Sunday on his return from a trip to the Midwest. He travelled with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Allen of Burns and spent four weeks seeing the sights of Salt Lake City, Denver, and other midwestern states.

Last Sunday, Soward's daughter, Marie visited with her parents. She came from Eugene where she is attending summer school at the University of Oregon.

Rev. Soward is the new pastor at the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner spent last week at the coast returning to Heppner on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Perry of Pendleton were here Sunday to attend the Oddfellow-Rebekah picnic. Mrs. Perry is the mother of Jesse Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Chillicothe, Mo. arrived in Heppner July 3 to visit Mr. Brown's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gentry and daughter Debra Kaye. Accompanying them to Oregon were Gentry's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gentry of Excelsior, Mo. They expect to stay until the end of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine E. Isom, former Heppner residents were in town Monday.

## Dial Telephones Now In Operation At Lexington

Thursday saw the start of operation of the new dial telephone system recently installed in Lexington by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The changeover was made at 12:30 p.m. according to Miss Leatha Smith, Heppner manager for the company. Between 75 and 85 phones were changed in the modernization program. Lexington residents will now be able to dial both Heppner and Arlington direct without having to go through a long-distance operator.

Lexington is the second Morrow county town to see installation of dial telephones, such a system was put into operation in Ione on March 29.

The company's plans for a dial installation in Heppner has been set back by a shortage of critical materials but it is expected that the changeover can be made here within the next two years.

## Heppner Freight Car Loadings on Increase; July to See Jump

Freight car loadings handled through the Heppner depot of the Union Pacific railroad showed a small increase for June over the previous month, according to F. C. Tolleson, agent.

A total of 98 cars were loaded out last month with lumber accounting for the big part of the traffic. Included in the total were 88 cars of lumber; barley, 3; wheat, 3; cattle and horses, one each and three cars of scrap iron.

June's loadings compares with 93 cars in May and 96 for June, 1950. Tolleson stated that loadings in July will probably double those of June according to indications of the business during the first 10 days of this month.

## OPS Trade Meeting Set for Heppner

The Portland branch of the Office of Price Stabilization has called a special trade meeting to be held Thursday, July 19, at 8:00 p.m. at the Morrow county court house in Heppner.

It is to be of special interest to anyone in the meat, grocery, restaurant, dry goods and variety stores and also those in the service business such as automotive repair according to word received from the OPS office.

Marvin Graser and Vernon Malberg, OPS business analysts and Robert Prenovost, economist from the Oregon district will review the regulations effecting the various businesses and answer questions.

Tommy Driscoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll returned home Sunday from visiting for two weeks in Redmond and Corvallis. He was traveling with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pointer. Mr. Pointer and Mr. Pointer's mother Mrs. Maude Pointer brought Tommy home.

Mrs. Marvin Wightman of Claidien's shop left Sunday for Seattle where she will attend market week. She will return the last part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ernsdorf were in Pendleton Sunday to be the Godparents to Charles Victor Mendonsa son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Mendonsa.

## County Budget Gets Approval; Total Tax Levy Down for Year

### Swimming Lessons Started at Pool

Swimming lessons were started at the Heppner Swimming pool last Tuesday under the direction of Mary Gunderson, lifeguard at the tank.

Lessons will be given four days a week, Tuesday through Friday with beginners scheduled for 10 to 11 o'clock; intermediate classes, 11 to 12 noon; and junior and senior lifesaving instruction set for 5 to 6 o'clock in the evening. There is no charge for the service, according to Miss Gunderson.

Regular swimming rates at the pool are adults, 50c; high school students 25c and grade school children 15c. Season tickets are also available at the rate of \$4.00 single, \$6.00 double and \$7.00 for a family ticket. The municipal pool is open daily except Monday from 1 to 5 p.m. and also Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 7 to 9.

Miss Gunderson reports there has been a heavy use of the pool during the past several days of warm weather.

### Grain Fire Does But Little Damage

Heppner fire chief, C. A. Ruggles and a small crew of firefighters answered a fire call from Alvin Bunch Tuesday evening when a grain fire started near a combine on the Mankin-Bunch ranch west of Heppner.

Ruggles reported the wind blew the fire away from standing grain and was stopped by Bunch's own crew after it had burned over 35 to 40 acres of pasture.

### HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Out patients—Robert Nelson, Fossil; Gary Conner, Heppner; Mrs. Ida Olson, Heppner; Mr. Frank Roberts, Heppner.

Medical—Bill Hinton, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Lora Howe, Lexington; Mrs. Gladys Shannon, Kinzua, dismissed; Vern Bratt, Spray; Betty Wilson, Hardman, dismissed; Mrs. Henry Clark, Ione.

Minor Surgery—Clarice Hastings, Heppner.

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Howe, Heppner a 6 lb. 12 oz. boy on July 7.

Mrs. Jack O'Conner, Dennis and Michael were driven to Seattle July 1 by Mr. and Mrs. John Ernsdorf and family. The Ernsdorfs returned in the middle of the week and Mrs. O'Conner was driven back this week end by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hopkins and her sister Mrs. Douglas Hudson and daughter Linda. They stayed to visit in Heppner a few days before returning to Seattle.

Mary Evelyn Tucker, daughter of Mildred Tucker spent last week vacationing with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Tucker of Stanfield.

The Chamber of Commerce Monday heard Ronald Baker, Ione give a review of his recent trip to 4H camp at Washington, D. C.

The Morrow county court at a special session Friday, June 29 gave final approval to the county budget as it was advertised for the coming year.

Judge Garnet Barratt and commissioners Ralph Thompson, Heppner, and Russell Miller. Boardman announced that in spite of considerable increase in expenditures, receipts for the coming year are also greater and this, coupled with an increase in assessed valuations has kept the levy for the year within the six percent limitation. Another encouraging factor pointed out by the court is that enough cash has accumulated in the bond sinking and interest fund that it was necessary to make only a \$7,500 levy for retirement of road bonds instead of the \$27,500 formerly levied. No levy will be made for bond interest. There is, however, \$37,500 outstanding in road bond indebtedness which will not be fully retired until 1955.

The total budget for all county functions, including roads and general schools fund, which was passed back to the county by the legislature in the amount of \$12,640 for the year, is \$314,970 compared to \$346,440 for the past fiscal year.

Estimated receipts are \$211,925 compared to 223,530 last year. The total amount to be raised by taxation, inside the six percent limitation will be \$95,546 as compared to \$90,410 last year. Assessed valuation increases within the county will almost offset the total amount of the increase inside the limitation so that the increase in levy will be negligible.

Budgets of several departments were increased over last year. These include an additional \$1,000 for the extension service program, \$1,440 for the health nurse service, \$4,750 for appointive and elective salaries, \$4,000 in new appropriations for weed control, \$1,500 for a pension plan under Social Security made possible by the last legislature which will enable county employees to come under its provisions, and the \$10 per census child school fund which was handed back to the counties by the legislature which amounts to \$12,640.

Some of the increases were made possible only by a large cash balance in the general fund due to larger receipts from various sources, including land sales.

The court noted that the overall levy for county purposes will be just under two mills less than last year. This fact, along with a smaller levy for rural schools this year is encouraging to the taxpayer.

Judge Barratt also stated that a general report on the county road department budget and information on the progress of the road program will be made public shortly.

### SOROPTIMISTS MEET

The Soroptimist Club met Thursday noon at O'Donnells. There were two guests present, Mrs. Leola Bengtson of Medford and Fay Smith of Everett, Washington and General Field representative for Eastern Oregon in the National American Red Cross. Lucy Rogers had charge of the program which was in the form of an I.Q. test.

## Early Harvesting Under Way; Lexington Hauling Heaviest

Morrow county's wheat harvest started in earnest this week with grain hauling increasing daily since Monday. Information received from Bill Richards, of the Lexington station of the Morrow county Grain Growers showed that elevator receiving the largest percentage of the early hauling.

Accepted at the Lexington station were 35,000 bushels on Tuesday and about 50,000 bushels on Wednesday. Each day is expected to show increase, according to Richards, and the peak is not expected until July 20 when an average of around 70,000 bushels a day will be handled.

The majority of the early grain is coming from the area north of Lexington and Ione with the southern area due to start operations in the next few days.

Merle Baker, of the Archer-Daniels-Midland elevator at Ione reported Wednesday that they had received 8,000 bushels Tuesday and that Wednesday would show a considerable increase over that.

All indications were for an excellent crop for the county, however both men pointed out that it was too early yet to get a definite figure on yield. Baker stated that early testing had shown up very well.

