

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Heppner Men Buy Monument Sawmill

The announcement was made this week by the North Fork Timber company of Heppner of its purchase of the Big 4 Lumber company mill in Monument from Carmel, Lindel and Dane Broadfoot who have been operating the mill.

Owners of the North Fork company are P. W. Mahoney, Orville Smith and Leonard Kraft.

The mill has been shut down for some time, but the owners stated they plan to start operations Monday, February 18.

The plant, which cuts about 40,000 feet of lumber per shift, employs from 18 to 20 men. There is no planer at the Monument plant and the rough lumber will be trucked to Heppner for drying and finishing.

There was no timber involved in the transaction as the Big 4 mill has been cutting timber owned by the North Fork company.

## Second 4-H Square Dance Here Saturday

The 4-H Clubs of Morrow county have arranged for another square dance, the second in a series planned for late winter and early spring. It will be held at the Fair Pavilion in Heppner on Saturday evening, February 16. Dances will begin at 9:30 p. m.

The first square dance was held at the Legion hall in Ione two weeks ago and was such a success, that a permanent committee of 4-H leaders have been appointed by the 4-H Club Council to arrange for future square dances. While no admission is being charged for the dances, donations are accepted. The proceeds of these dances will be used for scholarships to 4-H Summer School.

The public is invited.

## Heppner Marine In Korea Area

Aboard the heavy cruiser USS St. Paul when she returned to action in Korean waters was Cpl. H. G. Settles, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Settles of Heppner.

Operating a unit of the United Nations naval forces on the east coast of Korea, the St. Paul has bombarded key rail positions and other Communist installations around Chongjin, Wonsan and Hungnam.

Before returning to the U. S. for major overhauling last fall, the St. Paul participated in re-deployment of UN troops from Hungnam.

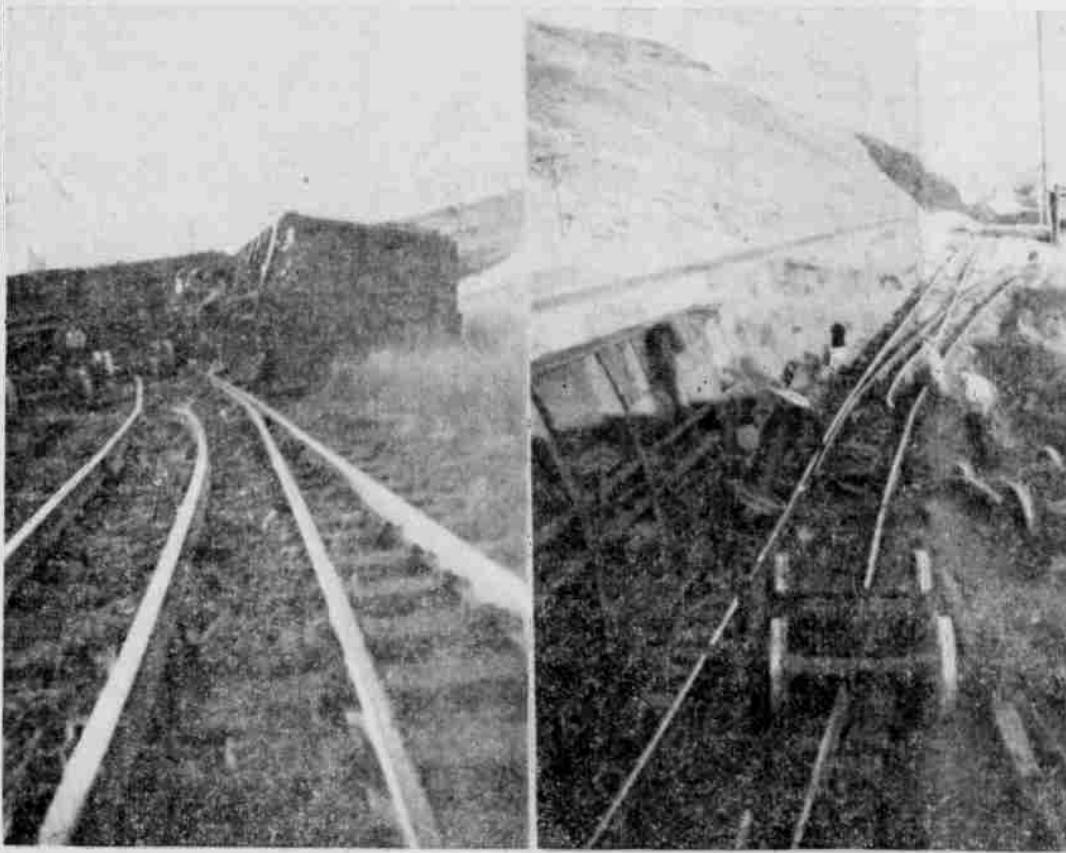
## Heppner Navy Man Now In Liberia

Now in Liberia for the inaugural ceremonies of president William V. C. Tubman is Delbert E. Bailey, boatswain's mate 3/c USN, husband of Mrs. D. E. Bailey of Heppner, aboard the attack transport USS Monrovia.

The Monrovia is paying a courtesy visit to the capital of Liberia which bears the name of the ship. The capital city, Monrovia, derives its name from James Monroe, fifth president of the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Farley have purchased the new, modern home on Baltimore Street from Mrs. Elma Hiatt. Construction of this new residence was completed about a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson spent Friday in The Dalles looking after business matters and visiting relatives.



END OF THE JOURNEY—for the two boxcars that took it upon themselves to start down the track from the Heppner Lumber company mill last Wednesday. Photo on left shows the two cars on their sides with wheels well scattered. Right photo looking up the track shows siding beside lone elevator of Morrow county Grain Growers onto which cars were switched to derail them. 17 mile trip was made in much less than scheduled time attaining a speed of better than 80 miles an hour.

(GT Photos)

## Homemakers Festival Set For May 6 At Lexington

The county home economics executive committee met Wednesday, February 3 to discuss plans for the coming Homemakers Festival which is scheduled to be held at Lexington on May 6.

This year's festival will be the sixth annual festival and its location is rotated throughout the county communities. Lexington was the hostess community for the first festival held in 1946. It was held in Heppner last year.

Committee members attending the meeting were Mrs. Omar Reitmunn, chairman, Ione, Mrs. Lester Cox, Lexington, Mrs. Russell Miller, Boardman, Mrs. George Curran, Lena, Mrs. Ida Slaughter, Irigon, Mrs. Walter Wright, Rhea Creek, Mrs. Emma Douglas, Heppner and Mrs. Vernon Fay Munkers, Lexington.

The next committee meeting will be held March 31 at Heppner.

## Good Will Visit To Be Scheduled

The Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce this week received a request from The Dalles chamber of commerce for a date when a delegation from that city could come to Heppner on a Good Will tour.

The letter stated that the Columbia river group is planning a series of tours to various cities in the mid-Columbia area and would provide ample entertainment and program for the meeting.

A chamber committee will set a date and arrange for a meeting place for the program. From 30 to 40 will come from The Dalles.

## GRAND MASTER TO VISIT

Grand Master George E. Lyons will visit Willow lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., Heppner next Wednesday, February 20. Initiatory work will also be held that evening.

Charles Vaughn and Fred Parish drove to Portland Sunday after the Vaughn car which has been undergoing considerable repair following the accident in which they were involved along the Columbia River Highway during the recent bad weather.

## Car Accident Brings Injuries to Three

Three Morrow county boys, Kenneth and Pat Cutsforth, Lexington and Charles Stout, Heppner were injured, none seriously, last Friday morning in an accident five miles below Ione.

The Cutsforth car collided with a panel truck driven by C. T. Black, Ione electrician, as the truck was turning from the main highway, according to state police reports.

The three boys were brought to Heppner to a physician where they were treated and released. Black was unhurt.

The truck was overturned but not seriously damaged, but Cutsforth's car suffered several hundred dollars damage.

## One May Leathers Dies Here Tuesday

One May Leathers, 40, of Monument died Tuesday, February 12 at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner. She was born August 16, 1911 at Monument and had lived most of her life there.

She was married to Roy C. Leathers, who survives her, in 1928 at Canyon City. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Isabel, 17, a brother Lewis Neal and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Neal of Monument.

Funeral services will be held in Monument and will be under the direction of Driscoll's Funeral Home in John Day.

## RHEA CREEK HOME EXTENSION UNIT

The Rhea Creek Home Extension meeting was held February 6 at the Clive Huston home, with the following members present, Emma White, Eva Wright, Beth Clark, Muriel Palmer, Alice Anderson, Tacie Parker, Carrie Beckett, Hannah Anderson and Mary Wright. Gladys Beckett and Genia Huston were leaders for the day on drapery making.

Dr. Edward Schaifitz returned Monday evening from North Bend where he had gone on Saturday to spend the weekend with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Warren and daughter were in Stanfield over the weekend to visit with his parents.

## Republican Rally Planned in County

The need for getting a Morrow county man to run for the state legislature was disclosed last Wednesday at a meeting of the Morrow county Republican central committee held in Heppner.

The group discussed plans for a Republican rally to be held in the county late in February and it was decided to attempt to obtain one or two outside speakers for the event. A definite date will be set later.

The importance of getting residents to file for precinct committees and committeewomen was discussed and members of the organization are urging interested parties to file.

Those attending the dinner meeting held at O'Donnell's cafe were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller, Boardman; J. J. Nys, J. O. Turner, Judge and Mrs. Garnett Barratt, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Reitmunn and George Ely, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fancher, Heppner.

## Defense Funds to Build Irrigon Road

Construction of 2.1 miles of road in the north end of the county was approved last week by the department of defense and the bureau of public roads. The new section will join the north-west entrance of Ordnance and Irrigon.

The construction, to be built with \$52,200 of defense access funds, will improve an already existing county road which will be prepared for heavy duty travel. Two new concrete bridges are included in the project.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Adams and daughter Shirlee of Kinzua, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Nelson of Camp 5, were visiting in Heppner Saturday and attended a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl McDaniel, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Pennington of Anchorage, Alaska. Pennington is an uncle of McDaniels and Mrs. Adams and it has been 18 years since he has been in Oregon.

Jesse C. Payne and Tom Allen drove to Pendleton Friday evening to attend the meeting of the Umatilla Encampment.

## Mustangs Take Pendleton With Three Regulars Out

With three of his regulars "flooded by the flu", coach Hal Whitbeck's Heppner Mustangs still went to work in earnest to overcome the Pendleton reserves 46-43 Tuesday at Pendleton.

Keith Connor, Jim Proek and Jim Smith had caught the bug leaving only Gary Connor and Jack Sumner of the regulars to carry the load. Connor came

through with 20 points and Sumner 18 to bring the Mustangs out on top.

Whitbeck predicts the illness has set his team back at least a week in its practice for the tournament March 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Heppner travels to Condon Friday night and then hosts a fast-improving Pilot Rock 5 on Saturday evening.

## NEW FISHING REGULATIONS MAKE FEW CHANGES IN LOCAL AREA

The Oregon State Fish and Game commission early this week released the new 1952 angling regulations for the state in its monthly game commission bulletin. The regular digest of laws will be available to sportsmen within a few weeks.

Few changes were made by the commission this year, except to clarify some of the points of misunderstanding in last year's regulations. The trout season will open in this area on May 3 and close on October 12. In zones one and two, the coast and Willamette valley, it opens April 19.

Bag limits for trout remain practically the same as before with 10 fish allowed, of which only five may be 12 inches or over. The limit represents little change from the old poundage limit, but makes it easier for the angler to check.

Following is a list of special regulations and closures effecting zone 7, which includes Morrow, Grant, Umatilla, Wheeler, Gilliam and parts of Sherman and Jefferson counties:

**Special Regulations and Closures**  
Streams or Stream Sections not listed below as open to steelhead and salmon angling are closed to steelhead and salmon angling the entire year, including all tributaries unless specifically listed.

Birch Creek (Umatilla County) below confluence of east and west forks is open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

Camas Creek (Grant County) below Bowman Creek is open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

Canyon Creek (Grant County) below south city limits of Canyon City is open to steelhead and salmon angling the entire year.

Columbia River is open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

Columbia River is closed to all angling from McNary Dam downstream to a line across the river from the Government Ferry landing on the Oregon shore to red and white markers on the Washington shore.

Desolation Creek (Grant County) below Desolation crossing is open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

John Day River below Indian Creek open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

John Day River (Middle Fork) below Sunshine Guard Station open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

John Day River (North Fork) below Big Meadow Creek open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

John Day River (South Fork) below Jackass Creek open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

Lake Creek (Grant County) is closed to all angling between Olive Lake and what is known as Upper Reservoir.

Magone Lake Tributaries closed to all angling.

Mill Creek (Umatilla County) open to angling May 18 to September 15, incl.

Rock Creek below Highway 206 (Gilliam County) open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

Rock Creek below Highway 28 (Wheeler County) open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

Strawberry Lake Tributaries, exclusive of Little Strawberry Lake, closed to all angling.

Umatilla River closed to all angling from Three Mile diversion dam to a point 300 feet below.

Umatilla River below Mission bridge open to steelhead and salmon angling entire year.

## Boundary Board OKs Annexation Of School District

The Morrow county district boundary board last Friday granted the petition of Rood Canyon school district 19 for annexation to Hardman district 40.

There was no opposition voiced to the move at the hearing and the board granted a unanimous decision. The change was requested due to the low school census rating of the district. There are no below-high school age children living in the district.

The boundary board also received a petition from the Ione school district requesting the annexation of certain lands adjacent to the district which now are not included in any school district.

The board set the date for the Ione hearing for Wednesday, March 5.

## Slipper Chair Workshop Set by Demonstration Agent

A preliminary meeting of all women interested in making slipper chairs will be held at the extension service clubhouse at the fair grounds in Heppner, Wednesday, February 19 at 2 o'clock.

Maud C. Casswell, county home demonstration agent stated the purpose of the preliminary meeting is to discuss material to be used, plans for covering of the chair and changes to be made.

Any woman may enroll by attending the preliminary day, and the workshop will be held March 3, 4 and 6 or by calling the extension office in Heppner, phone 342.

Women should bring the chair to be covered to the first meeting.

## New Phone Rates Effective March 1

Pacific Telephone Monday filed with the Oregon Public Utilities Commissioner its new schedule of rates to be effective with bills dated on and after March 1.

The filing was in accordance with the Commissioner's order of January 11 granting the Company an increase in annual revenues of \$853,441—one-sixth of the amount the Company had requested in its application last August for increased rates totaling \$5,188,000.

"The telephone business is not immune to inflation which has caused most other prices to increase two or three times as much as telephone rates," F. A. Dresslar, Vice President and General Manager of Oregon said.

"It is obvious that with constantly increasing operating costs effecting everything we do, the Company cannot continue for long to operate at these rate levels. The amount granted has been based on a rate of return that, in the opinion of the Company, is grossly inadequate to do the quality and quantity job Oregon telephone users are expecting us to do."

Part of the \$853,441 increase was placed in effect January 21 when pay station changes for local calls went from 5c to 10c.

Increases in monthly rates, not counting federal excise taxes, will range from 25c to \$1.00 for business telephones and from nothing to 50c for residence telephones. The largest increases are in exchanges which have been moved to a higher rate group because of growth.

According to D. A. Short, Manager, the monthly telephone rate increase in Heppner will be as follows:

Residence Service	
Four Party	None
Two Party	\$ .10
One Party	None
Suburban	None
Farmer line	None

Business Service	
Two Party	\$ .25
One Party	\$ .25
Suburban	None
Farmer Line	None

There also will be increases ranging up to \$1.50 in the monthly charge for private branch exchange trunk lines. In Heppner this increase will be \$ .50.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beckett of Eightmile are being felicitated upon the birth of a daughter, February 7, in a Portland hospital. This is the Beckett's second child and is the only granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckett of Heppner.

Cornett Green motored to Portland Friday to spend several days looking after business matters.

## ON RECLAMATION BUREAU AGENDA

# John Day Dam Would Alter Economy of County

The Morrow county farm bureau this week received a letter from the Boise office of the United States Bureau of Reclamation telling of that bureau's plans in connection with irrigation of Morrow county lands under the John Day project.

The request was made following a speech by Giles French before the Heppner chamber of commerce urging every group and interested party to promote improvements in the area.

The following letter from F. M. Clinton, acting regional director of the bureau of reclamation was received by Marvin R. Wightman of the farm bureau and explains the reclamation bureau's plans.

"In the spring of 1951, the bureau of reclamation made an investigation of the feasibility of irrigation from McNary dam storage of approximately 33,000 acres of land, generally confined to a strip less than one mile in width, extending on either side of the Columbia river from the dam westward for some 25 miles. This investigation considered lands which could be served by gravity and by low-lift pumping from gravity canals. The lands which could be served by low-lift pumping lie just north of Plymouth, Benton county, Washington.

"The lands susceptible to gravity service lie below an elevation of 340 feet, which is the normal pool level of McNary

reservoir. Practically all of the lands would be subject to occasional inundation as a result of flood control operations of the authorized John Day dam on the Columbia river when the dam is constructed. Our investigation found that the benefits from the use of this area for flood control would considerably outweigh the benefits to be derived from agricultural use.

"Our potential John Day project includes approximately 227,000 acres of new land in the Columbia river drainage area in Oregon and occupies, roughly, a position adjacent in the west to the existing Umatilla project. Under one plan of development for this potential project, water

would be stored on the John Day river and diverted to the area by means of tunnels and canals. An alternative plan of development involves pumping from the Columbia river, possibly from above the McNary dam with canals flowing in a westerly direction.

"From an engineering standpoint the John Day project could be developed, but the economic feasibility of the project is still to be demonstrated. In this connection the project lands and their potential repayment ability must be given careful analysis and study. Our current program calls for the initiation of an investigation of the John Day project in fiscal year 1954."

The John Day dam is on the approved list of dams included in the overall Columbia basin project. Maps show irrigation water would be available for nearly all lands lying in the northern and western part of Morrow county. The upper boundary of such irrigation would run slightly below Ione, then run northeasterly north of Lexington into Butter creek. It would be the largest single reclamation and irrigation project in Oregon. The majority of the 227,000 acres of reclaimed land would lie in Morrow county and the effect on the county's economy would be tremendous.