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Hattie A. Wightman Funeral Services Held on Monday

Funeral services were held Monday from All Saints Episcopal church for Mrs. John J. Wightman who died early Saturday after an illness of nearly two years. She was 70 years of age.

Hattie Alma Wightman was born February 23, 1882 in North Carolina and was married to John Wightman, November 4, 1906 in Kansas City, Missouri. They came immediately to Heppner where she has since resided at the family home on Willow creek northwest of Heppner.

Mrs. Wightman was widely known throughout Morrow county having been quite active in both Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges. She was past Worthy Matron of Ruth chapter number 32 of the Eastern Star and Grand Electa of that organization. She also served as Noble Grand of San Souci Rebekah lodge in Heppner and was a past Grand Chaplain of the Rebekahs.

Surviving besides her husband are one son Marvin R. Wightman and one daughter Anna J. Graham, both of Heppner; six grandchildren, one brother, James M. Lynn, Clarksville, Texas; and one sister, Sarah Gilliland, Farmington, Kansas.

Services were conducted by Rev. E. L. Tull and were under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home. Graveside services were conducted by the Eastern Star. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery in Heppner.

Heppner Choral Union To Give Concert

The Heppner choral union will give a concert at the Lutheran Valby church in Gooseberry, April 6 at 2:30 p. m. The Women's Missionary society of the church are the sponsors and will serve refreshments after the program. There will be a free will offering for the benefit of the society.

Mrs. Minnie Card, Portland, state organizer for the Degree of Honor Lodge, arrived Tuesday to spend a week in Heppner working for the organization. She was met in Boardman by Mrs. Clara B. Gertson.

Floyd Lansdon of the Associated Press in Portland, was an overnight visitor in Heppner Thursday.

LOOKS ARE DECEIVING—

Calendar Says Spring To Arrive this Week

Spring is practically here—it says on the calendar.

Even though it is just around the corner, indications were that it might be a slippery corner as snow continued to fall on Heppner and much of the county Tuesday evening and Wednesday giving the fields more the appearance of winter than the season of birds and budding flowers.

The snowfall, though not too heavy and frequently disappearing between falls, was welcomed by most farmers in the area who have been complaining about the lack of moisture during March, as it was heavy and contained a high percentage of moisture.

Red Cross Fund Drive Lagging

With more than half the month past, reports from the few workers reporting show that the 1952 Red Cross drive is lagging, according to Mrs. Tom Wilson, Morrow county chairman for the fund campaign.

Mrs. Wilson stressed that there was still many communities to be heard from, but that only about \$775 had been turned in to her by last Wednesday. Of this figure \$275 was received from the business area in Heppner. The quota for the county is \$2,228. During the past years Morrow has been one of the few counties in the state to consistently meet its quota in the drive. The campaign will continue through the month of March.

Howard Bryant, chairman for the Heppner business area this week listed the solicitors as Elaine George, Virginia Rosewall, Elmer Creswick, James Farley, Jack Loyd and Bill Blake. His committee had already turned in \$275 which was reported in the total.

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FARM BUREAU MEETING

A county-wide Farm Bureau meeting will be held Tuesday, March 25 at 8 p. m. at the Newt O'Hara home in Lexington. Topics to be discussed are reappraisal of county property, reapportionment in the legislature and universal military training.

Dr. Edward Schaffitz was called to Portland, the last of the week, by the death of his mother.

Mrs. E. L. Vinton of Portland was here the last of the week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, James R. Luper.

Power Interruption Due Sunday Morning

Early Sunday morning, crews of the Pacific Power and Light Co. will interrupt electric service to Lexington and Heppner, according to J. R. Huffman, local manager for the company. The interruption of three hours will be between 4:00 a. m. and 7 a. m.

During the past few weeks construction crews of the company have been building a new 22,000 volt transmission line along the railroad right of way for a distance of one mile between Ione and Lexington. The line as now located along Willow creek has been endangered during flood waters and is being relocated to eliminate this hazard. In order to place the new line in use, it is necessary that electric service be interrupted and a portion of the work will be done on Sunday and completed during a second interruption planned in the near future, Huffman said.

Weather Control Hearing Scheduled At Arlington Hotel

A weather control hearing will be conducted at the Vendome hotel, Arlington, Saturday, March 22, starting at 10 a. m.

Senator Ben Day of Gold Hill, chairman of the Oregon legislative interim committee on weather control, states that all interested individuals or representatives of farm groups or organizations are invited to attend the hearing. The purpose, according to Day, is to hear complaints or to receive suggestions as to whether or not state legislation should be enacted for control or regulation of those who attempt interference with the weather.

The legislative interim committee is considering the need for legislation in Oregon and the provisions of such legislation if laws are enacted. There are those who maintain that man should be allowed to experiment in the field of weather modification to determine possible effects, but it is generally conceded that laws should provide for some measure of responsibility and control.

Other members of the committee in addition to Day are Senator Art Lindberg, Pendleton; Rep. Roger Loennig, Haines; Rep. Frank Farmer, Rickerall; Rep. V. T. Jackson, Roseburg; Ralph Crum, Ione, chairman of the Tri-county weather control group; and E. M. Nelson, extension agent, The Dalles, secretary; and John Day, Corvallis, executive secretary.

County P-TA Council Talks Convention

The Morrow county P-TA Council was held in Boardman Thursday evening March 13. Discussion of the State Convention to be held in Pendleton in April was the main business.

Mrs. Blaine Isom of Echo is chairman of committee to arrange the convention. Several from each P-TA unit will be asked to act as hostesses and each unit is asked to contribute a small amount to help defray the expenses.

Election of officers for the county council was held and the new officers are, president, Mrs. H. O. Callif, Irrigon; vice president, Mrs. Bob Davidson, Lexington; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Oliver Creswick, Heppner.

Those attending from Heppner were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick and Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr. They attended Boardman's regular P-TA meeting after the council meeting.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo have received a communication from their son, Ted, stating that he is stationed in Germany with the U. S. Army. Mrs. McMurdo and the children are in Virginia with relatives during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice spent Friday in Walla Walla having taken their grand-daughter, Eleanor, there to compete in the regional speech contest. Miss Rice placed second in the contest.



REV. FRANCIS HAYASHI of the Japanese Methodist church in Portland who will be in Heppner to conduct special services next week at the Methodist Church.

James Rhea Luper Buried Here Sunday

The funeral service of James Rhea Luper, 63, former state engineer, was held Sunday at the Elks Temple in Heppner with lodge officers conducting the service.

Luper, who lived in Portland for several years, died at Vancouver, Washington. He was a former resident of Heppner.

Luper was a central figure in the 1930s in a case involving a shortage of state funds, and was freed of an indictment by a circuit court judgment at Salem in 1933. He was called a man who had given the state more than he was paid for.

After Luper resigned from the state engineer's post in 1930 he worked in Oregon, Seattle, Alaska and Walla Walla for the army engineers.

New Heppner Fire Truck Due Shortly

According to word received early this week by fire chief C. A. Buggles from the Nelson Equipment company of Portland, Heppner will receive delivery of its new fire pumper late this week.

The truck, which has been owned by the city of Madras and was replaced by a larger truck, will be reconditioned by the company and brought to Heppner where it will be tested by a member of the Insurance Underwriters bureau of Portland before being accepted by the city.

Legion to Observe Anniversary Saturday

The Heppner post of the American Legion and Auxiliary will observe its 34th birthday Saturday, March 22 with a potluck dinner, initiation and dance to be held at the local Legion hall.

The dinner is scheduled to start at 7:30, the initiation at 8:30 and the dance at 10 o'clock. The initiation will be conferred by the 40 and 8 degree team from Umatilla county volume number 412.

Hot rolls, ice cream and cake will be furnished by the post for the dinner and music is to be supplied by the "Jolly Jax's".

New Books Added To The Public Library

Books added to the Heppner public library are Readers Digest books; Foolish Gentlewomen, Sharp; The Mudlark, Bonnet; The Wayward Bus, Steinbeck; River of the Sun, Ullman; Sky and Forest, Forrester; Ella Gunning, Deasy; fiction; A Treasure of Songs, Fisher; Here in New York, White; His Eye-Is on the Sparrow, Waters & Samuels; This I Remember, Eleanor Roosevelt; Concert Companion, Bagar; The Mature Mind, Overstreet; Human Destiny, du Nouy; Le Comte; Rise Up and Walk (polio) Walker; Behind the Curtain, Gunther; The Peabody Sisters of Salem, Tharp; Blazac, Zweig, non-fiction.

O. E. Knudsen of Walla Walla was visiting friends in Heppner on Monday.

Heppner Takes Third in District Speech Contest

Although Hermiston and Mac-Hi of Milton Freewater came out winners in the district high school speech contest held last week in Walla Walla, three Heppner students placed in the contests, according to Richard Knight, Heppner teacher who accompanied the students. Heppner high school placed in third position.

Monte Fast won first place in the radio speaking division for his talk on "Oregon mountains." Eleanor Rice placed second and Mickey Lanham third in the panel discussion division. Other Heppner students participating in the contest were Marjorie Pierson, Rita Graves, Patricia Peck, Albert Burkenbine and Sharon Beckitt.

Both Monte Fast and Eleanor Rice are eligible to enter in the state meet April 4 and 5 at Eugene.

Knight, English instructor, presented Monte Fast, Eleanor Rice and Marilyn Munkers, who participated in the county festival at Ione to the chamber of commerce Monday noon, where each gave their winning talk.

New Power Rate Set at Monument

The Columbia Power Co-op Association held their regular Board of Directors meeting at the office in Monument last Monday.

The meeting was opened with the president, Ralph Farrow presiding. The following board members were present Ed Krupke, vice president of Mitchell, Clarence Holmes of Monument, Bill Chapman Jr., of Spray. Guests at the meeting were Robert Welty, Engineer of The Dalles, Tom Keating of Pendleton and Harry Baker of Bend, State Electrical Inspectors, Bob Ashmead of Mitchell, owner of the Mitchell Light and Power, Bill Arbuckle of Ukiah, member of the board of the Ukiah Electrical Company; George Cory, Attorney of Pendleton; Johnnie Younce of Spray, who applied for the job of clearing the timber from the transmission line.

The first business of the Board was to adopt a new electric rate for Monument, Spray and Ukiah. These rates will be used only until the Bonneville Power is acquired. The rates decided upon were: 15 cents for the first 30 kilowatt hours; 12 cents for the next 40 kilowatt hours; 8 cents for the next 130 kilowatt hours; 8 cents from there on. These rates will take effect in about one month.

The next decision of the meeting was that Spray would be given until May 1st, 1952 to get their houses properly wired. Monument, Ukiah and Mitchell will have until June 1st 1952. Anyone not complying to the above rules will be cut off. Mr. Welty made the statement that contracts for the construction of the system will be let by May 1st. This system will be built in four pieces, Antelope to Service Creek and sub-station, Western half of the distribution line, Eastern half of the distribution, Pendleton to Ritter transmission line and sub-station.

Welty's estimate for the time of completion is November 1952.

HOSPITAL NOTES

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, Camp 5 Kinzua, a baby boy born March 18, weight 7 lbs. 6 ozs. To Mr. and Mrs. James Kenny, Fossil, a baby girl born March 16, weight 6 lbs. 8 1/2 ozs.

Major Surgery—Mrs. Esther Wilson, Lexington; Irving J. White, Condon; Berdine Corbin, Monument; Mrs. Elizabeth Van Schoiack, Heppner; Mrs. Lee Helsey, Heppner.

Minor Surgery—Mrs. Betty Pullen, Lonerock, dismissed; Joe Allen, Ione, dismissed; Mrs. Ethel Zeimantz, Heppner.

Medical—Leroy Knott, Fossil, dismissed; John Asher, Spray, dismissed; Harry L. Craig, Fossil, dismissed; John Bird, Heppner; Mrs. Laura Gingrich, Dayville, dismissed; Mrs. Esther Bergstrom, Ione.

Out Patients—Olger Knudsen, Walla Walla; Don Overholser, Spray; Mrs. Elma Scott, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chaffee had as their weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Routh and Ralph Morris of Pasco, Washington. Routh is Mrs. Chaffee's twin brother.

Peter Slewin of Pendleton was a Heppner visitor on Tuesday.

An application for priority for materials needed for the construction of Heppner's planned sewer system and sewage disposal plant was completed this week by city attorney J. J. Nys and will soon be in the hands of the engineering firm of Clark and Groff, Salem who prepared the plans for the city.

The engineers will file the application with the proper government agency so that materials will be available to a contractor if the project is approved by the people.

A special city council meeting will be called within the next few days, according to mayor J. O. Turner, to discuss the engineers recommendations and to work out a definite plan for financing the project. Turner stated he still hopes to be able to place the issue before the public for vote at the time of the primary election on May 16.

Fat Men Keep Title, Beat Slims 31-29 in P-TA Hoop Tussle

Wednesday night's P-TA basketball game showed that the Fat Boys haven't lost their "stuff" when they defeated the Thin Men by the meager margin of two points in the annual Fat Men-Slim Men benefit basketball game on the high school floor. The score, according to best available records, was 31 to 29.

Hoyle had little to do with the rules set up for the contest, as there was frequently an extra ball or two in play, and occasionally a spare basket. Costumes played an important part in the contest with some of the get-ups worn by the Slims attracting more attention than did the game itself. Notable among the "training suits" was the swallowtail coat and derby worn by Oliver "Digger" Creswick who also carried a shovel, and grass skirt outfit of Tim Juett. Many others also had unusual outfits for such top-ranking hoop players. It is understood that coaches for both teams had considerably difficulty in keeping players from "overtraining" prior to the contest.

A good crowd enjoyed the antics. The gate receipts are to be used to provide a scholarship for some student planning to take teacher's training.

Warren Baby Leading Normal, Healthy Life

Deborah Kaye Warren, Heppner's "inside out" baby who was born February 7 with all her abdominal organs outside her body, is progressing like any normal healthy child according to her Heppner physician who weighed her in early this week at over seven pounds. She weighed 4 lbs., 13 ounces at birth.

The physician reported all her incisions had healed completely and that there was no indication of any after-effects from her unusual birth and immediate rare operation to replace her organs inside her body. The child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warren of Ione.

Students to Hear Wildlife Program

A wildlife conservation assembly program will be presented Thursday, March 27, in the Heppner high school by Game Commission Education Agent Austin Hamer.

Management of big game animals—deer, elk and antelope—will be Hamer's topic. The twenty minute talk, illustrated with large poster cartoons, points out recreational and economic values of big game. Necessity for a balance between game numbers and their food supply and the need for an annual harvest of game surpluses by sportsmen will be stressed. Hamer's talk will be followed by a wildlife movie entitled "Realm of The Wild."

Last year Hamer presented a basic conservation assembly program in the Heppner high school and this year's program is the second in a sequence of three.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer McCaleb and daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Barbara, arrived Sunday from Reedsport to spend a week here with her mother, Mrs. Alex Green and his father, William McCaleb, Sr. Mr. McCaleb is a teacher in the Reedsport school and is having a weeks' spring vacation.

NEW FISHING REGULATIONS NOW AVAILABLE; TROUT BEING LIBERATED

The game commission has announced that copies of the 1952 Oregon angling regulations are now available at all game license agencies.

The commission also reminds anglers that the new salmon-steelhead punch card is now in effect; the old tag card expired March 16. When a salmon or steelhead 20 inches or more in length is caught the angler punches his card in the space provided and writes in the date and stream. Unlike the old cards, a tag does not have to be attached to the fish.

The new punch cards expire on March 15, 1953 and must be returned to the commission by May 15, 1953. The cards will aid in the determination of streams receiving the greatest angling pressure.

Coastal waters are now closed to angling for trout, salmon, and steelhead and will remain closed until the opening of trout season, April 19. Winter fishing rules continue in effect in the other fishing zones.

It was also announced that trout liberation was started by the commission in zone seven, which includes Morrow county, on March 15. Progress will depend upon weather and road conditions.

1000 Expected To Attend OSC Ag Conference

Advance registration cards have now been provided 450 agricultural conference committee men and a card supply is available in each county extension office for others who expect to attend the meetings at Oregon State college March 27, 28 and 29, announced John C. Campbell, extension specialist who heads the housing committee.

The conference is expected to attract the largest crowd of farm men and women and business men ever assembled on the state college campus. Campbell and his committee are planning for an attendance of at least 1,000.

Receipt of advance registration cards is desired in order that the housing committee can make its plans. Motel and hotel space in Corvallis is about 350 rooms and the college will provide dormitory space for 350 persons. Another 150 rooms will be provided in private homes. Persons attending from nearby counties will likely drive to and fro, Campbell says.

Included on the advance registration card is a section regarding attendance at two group luncheons and two banquets to be staged in the campus Memorial Union. Mrs. Azales Sager, state home economics extension leader who heads the conference food committee, asks those who expect to attend any or all these organized dinners to indicate their intentions.

The principal banquet with accommodations for 600 Thursday evening, March 27, will feature Oregon products. Cost will be \$2.50 per person. Tickets for Thursday and Friday luncheons March 27 and 28 will cost 75 cents each. Friday's evening meal has been priced at \$1.10.

The pre-registration cards are self-addressed, but inquiries about the conference or requests for cards should be addressed: Agricultural conference, Snell hall, Oregon State College Corvallis. Program details and speakers will be announced later.

Local Church Hears Canadian Visitor

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fast and son Donald of Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, a brother of Rev. Nels Fast of the Heppner Assembly of God church, arrived in Heppner last week for a visit and spoke to a large group at the local church Sunday.

He stressed the importance of observing the Lord's day, regardless of church affiliation and pointed out that in Canada all places of amusement were closed on Sunday, that country being ahead of the United States in this, in his opinion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fast plan to spend several days here visiting.