

# Heppner Gazette Times

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## Two Elgin Mills Purchased By Heppner Lumber

Purchase of two Elgin, Oregon lumber mills and their timber holdings in that area by the Heppner Lumber company was announced this week by Orville Smith, head of the Heppner company.

The two Elgin operations are the Ponds Pine Lumber company consisting of a planing mill and dry kilns and the Hanford-Reed Lumber company sawmill. They are located adjacent to each other and will be operated as a unit, Smith said. The timber holdings of the two concerns were also purchased and while no cruise has yet been made, a substantial amount of timber is included. Also purchased is a new 25,000 foot sawmill now being built by Jack Eckstein.

Heppner Lumber company will take over operation of the Ponds plant on November 1 and the Hanford-Reed mill on December 1. The sawmill has a capacity of 45,000 feet a day, and a total of about one and one-half million feet per month will be handled by the combined operation there.

Smith stated the timber holdings in the Elgin area include a substantial stand of fir and the purpose of the purchase is to augment the fir operation of the local plant. He also said that it is planned to ship a large percentage of the pine lumber to Heppner to be processed here. Later on, some of the fir may also be finished here.

Manager of the Elgin plant which will be called the Elgin Branch of the Heppner Lumber company, will be Galen Samner, Pendleton, who has been connected with the Heppner Lumber company for more than 10 years. Willis Spoo will operate the sawmill and oversee the logging operation.

Smith said as soon as everything gets into operation at Elgin a total of about 65 persons will be employed on a year-around basis. The only work being done there now is some logging and cold decking of logs. Employment at the Heppner plant averages about 115 persons.

It was also revealed that shipments from the plant here will amount to over 24,000,000 board feet for 1952, an increase of about 2,000,000 feet over last year.

Major stockholders of the Heppner Lumber company are Orville Smith, P. W. Mahoney, Heppner, J. L. Kraft, C. H. Kraft, Chicago and Leonard Kraft, Bridal Veil, Oregon.

## Ione Co-operative Is Now Called Community Church

Some twelve years ago the Christian and Congregational groups of Ione, believing they could carry on a more effective church program by uniting their forces, organized a Co-Operative Church. In this undertaking they were joined by others with various church affiliations and backgrounds. During the years they have discovered that unity can be achieved; that the things which unite are more important than those which divide. The various groups have become one. On October 5th this experienced unity will become an organized unit; the several groups will become one Church, one Fellowship.

All property will be held by one body now incorporated as the Ione Community Church. On that day officers and committees of the Church will be elected.

There will be morning worship with communion at eleven, followed by a pot luck dinner and business meeting. It will be a day of thanksgiving, thanksgiving for the spirit which unites us; thankfulness that in Christ we can all be one; and gratitude for the larger opportunity for services which this unity makes possible. We are sure all our friends will come and rejoice with us that day. Remember the date October 5.

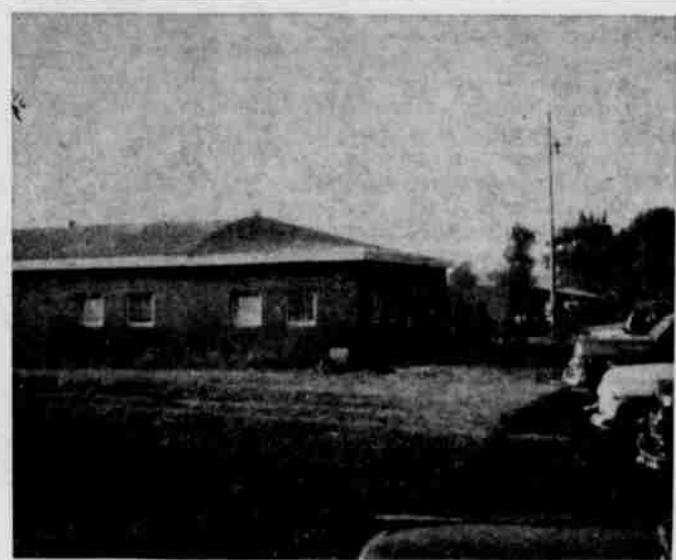
## POMONA GRANGE

Pomona grange will meet on Saturday September 27 at Boardman. George Flagg of the Oregon highway council will be the speaker on the program and Patricia Peck of the Rhea Creek grange will play a piano solo.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m.

## JUNIOR DEGREE OF HONOR

The Junior Degree of Honor will meet Saturday September 27 in the Civic Center from 2:00 p. m. until 4:00 p. m.



**NEW BUILDING**—Visitors to the North Morrow county fair at Boardman last weekend saw exhibits in the recently completed brick building shown above which will be put to many other uses during the year. Visitors acclaimed this year's fair the best ever held at Boardman.



**NEEDLEWORK**—A small portion of the numerous exhibits of needlework and similar type entries is shown here. Flowers, canned fruits and vegetables and fresh produce exhibits took up the other side of the new fair building. (GT Photos)

## NORTH MORROW FAIR ACCLAIMED FINEST EVER HELD AT BOARDMAN

By Flossie Coats  
One of the largest and best fairs ever, the North Morrow County Fair closed Saturday evening, the success largely due to the President Clyde Tannehill and directors Chas. Forthman and Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Irrigon. The entries in open class in all but the livestock far surpassed any fair here in the past few years, as did the number of the display of booths. Several hundred persons were on hand to see the parade at 10:30 a. m. and other attractions throughout the day at the fair grounds.

Winners of the organization booths was the Greenfield Grange first, the Boardman Community church second, and the Home Extension Unit from Irrigon placed third. In the Commercial, Dewey West Jr. Service Station placed first; Heppner Refrigeration Company, second and The Boardman Supply, third. The 4-H placed first and the FFA second. In the farm booth, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Pelton, Irrigon placed first.

In the C and H sugar canning contest Mrs. E. E. Rucker, Irrigon received first in the Jellies, and the lucky one Mrs. Donald Downey received first in both the preserves and the canned fruits.

In the National Needlecraft crocheted contest, Mrs. Claud Coats was awarded Gold Sunray Trophy for the judged best crocheted article. Other winners in the contest were Mrs. Clyde Tannehill, Mrs. Esther Knight, Mrs. Leo Root, Mrs. Earl Briggs, Mrs. Julie Rutledge, Mrs. E. S. Pelton and Mrs. Olive Atteberry. Miss Lorena was awarded the best in the doll clothes and also for the teen age group.

Leading the parade was three youngsters on their shetland ponies, Jimmie Miller carrying the Flag, accompanied by Eileen Ely and Albert Rogers. The Boardman Community church and the Greenfield Grange tied for first place and the Tillicum Club placed third. Mrs. Wilma Smith with her six horse shetland team

## Local Elks Officers Take Part in Contest

The officers of Heppner B. P. O. Elks No. 358 journeyed to Pendleton Sunday where they competed against seven other Elks Lodges of Eastern Oregon in a contest in the Northeastern Oregon District Ritualistic Contest. The Dalles team received the highest score, 98,744. The local team, although penalized for having substitute officers, received a score of 97,26. The District is comprised of Baker, La Grande, Heppner, Ontario, The Dalles and Pendleton. Those making the trip from Heppner included Tom Wilson, Jack Van Winkle, James J. Farley, Harlan McCurdy, Jr., Conley Lanham, Alton Yarnell, LaVerne Van Marter, Jr. and Kemp Dick who was the candidate for the initiatory work.

## Burglars Enter Four County Stores Monday

This section of Morrow county felt another wave of burglaries Monday night when four stores, two in Heppner and one each in Ione and Lexington were entered and robbed. The jobs however, netted the burglars less than \$30 for their efforts, according to police reports.

The four stores entered were Swanson's grocery, Ione where entrance was gained by jimmying a back door and only about \$3 or \$4 was obtained from the till; Ted's grocery, Lexington where the front door was jimmyed and about \$20 in small change was taken; Gilliam and Bisbee hardware in Heppner where entry was gained in the same manner through the front door. In this instance an attempt was made to open the safe, but the intruders gave up after attempting to open it by knocking off the combination dial. Entry was gained to the Rosewall Motor company building by jimmying a side door. No attempt was made here to open the safe and only a few dollars in change was missing from the till.

In no case could it be determined that merchandise had been taken. The burglaries coincide with a series of breakins last Friday night at Moro where five business houses were entered and also the six breakins at Fossil about two weeks ago. Police officers report the method used in all cases appeared to be similar.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said he could find no clues in any of the four local cases and a check with officers in the other areas showed little on which to establish the identity of the burglars.

## Dimes Group to Pick Committee

A meeting of all committee members and all persons interested in the March of Dimes is planned for next Monday evening at 7:30 at the court house, James Driscoll, National Foundation president and Mrs. Joe Hughes, Dimes chairman announced today.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the executive committee and to set up the forthcoming March of Dimes campaign.

Both Mrs. Hughes and Driscoll attended a regional March of Dimes meeting at Portland last week and stated that reports show an even greater need for active committees for the coming year. It was reported that up to September 15 there have been 31,391 cases of Polio in the nation compared with 17,332 last year. Every resource of the National Foundation has been brought to bear in fighting the epidemic and it has exhausted its funds in assisting local chapters where the disease has been widespread. Nearly \$5 million has been returned to the local organizations.

It was pointed out also, that the crippling effects of the disease have been greatly reduced this year due to prompt diagnosis and improved treatment sponsored by the March of Dimes.

The purpose of the Heppner meeting will be to complete all arrangements and the officers request anyone interested to attend.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. William B. Potter, Fossil, a 9 lb. 2 oz. girl born Sept. 24. To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell, Ione, a 9 lb. 1/2 oz. boy born Sept. 25, named Howard Eugene. To Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones, Lexington, a 6 lb. 8 oz. boy born Sept. 23, named Joseph Clarence. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Max Gentry, Heppner, a 8 lb. 4 oz. boy born Sept. 21, named Bobby Stephen. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wasson, Ordinance, a 4 lb. 5 oz. girl born Sept. 25, named Patricia Lynn.

Minor Surgery—Mrs. Uabell Allen, Condon, dismissed; Mrs. Gladys Walker, Heppner, dismissed; Dianna Cutsforth, Lexington, dismissed.

Medical—Dewey Keller, Hermiston, dismissed; Terrence Maher, Heppner, dismissed; Marion Finch, Heppner, dismissed; Emma Anderson, Heppner.

Out Patients—Alvin Bunch, Heppner; Janice Kenney, Kinzua.

## IN PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Mrs. Harley Anderson is in Immanuel hospital in Portland with double pneumonia. She is improving, but will have to remain in the hospital at least another week.

## Weatherman Forgets It's Fall, Mercury Hits 95 Wednesday

Even though the calendar officially proclaims that it has been fall ever since Monday, the weatherman apparently doesn't agree for he really poured the heat on Morrow county the past few days.

Len Gilliam, Heppner weather observer recorded a high of 95 degrees Wednesday and said that today had all the earmarks of another "stinker" as the official thermometer registered 71 at 7 a. m.

How the hot weather will effect the opening of hunting season is not definitely known, but a decision is expected from state officials either today or Friday.

## Grain Support Prices Increased

An announcement was made this week by the secretary of agriculture of the support price for grains for 1953 which give indication that farming will continue to be a good business during the coming year.

Wheat will be supported at a national average rate of not less than \$2.21 a bushel, one cent higher than last year. Rye is also up one cent at \$1.43 a bushel. Oats, barley and flaxseed supports will be at least two cents higher than 1952. The minimum on number 3 or better oats has been set at 80 cents, number 2 or better barley at \$1.24 and flaxseed at \$3.79 a bushel.

## New Revised Bible To Be Honored by Churches Tuesday

A community-wide service on Tuesday evening, September 30, at the Methodist church is planned in Heppner to honor the publication of the new Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible. On the same evening similar inter-church meetings will be held in at least 3,000 other communities throughout this country and in Canada.

J. Palmer Sorlien, general chairman of the local committee planning the observance stated that Ernest Peterson, church editor of the Oregon Journal will be the guest speaker on the observance theme "The word of life in living language." The service will be a joint meeting of all Heppner churches and Rev. Earl Soward of the Christian church will be chairman of the meeting. Music will be under the direction of Oliver Creswick.

"The completion of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible marks an epoch in the religious life of the English-speaking people comparable to that marked by the issuance of the King James version in 1611," Sorlien said. September 30 is the publication date of the new Bible.

Presentation of five copies of the new Bible will be made during the service which is to start at 8 o'clock.

## Heppner Army Man Returns to States

WITH THE 43D INFANTRY DIV. GERMANY—Cpl. Delmer R. Buschke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Buschke, Heppner, is returning to the United States after a tour of duty with the 43d Infantry Division in Germany.

A former New England National Guard unit, the division came to Europe last October and joined the NATO Army.

Most of its original members were from Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont. However, men from all parts of the country have since filled its ranks.

A rifleman with Company A of the 172d Infantry Regiment, Buschke entered the Army in October 1950 and arrived in Europe in June 1951.

## SHRINE OFFICIALS HERE

Guests at a special dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Morrow county Shrine club in Heppner were Harvey Wells, Potentate of Al Kader temple of the Shrine and Luther Duckworth, Portland as well as other officers of the divan who were making their annual visitation of Oregon Shrine clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fortner of Boardman, were overnight guests Monday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll. The Fortners continued on to Kinzua Tuesday to visit another daughter.

Robert M. Clark, father of Mrs. Floyd Adams has been visiting in Heppner from his home in Portland. He was here to attend the Roundup.

## Weekend Accidents Take Lives of Two

Accidents took the lives of two Morrow county residents last weekend within a few hours of each other when Thomas Johnson died following injuries received when struck by a car in downtown Heppner and Nelson Knighten, Hardman was electrocuted near Hardman while attempting to measure a stack of hay with a steel tape. The tape was thrown over power lines running near the stack.

Johnson died at Pioneer Memorial hospital early Saturday morning after apparently walking into the side of a pickup drive, by Merritt Gray of Heppner. The accident occurred about 7:30 p. m. Friday in front of the Heppner hotel. According to police reports Johnson, who is 74 years of age, started to cross Main street and apparently walked into the side of the pickup. He was not in the marked crosswalk, though near it. He was knocked unconscious but was not run over. No blame was placed on Gray for the accident.

Knighten died shortly after 8 a. m. Saturday while attempting to measure a haystack on the Harold Stevens ranch north of Hardman. While throwing the weighted steel tape over the stack, it came in contact with the

power lines running nearby, according to the report of Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county coroner.

Services for Thomas Clair Johnson 74, who was reported to be the oldest living native of Heppner at the time of his death, were held today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. at the Phelps Funeral home chapel with J. Palmer Sorlien officiating. He was born in Heppner February 2, 1878 and had no immediate family his only survivors being a sister-in-law and two nephews living in the Willamette valley. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery.

Isaac Nelson Knighten, 55, was born in this vicinity October 5, 1897 and had lived near Hardman most of his life. Funeral services were held at the I. O. O. F. hall in Hardman Tuesday with J. Palmer Sorlien officiating. Interment was in the Hardman I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Surviving are three brothers, Henry and Wilbur of Hardman and Elmer, Olex; one sister Mrs. Myrtle Imel, Terrebonne, Oregon; two nieces and three nephews. He had never married. Pall bearers were Huston Leslie, Archie and Adrian Bechtold, Harold Stevens and Samuel and Elmer Steers.

Phelps Funeral home were in charge of both services.

## FOUR POUND BABY FLOWN TO PORTLAND HOSPITAL IN INCUBATOR

An emergency airplane trip was made to Portland October 17 by Loyd Burkenbine and Mrs. Phil Blakney, superintendent of the nurses at Pioneer Memorial hospital with the newly-born four pound son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Christian of Lexington.

The premature baby, delivered by caesarian, was immediately placed in an incubator and the three persons, incubator and oxygen tanks made the trip to the Good Samaritan hospital in one hour and 18 minutes flying time. A part of the regular equipment of the plane had to be removed to allow room for the incubator

and tanks and though the plane was crowded, Burkenbine said the trip was made without difficulty. Mrs. Blakney administered oxygen to the infant during the flight down the Columbia.

At last reports the baby is showing progress in its fight for life.

## The Payoff—33 Milkshakes

Phil Blakney, owner of Saager's pharmacy, made good this week in a big way, on a promise he made to members of the Heppner football team.

Blakney offered each player who took part in last Friday's football game against Pilot Rock a free milkshake if they won the game. The Mustangs won all right, and every member of the 33 man squad saw action. Blakney's cost, 33 shakes.

Steve Trukositz, Heppner coach claims he wasn't in cahoots with the kids, that he didn't even know about the deal until after the game.

## Ballots Received From Printer, Samples Available

County clerk C. W. Barlow yesterday received delivery of the ballots for the coming general election and stated that the sheet is the biggest ballot ever presented to Morrow county voters. It measures 14 1/2 by 28 inches and includes, in addition to the names of federal, state and county officials, 20 initiative and referendum measures.

Sample ballots may be obtained at the clerk's office or at the Gazette Times office in Heppner.

## Morrow County 4-H Members to Take Part in Exposition

The largest delegation of 4-H boys and girls to attend the Pacific International Livestock Exposition for many years will participate in activities there this year.

Exhibiting fat steers will be Deane and Rieta Graves, Heppner. They will exhibit Shorthorn steers which made a fine showing at the recent Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. This is Rieta's last year to exhibit as she is now attending Oregon State College.

Several judging teams will represent Morrow County 4-H clubs this year. Members on the teams were high place winners at contests held during Fair. Representing Morrow County as 4-H livestock judging team is Ronald Currin, Eddie Bronsan and Jack Monagle, Heppner, members of the Sandhollow-Buttercreek 4-H Livestock Club led by Jerry Bronsan. Ronald and Eddie were members and Jack alternate of the team which won first place at the P. I. last year. Deane Graves was the third member.

New this year for Morrow county is the Dairy judging team. Shirley Peck, Patsy Wright and Sally Palmer, Heppner, members of the South Heppner Livestock Club led by Harold Peck, will participate.

Also new is the 4-H Home Economics judging team. Phyllis and Beverly Nolan and Joan Breeding will represent Morrow County. They are members of a 4-H club led by Mrs. John Graves.

The 4-H members will leave for Portland Friday afternoon, October 3, judging on October 4. Teams will return on Sunday the 5th. 4-H activities for those exhibiting will be concluded October 8, with the 4-H auction sale held that morning.

## OFFICERS AT SCHOOL

Officers of the Heppner and Ione posts of the American Legion were in Pendleton last Monday night to attend a post officers school held in the Pendleton hotel. The meeting was presided over by Carl Wagner, Department of Oregon commander.

## Meeting To Discuss Health Problems

The quarterly meeting of the Morrow county citizens advisory committee for the public health program will be in the Boardman grange hall Wednesday, October 1 and 8:00 p. m.

Each community is to send three or four members to this active discussion group. Suggested topic is Community Health Needs.

Lee Gronemyer, manager of the Pioneer Memorial hospital, will discuss the Hospital and the Community.

## PLAN DANCE

The Heppner Post of the American Legion will hold a public dance this Saturday evening at the Heppner fair pavilion, commander Bill Labhart said this week. Music will be furnished by Buddy Lee and his Panhandle Playboys, a Portland orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jones of La Grande were visitors in Heppner Monday. They are making a campaign tour through the country. Jones is democratic candidate for congressman from the second district.