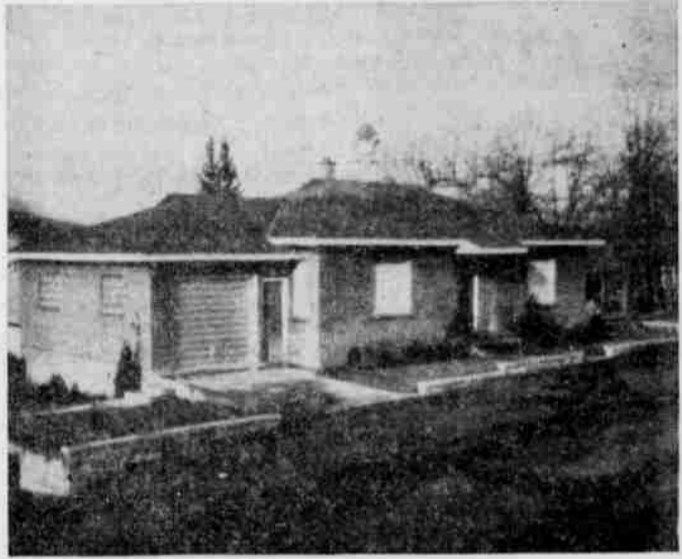


\$27,000 Gift Received by Pioneer Memorial Hospital

H. L. Duvalls Donors of New Heppner Residence

Members of the county court and the Pioneer Memorial hospital board Wednesday received the keys for a practically new home which was presented as a gift to the county, for the benefit of the hospital, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall, Heppner residents and Morrow county wheat rancher. The presentation was made at the Duvall home during a luncheon given by the donors for the members of the court and board.



GIFT HOUSE—The deed for this modern Heppner home belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall was this week given by the owners to the county court for the use of Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Disposition of the residence will be left up to the court and the hospital board who may either rent or sell it. Proceeds will be used for hospital equipment or furnishings. (GT Photo)

The building, a practically new brick residence valued at more than \$27,000 and located on Gilmore street adjacent to the court house park, was given to the county for the express benefit of the hospital. It may be used by the hospital in nearly any manner it chooses so long as the proceeds are used for equipment or furnishings for the present building or any additional building that might be constructed in the future. Acceptance of the gift was acknowledged by county judge Garnet Barratt and P. W. Mahoney, chairman of the board of trustees of the hospital.

The home, built by the Duvalls during the past few years, is entirely complete even to landscaping and has only recently been vacated by the donors upon completion of a new home immediately adjacent to the one given to the hospital.

Board members and the court expressed their appreciation to the Duvalls for the gift and stated that they had no definite plans for disposition of the building. According to the terms of the deed it may be rented or sold or used in any manner desired by the board so long as the proceeds go for the benefit of the hospital. Such funds, cannot however, be used to defray operating expenses.

At the last general election, voters of the county authorized a special five-mill one-year tax levy for the purpose of constructing an additional bedroom wing on the present building to alleviate continually crowded conditions. Construction will start shortly after July 1 of this year.

NEW YEAR'S FIRE DAMAGES APARTMENT

Heppner firemen were called at 9 p. m. New Year's day to control a fire in the Paul Doherty apartment in the rear of the Heppner laundry building on Main street. Fire chief, C. A. Ruggles estimated the damage at \$200.

The blaze, apparently starting from a cigarette spark, burned a davenport and rug. There was also some smoke and water damage.

Mrs. Pearl Devine has sold her apartment house on Cannon street to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bryant.

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Draft Takes 7 From Tri-County

One of the largest groups of inductees to be called into the service from this area in many months left Condon on January 6 to report for induction into the army. There were seven 20 and 21 year olds, one of them from Morrow county.

Included in the group were John William Jensen, 21, Ione; Floyd Wendell Cook, 20, Condon; Lloyd Delano Mechem, 20, Mitchell; Charles Wesley Pherley Jr., 20 and Morgan Thomas Medlock, 20 both of Spray; Lesley Lee Conboy, 20 and William Fredrick Zastrow, 20 both of Olex.

The board also reminded all boys that they are required to register within 5 days after their 18th birthday and listed the following registrars in this area: C. J. D. Bauman, Heppner; S. C. Russell, Boardman; Earl D. Goldman, Irrigon; George E. Van Winkle, Arlington and A. A. Williams, Spray.

Personnel of the Tri-County board number 31 are G. J. Schreiner, Condon, chairman; Conley Lanham, Heppner; Jack F. Combes, Fossil; and Mrs. Florence L. Morgan, Condon clerk.

Christmas Seal Sale Exceeds 1951 Total

Incomplete totals of funds raised in Morrow county by the annual Christmas Seal sale far exceeded that of last year, drive chairman, Mrs. Howard Bryant revealed this week. Returns up to Wednesday show a total of \$1,153 has been reported for the 1952 campaign, with the Boardman area still to be heard from.

This amount exceeds by more than \$200 the amount raised during the 1951 Christmas drive, Mrs. Bryant said.

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1952 RAINFALL OF 11.58 INCHES SHOWS GAIN OVER PREVIOUS YEAR

Rainfall recorded by Leonard Gilliam, Heppner weatherman during 1952 totaled 11.58 inches, a full inch more than fell on the area during the previous year, a final tally showed this week.

Heaviest rainfall of the year came in June when 2.74 inches fell, but December was a close second with 1.99 being recorded. The total precipitation for 1951 was 10.57 inches, and both years were far below the 17.36 inches

that fell in the "wet" year of 1950. Heppner fared a little better than did the Gooseberry section where a total of 10.65 inches of moisture was recorded by Leonard Carlson. His 1951 figure was 10.71.

The month by month figures are January, .89; Feb., 1.14; Mar., .71; April, .68; May, 1.82; June, 2.74; July, .04; Aug., .17; Sept., .89; Oct., .15; Nov., .36; Dec. 1.99.

Urgent Need For March of Dimes Support Related

In urging all out support of this year's March of Dimes drive now in progress Mrs. Joseph Hughes, county drive chairman, pointed to the amount spent in the county last year for the care of polio patients.

A total of \$1,919.95 was expended by the county organization for the care and treatment of polio patients, which was nearly 50 percent more than the county's share of the proceeds from last year's drive, it was pointed out. The county unit retains half of the total amount raised, which last year amounted to \$2,569.34, the other half going to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for research purposes and aid in areas where polio epidemics drain the resources of the local chapter.

The local chapter had some money remaining from the previous year, which made it possible for it to care for last year's patients without having to call for aid from the National Foundation.

She strongly urged, however, that full support be given this year's drive because of the need to build back the depleted fund.

The drive is now in full swing and she particularly urged rural residents to turn their donations over to their local Grange, that each might get the proper credit for their work. In many cases donors mail their donations directly to the Heppner postoffice and the money is credited here, "but each area should receive due credit for their work." The Granges have charge of the drive in the rural areas.

Spray Trucker Dies When Hit by Log

Russell Clyde O'Brien, 52, of Spray died at Pioneer Memorial hospital Wednesday afternoon following injuries received earlier in the afternoon when he was crushed by a log while at work near Fossil.

According to reports, O'Brien who owned and operated logging trucks hauling for Midstate Lumber company was caught between a log and his truck. He was brought here by ambulance.

He is survived by his wife, Agatha and three children. Funeral arrangements are pending.

REV. GILLIAM TO CONDUCT SERVICES HERE

The Rev. Jackson Gilliam of St. John's Episcopal church of Hermiston will be in Heppner Sunday, January 11th and will conduct the services at All Saints Episcopal church, Rev. Elvon Tull of the local church will conduct the Hermiston service. Rev. Gilliam is expected to leave Hermiston in February for a new position in the midwest.

Mrs. Theta Stratton and children spent the New Year's weekend in Pasco visiting relatives.

UP AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT CAR SOON TO BE AT BOARDMAN

Seeds—grasses, legumes, and grains—will be the topic of talks by agricultural specialists and new motion pictures to be shown aboard Union Pacific Railroad's Agricultural Improvement car when it stops in Boardman Tuesday, January 13 during its sixth annual tour of the Northwest.

Under the direction of U. P. Agricultural Agent George L. Penrose, the programs will cover many phases of the seed business including new varieties, certification law changes, weed problems, and smut control.

Adding visual evidence to discussions presented by farm experts will be two new motion pictures, "Seed Certification", produced by the Indiana Crop Improvement association and "Smut Control", a Union Pacific film. Colored slides also will be used to illustrate talks.

To bring the program into critical focus on the problems of the area will be a portion of the session in which the local county agent will discuss weed problems and other topics of current interest and importance.

Others in the speaking staff are H. E. Fennell, extension certification specialist, Oregon State College, who will present a colored slide illustrated talk on certification in Oregon, and Robert O. Fletcher, manager, Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement association, Walla Walla, who will discuss smut control and an overall wheat improvement program. Fletcher also will talk about seed certification—a subject which has become very familiar to him during his association work.

U. P. Agricultural Agent Penrose will introduce the speakers and open the programs with remarks about the car and the topic.

Fancher Appointed To Vacancy on School Board

Bradley D. Fancher, Heppner attorney, has been appointed by county school superintendent Leslie Grant to fill the vacancy on the Heppner school board created by the resignation of Glen Parsons. Fancher took over the position January 1.

Parsons, who tendered his resignation to the board in December 1951 for a three-year term. Fancher will serve out the remaining one and one-half years of the term. Parsons stated that his reason for resigning was that his job with the Heppner Lumber company at its new operations at Elgin was causing him to have to be away so much of the time that he was unable to attend the board meetings, which caused an injustice to the remaining members.

Other members of the board are L. E. Dick, chairman, and Mrs. Stephen Thompson. Leonard L. Pate is clerk.

Power Line Failure Causes Saturday Night Outage Here

A splicing sleeve that gave way on the 66,000-volt transmission line near Jordan substation caused an hour and a half of darkness in Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Fossil, and Condon Saturday night and kept the Columbia Basin REA's customers without electric service for almost four hours, according to J. R. Huffman, local manager of the Pacific Power and Light Company.

Huffman said that Pacific Power and Light was able to get its customers back on the line by feeding power into the area from Dufur.

Crews searched for trouble on the line and located the parted conductor late Saturday night. Huffman said that Pacific Power and Light company crews from Pendleton repaired the conductor.

He explained that an electrical outage for customers of the Columbia Basin REA from 9:05 to 9:52 Sunday morning was caused while the repaired line was reconnected to the 66,000-volt Hermiston-Heppner line.

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED

A special meeting of all members of the special Heppner school building advisory committee has been called for Monday at 8 p. m. at the high school, chairman Robert Penland announced Wednesday.

The group will meet with the school board to discuss final plans for the school expansion plan.

Dr. E. K. Schaffitz and Frank W. Baker made a business trip to Pendleton Monday.

School Expansion Plan to Be Told At Special P-TA Meeting

The regular meeting of the Heppner P-TA scheduled for next Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. at the high school gym will be an open meeting for the general public, it was announced early this week. The purpose is to provide interested persons with a complete picture of the proposed school expansion program.

Members of the school board and the building advisory committee will be present to give the details of the plan and to explain need for the new building and the proposed remodeling of existing facilities. All interested persons are urged to attend.



J. H. "JACK" BEDFORD, who last week assumed his duties as new manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland. He was formerly assistant manager at the Pendleton branch.

Building Permits Soar For Year

Indications that Heppner enjoyed a good year, construction-wise, during 1952 is shown in building permits totaling \$134,460 issued in the 12-month period. This amount is more than double the \$65,000 issued during 1951.

Of the total amount, \$109,900 was for new construction while \$24,560 was for alteration and additions to existing buildings.

Largest individual permits for business construction went to the State of Oregon, for construction of the new highway shops in the northern end of town, the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, for its new dial telephone office and to W. C. Collins for his new building on Main street.

Among the larger permits for new residential construction were those granted to H. C. Duvall, C. Van Schoick and E. C. Dougherty. In all 15 permits were issued for new construction. Largest individual remodeling job is now being completed by the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

The permits did not include nearly \$300,000 in construction and equipment of the new sewer system and sewage disposal plant. Had this been added to the total the figure for the year would have reached nearly one-half million dollars.

Mrs. R. G. McMurtry was in Boise the first of the week for a business trip. She returned on Thursday.

Statement On Condition Made By Grain Growers

A statement released Wednesday by Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers regarding the findings of auditors now working on the books of the concern should clear up many misconceptions as to the financial condition of the cooperative.

The firm recently lost its federal warehouse license after some irregularities had shown up in the handling of wheat receipts and the financial condition of the business was questioned, but Lamb stated that he has been assured that the license would be reinstated as soon as financial difficulties are cleared. He emphasized that the license had not been revoked, just suspended.

The basis for the financial difficulty appeared to be that the two new grain storage elevators built last summer by the firm were constructed without all the necessary financing arrangements being completed. The consequent drain on reserves of the company to pay for the elevators left it without sufficient operating capital.

Lamb's statement follows: "It would appear from current audit now in process that the assets of Morrow County Grain Growers Co-op are intact. The present difficulties have apparently arisen by virtue of the construction of two new elevators one at North Lexington and one at Ruggs which has cost in the neighborhood of \$310,000.00.

"Had the original program for financing this new construction been followed, that is to say, member subscriptions and mortgage loan commitments been obtained, the present so called predicament brought about by the absence of working capital would have not occurred.

"In summary, it is my firm belief that as soon as we arrange the financing of the new elevators as originally planned our troubles will have come to an end.

"I am pleased to announce that a number of the large terminal grain houses are accepting receipts on open market purchases."

Lamb also said that he and other officials are now pursuing investigation into methods of financing the elevators and hoped to be able to announce the completion of a program within a short time.

Power Failure Stops Heppner-Ione Game

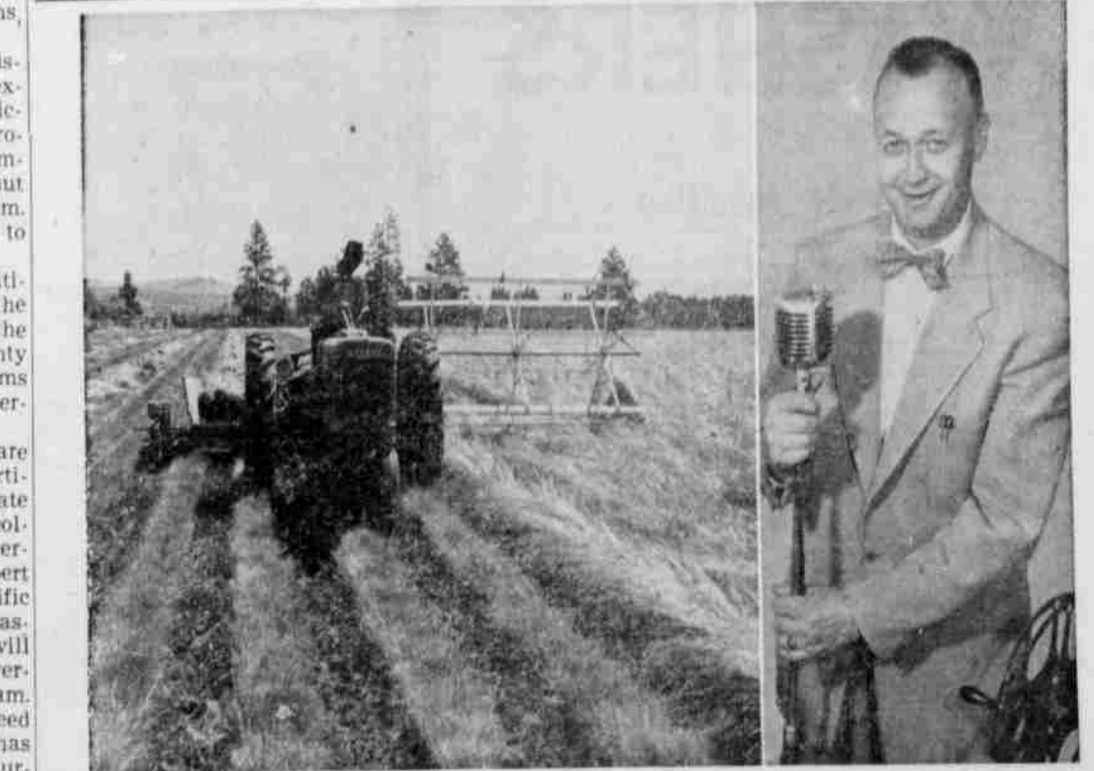
The basketball game between Ione and Heppner being played on the Ione floor last Saturday night was called because of darkness when the lights went off at 8 o'clock at the end of the third quarter of the second string game.

Officials, players and a large crowd waited for 45 minutes before giving up for the evening.

The game has been rescheduled for Tuesday evening, January 20 at Ione. Spectators who jammed the gym last Saturday are invited to attend this game free as it was deemed more feasible than to try to refund admissions in the dark.

LEXINGTON GRANGE

The Lexington Grange will meet Saturday January 10 starting with a potluck supper at 6:00 p. m. followed by regular grange at 8:00 p. m. The program will be a two curtain playlet and installation of officers. All grange members are invited.



Straight from the field, colleges, and laboratories, George L. Penrose, agricultural agent, and his staff aboard Union Pacific's Agricultural Improvement Car soon will bring the latest information on grassland agriculture, seed production and management to this area. Panel discussions by experts and new motion pictures produced in color with sound will be featured with emphasis placed on the community's principal crops.