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## SPOOKS

Every so often those little pests which always hang around in a newspaper plant or print shop decide to gang up on the crew and mess something up just to make life miserable for the editor. They're well known in other businesses too, and they always go by the same name—Gremlins.

They're always around pulling dirty little tricks on us like spelling names wrong, changing the prices in ads or pulling out important classified ads when the printer's back is turned. We try to keep an eye out for them, but last week we must have turned our back for quite a while from the way they messed up a couple of our stories. One or two of them must be Republicans, or at least rabid private power advocates, because they pulled the names of Ed Collison and his crew of Columbia Basin Electric Coop linemen out of the story about the Christmas decorations being put

up in Heppner. They knew perfectly good and well that Ed and his men helped on that job, but they wouldn't let us say so. It's a good thing we didn't have any story last week about Wayne Morse's stand on Hell's Canyon dam. It probably would have turned out to have been a dandy by the time they got through with it.

They didn't stop with that though, but just who they were mad at when they re-arranged last week's front page story about the rainfall and weather we don't know. They did a real job on that one! It was so badly disconnected by the time it got to print we could hardly figure it out ourselves, and we wrote it.

If the little fellows will keep their hands off this week, we are going to rerun the weather story here. We've personally checked it at least three times so if it isn't right this time you'll know one of those Gremlins still carries a grudge. Here is the story the way it was supposed to have appeared last week:

Rainfall for November, 1953 year far exceeds last year's 11.58 area. inches, brought Heppner's precipitation for the year to 15.25 further ahead of 1951 when only inches and already assures 1953 10.57 inches was recorded. It is as being the wettest year in the also nearly equal to the 17.36 past three, with good prospects inches that fell during the full of it even surpassing 1950, one of year of 1950. To this year's total can be added 23 inch which has there has been no severe cold. Month by month figures at the Heppner weather station show the following rainfall in 1953:

Temperatures so far this fall have been extremely moderate too, in contrast with 1952 which saw the year's coldest weather in November. There have been several nights where the mercury has dropped below freezing, but there has been no severe cold. Month by month figures at the Heppner weather station show the following rainfall in 1953:

January, 1.74
February, 2.02
March, 1.37
April, 1.11
May, 2.33
June, 1.61
July, —
August, 1.83
September, .03
October, 1.23
November, 1.98
December, (2 days) .23

## Spuds, or Taxes?

With as many special "weeks" as all of us are supposed to observe throughout the year—there must be at least two for every week of the year, we usually take one look at the propaganda that goes with each and promptly forget all about it unless it has an important connection with our area or business.

Every once in a while though, someone comes out with a catchy slogan or title that attracts at-

tention and whoever thought up the one for the current "National Potato Week" campaign deserves credit. We saw it as a banner headline across the top of the front page of the Redmond Spokesman, a paper mighty interested in the welfare of the succulent spud, particularly Deschutes Netted Gems, and the farmers who grow them. In it is contained a lot of common sense.

It said: "If you don't want to support 'em, eat 'em."

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times

December 13, 1923  
Attorney Sam E. Van Vactor came up from The Dalles on Sunday to be present at the opening session of circuit court, and to appear in a number of cases in which he is interested as counsel.

David Hynd returned the last of week from a visit of several days in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner of Swaggart Buttes, spent Friday and Saturday in Heppner.

Ford Sedan F. O. B. Detroit, \$685 fully equipped.

At the Star Theater Thursday John Barrymore in "Sherlock Holmes" and on Saturday, Richard Barthelmess and Dorothy Gish in "Fury".

The 7th and 8th grade girls gave a style show Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 in the cafetorium for their parents and friends.

The Seniors from Lexington and Ione schools enjoyed a luncheon here Wednesday, Dec. 9. After the lunch they listened to representatives of Oregon institutions of higher learning.

The Junior class is giving a dance at the Legion hall Dec. 12. The P.T.A. basketball benefit games with St. Joseph and Ione will be in the new gym. Dec. 18, 19 at 7 p. m.

Superintendent and Mrs. Chester L. Ward spent Thanksgiving weekend in Portland. She remained for a longer visit with her mother, and he met her in Arlington the following Saturday.



4-H agricultural club organization continues with two clubs re-organized this week. The first was the Sandhollow-Buttercreek Livestock Club, which held their re-organizational meeting Sunday afternoon at the 4-H Club House. The Irrigon Livestock Club re-organized Monday afternoon at the Irrigon school. Both clubs have new local leaders with Bernard Doherty and Dallas Craber to lead the Sandhollow-Buttercreek club this year. It has been led by John Graves and Jerry Brosnan for several years. The Irrigon club will have Donald Leighton as its new leader with Bob Smith continuing as assistant.

Elected as president of the Sandhollow-Buttercreek club was Donald Craber; vice-president is Roger Doherty; secretary, Janice Martin, an news reporter, Merlin Hughes. New members joining the club this year are Janice Martin, Merlin Hughes, and Martha Doherty. Other members are: Dan and Eddie Brosnan, Dennis Doherty, Russell Dolven, Deane Graves, and Tom Currin. Thirteen members have joined the Irrigon Livestock Club and there are hopes of adding more. Officers were not elected for this club but will be done at its first club meeting.

Another club to organize this week was the Irrigon 4-H Electric Club. It is being led again this year by Mrs. Lloyd Cooley. Pres-

dent of that club this year is Buyl Cooley, vice president, Lynn Hobbs, secretary, Darryl Hobbs, news reporter, John Wilson, an dsong leader, Ernest Filley. Other members in this club are Nelson Cruthers and Monty Stephens.

This brings to 75 the enrollment of agricultural clubs for 1954. Included in this is the Buttercreek Junction, the South Heppner, Sandhollow-Buttercreek, Ione Livestock, Irrigon Livestock, and Irrigon Electric Clubs. Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 21 who are interested in joining one of these clubs or who want a club organized in their community should contact the county agent.

## SAND HOLLOW-BUTTER CREEK LIVESTOCK CLUB

The Livestock club held its first meeting of the year, Sunday Dec. 6 at the 4-H club house, for election of officers.

Dean Graves, acting president, called the meeting to order. Donald Craber was elected president; Roger Doherty, vice president; Janice Martin, secretary; and Merlin Hughes, news reporter. The new leaders are Bernard Doherty and Dallas Craber.

New members are Merlin Hughes, Martha Doherty and Janice Martin. Visitors were Mrs. Dallas Craber, Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Randall Martin and last year's leaders, Jerry Brosnan and John Graves.

It was decided that we have meetings on the first Sunday of every month.

Our next meeting is to be held at Randall Martin's January 3, 1954. Meeting adjourned.

Merlin Hughes, reporter.

## "Too Slow" Driving Unlawful in Oregon

Pleasure driving isn't pleasant when you hold up the normal flow of traffic by driving too slow.

In fact it's unlawful, the Secretary of State's traffic safety division pointed out today. Oregon motor vehicle law says it's a violation for "any person to drive at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic." Exceptions are trucks and trailers or other vehicles that cannot go any faster.

Safety men say the traffic poke makes for trouble by irritating following drivers into passing

when there is not enough clearance to do so safely. Your clue that you may be out of bounds comes when you find yourself at the head of a long parade of traffic and the man behind is edging out to the center line waiting for a chance to pass.

A savvy driver in such a spot pulls off on the shoulder at the first opportunity to let the rest of the parade feed by, the office advised.

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General Repairing, Roofing  
**R. L. SANDVIG**  
End of E. Willow St.  
P. O. Box 1544

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Give Him A  
**STETSON HAT GIFT CERTIFICATE**  
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**WILSON'S MEN'S WEAR**  
The Store of Personal Service

## NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Nelson Knighten, deceased, has filed with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, his final account of his administration of the estate of said deceased and said Court has fixed Monday the 4th day of January, 1954, at the hour of 10 a. m. of said day in the County Court Room at the Court House at Heppner, Oregon as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate; and all persons having objections thereto are hereby required to file same with said Court on or before the time fixed for said hearing.

Dated and first published this 3rd day of December, 1953.  
Elmer Knighten  
Administrator

Jos. J. Nys,  
Attorney for Administrator

## Rhea Creek News

The Rhea creek H. E. C. Christmas party will be Dec. 17 at the grange hall, with a potluck dinner at noon. Mrs. Alfred Lovgren and Mrs. Elmer Palmer will be hostesses for the day. At this time members are to bring a Christmas gift for their "Secret Pal."

Mrs. Alfred Lovgren was shopping and visiting relatives in Condon Saturday.

Those shopping in Pendleton this week were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright.

NEED Letterheads, Phone 6-9228.

THE OFFICE OF  
**DR. E. K. SCHAFFITZ**  
OPTOMETRIST  
WILL BE  
**CLOSED**  
Monday and Tuesday  
December 14-15  
Heppner Hotel Bldg. Phone 6-9465

**MERCHANDISE SHOOT**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13  
TURKEYS — HAMS  
Morrow Co. Gun Club

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By Echo Palmateer  
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Surprises galore for '54!  
Watch for the **NEW CHEVROLET** FRIDAY, DEC. 18  
SEE THE NEW CHEVROLET AT...  
**FULLETON CHEVROLET COMPANY**

**Christmas Ideas**  
Western Has Gifts For The Home!  
FLOOR LAMPS 13.95 up  
SMOKERS 8.95  
DAVENO SETS \$198  
PLATFORM ROCKERS 59.95  
CLOCKS 11.95  
RUGS 3.98 UP  
STEP TABLES 16.95  
TABLE LAMPS 6.98  
PIN-UP LAMPS 2.98 UP  
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