

Sale of Heppner Lumber Co. Told

Maurice Hitchcock, Dant And Russell To Be New Owners

Orville Smith, manager of the Heppner Lumber Company, revealed shortly before noon today, the sale of all physical assets of the Heppner mill to Maurice Hitchcock, White Swan, Washington and Dant and Russell, Inc. of Portland. It is expected that the new owners will take over operation of the plant by December 1.

Smith said that while he could not speak for the new owners, it was his understanding that they do not anticipate any change in operation or personnel.

The transaction included only the physical assets and timber holdings of the Heppner mill, and did not involve the Elgin operations of the Heppner Lumber Company nor the North Fork Lumber Company at Monument. Smith and P. W. Mahoney, who have had sizeable interests in the Elgin operation, will take over complete control of that plant and will hold their interests in the Monument mill which probably will continue to supply the Heppner mill with rough lumber as it has in the past.

Safflower as Crop To Be Talked At Wheat Meeting

Meeting in their annual fall get-together, Morrow county wheatgrowers will gather Saturday at the Lexington Grange hall to discuss problems and make recommendations for consideration of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. They hold their annual meeting at Portland this year, December 2, 3, 4.

At the Saturday meeting which begins at 10:00 a. m. The six committees will meet and draft recommendations to be considered with recommendations from other county organizations throughout Oregon. Meeting in the morning will be the legislation and taxation, and wheat disposal and market development committees. Chairman of legislation and taxation is Henry Peterson. Ione; while Henry Baker is chairman of the wheat disposal and marketing development committee. At noon the Lexington Grange Home Economics committee will serve a lunch provided by the association.

In a special program after the noon lunch will be Dr. Carl Claassen, president of the Pacific Oilseeds Incorporated, Woodland, California. Dr. Claassen will discuss possibilities of Safflower production here and his company's program for Safflower contracts in 1955.

Federal agricultural programs, headed by Charles Carlson, Ione; production and land use with Frank Anderson, Heppner as chairman; The youth activities with John Graves as chairman; and the newly added home economics committee will hold their meetings during the afternoon.

Mrs. H. G. Campbell, Echo, wife of president Campbell of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association, is Morrow county's first chairman of the newly added Home Economics committee. This committee is being formed as a step in bringing the wives of wheat producers together to solve problems and make suggestions in the wheat program. Rose Ellen Schmid, home economist, Oregon Wheat Growers League, will work with this group. Miss Beverly Bradshaw, extension agent, home economics and N. C. Anderson, extension agent, agriculture, will assist the committees during the day.

Daily Tests Set For Fire Siren

Starting Monday, Nov. 1 Heppner residents will again be able to set their clocks by the daily noon blast of the fire siren. It was announced this week by fire chief C. A. Ruggles.

During the warm part of the year, the siren is tested only on Monday noons, but with the coming of colder weather the whistle will get a daily blast to be sure it is in working order. Also, on the first Monday of each month, the siren will be put through its full cycle of 10 consecutive blasts to test all automatic alarm equipment, as has been done for the past several months.

The test will always be held right at noon, the alarm sounding any other time means business.

Stockholders in the Heppner mill have been Smith, Mahoney, Leonard Kraft, Bridal Veil, Ore.; C. W. Kraft, Niles, Calif.; and Ben Hardy, Chicago, who represents the estates of J. L. Kraft and C. H. Kraft. Smith and Mahoney will take over the Kraft interests in the Elgin mill, as part of the transaction, it was said.

Dant and Russell is one of the largest lumber operators in the northwest and their interests include mills, sales organizations and transportation facilities across the nation. Hitchcock is a well-known mill operator who now has a large operation at White Swan, Washington, and formerly had plants in the Bend-Sisters area of Central Oregon.

In telling of the sale, Smith emphasized that all indications were that the Heppner mill will continue to operate in substantially the same manner as it has in past years.

Smith and Mahoney said there are many details yet to be completed which will be announced later, but that the final arrangements for the sale have progressed to a point where they can now be announced.

4-H Achievement Party Set Nov. 13

Plans have been made for the annual 4-H Achievement party which will be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner on November 13. The program will get underway with a potluck supper at 6:30 as in the past years.

This year the program will consist of numbers by the Jug and Bottle band of Ione, dance numbers from the Sheppard's dance school, and a piano number by Lynda Borman. This entertainment will be held during the supper hour with presentation of awards to be made later in the evening.

All 4-H members and leaders will be presented with achievement recognition for the year. Committees in charge of arrangements for the meeting are: decorations, Mrs. Elmer Palmer of Heppner, chairman; program, Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione, chairman; kitchen, Mrs. William J. Doherty, Lexington, chairman; purchasing, Mrs. Walter Wright, Heppner, chairman; recreation, Mrs. Louis Carlson, Ione, chairman; and physical plant and cleanup chairman, Bernard Doherty, of Heppner.

The Achievement party will be held on National 4-H Achievement Day. That is the day set nationally to report on 4-H club achievements to parents in the community and nation. It is an opportunity to emphasize the opportunities the 4-H club program provides for young people. Everyone is invited to participate in this 4-H Achievement party.

BAZAAR AND FOOD SALE PLANNED
The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their annual bazaar, food sale and tea on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 20 from 2:00 p. m. until 5:00 p. m.

DEN MOTHERS ATTEND MEETING
On Saturday, Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter attended an all day workshop at the Hermiston community building for all Cub Scout Den Mothers of this region.

Wednesday Night Fire Destroys Boardman Building

Fire starting at about 8:45 on Wednesday evening completely destroyed the Walter Hayes Grocery in Boardman and caused considerable smoke and water damage to two apartments in an adjoining building which housed three apartments and the post office. No estimate of the loss has yet been made.

The fire was discovered by Nancy Rand and Mrs. William Miller who happened to be driving by and noticed smoke coming from the building. Origin of the blaze is unknown as Hayes and Fred Smith had been cutting meat in the store until about 20 minutes before the fire was discovered. The building a concrete structure built in 1926, remained standing, and the cold storage lockers were saved, however all stock and fixtures in the main store were destroyed.

In the adjoining post office and apartment building, all contents were moved out when it was feared that building would also burn. The lower apartment was occupied by Mrs. Flossie Coats, postmistress. It was not damaged, nor was the post office equipment.

Four fire departments from Ordinance, Arlington, Irrigon and the Boardman Bombing range responded to the call for help, and were credited with saving adjoining buildings. Several meetings were in progress in the town and persons attending also aided in stopping the flames.

School Census Assistance Asked

Local school officials announced this week that the annual census of children is now being taken and asked all families who do not have children currently in school to advise the school office of the number and their age.

Children in school have received a special form which will give the school district a check on other children in the family, but where families living in the district have no children in school at the present time, the district has no way of learning of them, and asks their parents to call the school office and give them the names and ages. Officials wish to know the whereabouts of any child from one day to 19 years of age.

The school will appreciate receiving the information by Nov. 5. The census is used to give school officials an accurate check on the number of children living in the district that they may plan properly for their accommodations and needs in coming years.

Pioneer Hospital Changes Visiting Hours, Restrictions

Pioneer Memorial hospital administrator Jack Angel this week announced the hospital will soon initiate a new schedule of visiting hours at the institution, eliminating the present morning period and restricting the admission of children.

The new hours will be from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and from 7 to 8:30 in the evening, it was said. Children under 8 years of age will not be allowed to visit any patient, it was added.

The changes are being made strictly for the patients' benefit, Angel said, pointing out that the schedule of nurses requires them to be able to care for patients during the other hours of the day. Angel said that the reason a patient is in a hospital is because he is too ill to be at home, and in many cases uninterrupted quiet and regular care is vitally necessary for his recovery.

He said the restriction on children under eight years of age was common practice among hospitals, designed primarily to protect the youngster who could contract diseases, more easily than older persons, from a visit.

The new regulations will be put into effect shortly, as soon as they are better known by residents.

GENERAL ELECTION DATE NEAR



THE DIGGING STARTS—A great event took place Monday afternoon, when actual excavation got under way for the new Heppner grade school. The three young boys watching Ed Dick, school board chairman, turn over the first shovel full of dirt acted as though they didn't quite believe what they saw. They will be housed in the new building next year. Shown are left to right, Ed Dick, Edgar Collison, board member; H. C. Reed, superintendent, and Doc Sherer, county road foreman who is supervising the operation.



NEW SCHOOL SITE—The bulldozer had been working only a few minutes when this picture was taken Monday afternoon, but by Tuesday the area had an entirely different appearance as tons of dirt had been moved. The county is doing the excavation, and the building contract will be awarded separately. (GT Photos)

Final Campaigning Due This Weekend; Voters Speak Tues.

With politicians warming up for their final blasts this weekend prior to the 1954 general election next Tuesday, Nov. 2, politics is drawing much interest from most of the residents of the state and both parties have taken up a strong last-minute campaign to get out the voters.

By far the loudest battle, and from all appearances the one which will be the most hotly contested, is the race for the United States Senate seat now held by Republican Guy Cordon. Cordon and his Democratic opponent Richard Neuberger, have been waging a running battle over the issues of public versus partnership power, farm programs etc. The same issues have been the main talking points in the race for U. S. Representative between incumbent Sam Coon and his Democratic opponent Al Ullman. Both men are from Baker. Both Cordon and Coon are seeking reelection.

Other state-wide battles which the voters will decide next Tuesday, but which have not caused nearly as much smoke, are the races for governor and for the position of commissioner of the bureau of Labor. Incumbent Paul Patterson, Republican, is seeking to be returned to office, while a former Portland mayor, Joseph K. Carson, Democrat also seeks the post. S. Eugene Allen, Republican and Norman O. Nilsen, both of Multnomah county are after the labor seat.

Other state wide issues include eight measures which will appear on the ballot, five by referendum and three by initiative. They include questions of salaries of state legislators, subdividing of counties for purpose of electing state legislators, establishing a mental hospital near Portland, constitutional amendments, state property tax limitation, the establishment of daylight saving time, the prohibiting of fishing in some coastal streams and repealing the state milk control law.

Local Battles on
On the local or district level, Charles A. Tom, present Republican state representative from this district is being opposed by Democrat Mrs. Gladys M. Zell of Wasco. There is only one contest for a county office where Harold L. Becker, Republican, is opposing Bruce M. Lindsay, Democrat for the county clerk's post. Several other offices will be filled at the election, but in no other case is there opposition.

Polling Places Given
The polls will be open to all registered voters from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. Tuesday and sheriff C. J. D. Bauman today revealed the location of the various polling places in the county's seven voting precincts. They are:

- Hardman—School
- S. Heppner—Court House
- N. Heppner—Empire Machinery Co.
- Lexington—I. O. O. F. Hall
- Ione—City Hall
- Boardman—Grange Hall
- Irrigon—School

Heppner-Arlington Mail Haul Contract Again Up for Bid

The post office department will receive bids until 5:15 p. m. on November 12, 1954 at the office of the postmaster general in Washington D. C. under a proposal to carry the mail from the Arlington railroad station to the Heppner post office and return. It was revealed this week by James Driscoll, Heppner postmaster.

Services will be on a daily basis with no service required on Sundays and holidays and the contract period will be from December 1, 1954 through June 30, 1958. Forms on which to bid may be obtained at the local post office or from the district superintendent, postal transportation, at Portland.

Carl Linn of Ione holds the present contract which he won earlier this year.

New Pontiacs and Chevrolets on Display

The first of the new 1955 model cars to appear in Heppner will come to light this weekend as two local dealers are making plans to present their company's products to the public. The new Pontiac is being seen for the first time today and the new Chevrolet will be unveiled Friday.

Farley Motor Company, Pontiac and Buick dealer, placed the new Pontiac on display this morning in his downtown showrooms, and Fullerton Chevrolet will have its newest offering ready for view in the morning.

Both cars have announced radical changes in the new models, both in body design and power plants. Both have the new wrap-around windshields and the Pontiac boasts a new 180 hp V-8 engine. Chevrolet also came out with a big power boost to 162 hp and a V-8 motor. Company announcements appear elsewhere in today's paper.

Annual Hayride Set For Sunday

Heppner school students from the 7th grade through the high school age are invited again Sunday to be the guests of the local Soroptimist club for its annual Halloween hayride, club members announced this week.

The club, assisted by the local Lions club, will have trucks waiting at the school at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon to take all the youngsters to the Cutsforth cabin on upper Willow creek where a full evening program of entertainment will be provided. An ample supply of food is also promised.

The Lions club is assisting the Soroptimists this year in providing trucks for transportation and will help chaperon.

All youngsters will be returned to the school later in the evening.

Parents Group to Work for School Band

The Heppner band parents group met Monday evening at the school gym for the purpose of organizing and to discuss plans for the current year. Officers were elected including Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, president; Mrs. J. R. Huffman, vice-president; Mrs. Caj Sumner, secretary; and Mrs. W. L. Cox, treasurer.

The group determined the greatest need of the band students at present is for new uniforms, both for the high and the grade school bands. Since such a project will entail considerable expense, the mothers will start a campaign with a cooked food sale to be held Election day, Nov. 2 at the Red and White store.

The next meeting of the club will be Nov. 15 when a report of the sale will be made and a discussion is planned for a proposed trip to Arlington for both bands Nov. 23 to participate in the district 6 band festival.

Willard Herbison Suffers Loss of Leg By Amputation

A report this morning from Portland told that doctors at the Good Samaritan hospital were forced to amputate Willard Herbison's right leg below the knee in an attempt to save his life. Herbison was taken to Portland late last week after having suffered serious injury in a hunting accident.

Herbison was injured when a shot fired by Charles Gomillion, his hunting partner, struck the cornerpost of the jeep in which he was sitting. Fragments of metal from the cartridge into Herbison's leg.

The doctor's report said that Herbison's condition remains very serious.

Jay Cee-ette Fall Rummage Sale Set

The Jay Cee-ettes' fall rummage sale will be Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6, at the Empire Machinery Company. Proceeds of the sale will, as for the previous six years, help finance the Jay Cee-ette kindergarten.

Due to the large amount of preparation required by the project mothers of the children in kindergarten this year are assisting the Jay Cee-ettes. They will also help during the sale.

Rummage was sorted on October 22 by Mrs. Larry Downen, Mrs. Fred Sanders, Mrs. Phil Blakney, Mrs. Mary Smith, and committee members, Mrs. Ed Dick, Mrs. Herman Green, and Mrs. Jack Loyd. Both in quality and quantity the merchandise is outstanding. It is said.

Garments requiring cleaning have been delivered to the Heppner Cleaners, who are again graciously donating their services.

Thursday afternoon and evening, November 4, all items will be displayed and priced in preparation for the opening of the sale at nine o'clock on November 5.

Lighting Fund Drive Returns Now Top \$9,000

A check today of the cash on hand in the chamber of commerce drive to raise money for lights for the local rodeo field, showed a total of \$3,300 in the bank, which along with assurances of donated labor and additional bond purchases will bring the total to slightly over \$9,000. This is less than \$1,000 away from the goal.

Bond purchases slowed down somewhat during the past week, but money was still coming in from interested persons at a sufficient rate that the lighting committee feels certain that it can raise the necessary money and plans to immediately start negotiations for the purchase of needed equipment and labor.

The chamber committee met early this week and Old the ordering of the 75 and 85 foot poles, which it was found could be purchased now at a considerable saving. Other contracts will be made later when all the money is in the bank, it was said.

The non-interest bearing bonds may be purchased from any member of the chamber committee or at the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance office.

Chamber Hears Story Of Grain Growers

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, told the chamber of commerce of the founding, early history and present operations of the farmer-owned cooperative.

Lamb said the Morrow County Grain Growers was formed in 1930 as a non-profit cooperative organization, and told of some of the early legislation making its formation possible, and many of the trials and tribulations the company went through in the early days.

A present time the cooperative is in excellent financial condition, Lamb said. It now has a net worth of over \$600,000 and assets exceed liabilities by more than 12 to one. He told the group that the crop now owns over 2,000,000 bushels of storage space and that it handled 2 1/2 million bushels of grain in 1954. The company payroll averages about \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year, he added.

The chamber also received an invitation from Orville Cutsforth to hold its annual Conservation dinner at his cabin on Herren creek. It is planned for Nov. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Wright spent the weekend in Spokane where they attended the meeting of the Chinchilla Breeders of the Northwest. While there they also made the acquaintance of a new grand niece, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin McKibbin.

Mrs. Claude Graham and daughter Helen spent a few days last of the week in Portland.