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Sale of Heppner's Oldest Business Firm Announced

Heppner's oldest business house, and one of the oldest businesses in this section of the state to be operated continually by members of the same families, Gilliam and Bisbee Hardware, has been sold with the new owners to take over February 1, it was revealed today.

The new owners are Claude W. Buschke and John B. Key, both of Heppner. They have purchased the interests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Leonard L. Gilliam and L. E. Bisbee. The transaction included only the business, the building, one of Heppner's largest, was sold recently to a Pendleton couple, Virden A. and Rosa J. Hellums.

The business was established in 1887 when Frank Gilliam, a pioneer of the area, began shipping carloads of barbed wire and other essentials necessary for the fencing and settling of Grant county. Heppner was then a railroad and general supply center for a large portion of Central Oregon. From here transportation facilities were freight wagons and stage coaches.

In 1890, Gilliam's brother-in-law, T. H. Bisbee joined the venture and the firm became known as Gilliam and Bisbee. Upon the death of the founders, ownership and management passed to the family heirs who have continued active operation since. The present managers have served in their capacity since prior to World War I.

The business has been operated continually throughout much of the life of the city of Heppner as a straight partnership and has survived one disastrous fire, a flood which took over 250 lives, the big depression of the thirties and many smaller catastrophes.

The new owners will take over operation of the concern on February 1 but the former owners will continue on in an advisory capacity at least for a while, it was said.

The sale was handled by C. L. Fry of Dean Vincent Inc., of Portland.

SHOOT RAISES \$125

The March of Dimes benefit shoot held last Sunday by the Morrow County Gun Club attracted a good crowd and netted \$125 for the March of Dimes drive, club officials report.

John Wightman, a director of the Heppner Soil Conservation district leaves Sunday for San Diego to attend a soil conservation meeting.

Sorry, But There's No Catastrophe Currently in Sight!

Rumors are nothing new to almost any community, and Heppner always has its share in circulation, but one got going so strong the last couple of weeks that a county official finally had to make a statement early this week to put a stop to all the talk.

County judge Garnet Barratt told the chamber of commerce Monday that regardless of what its members might have heard, the new wing on Pioneer Memorial hospital was NOT going to fall down any day now.

Where the story started about the big cracks in the concrete, etc., nobody knows, but the judge invited anyone to go up and inspect the building for himself if he doubted his word.

Mother's March Monday Night to Push Polio Drive

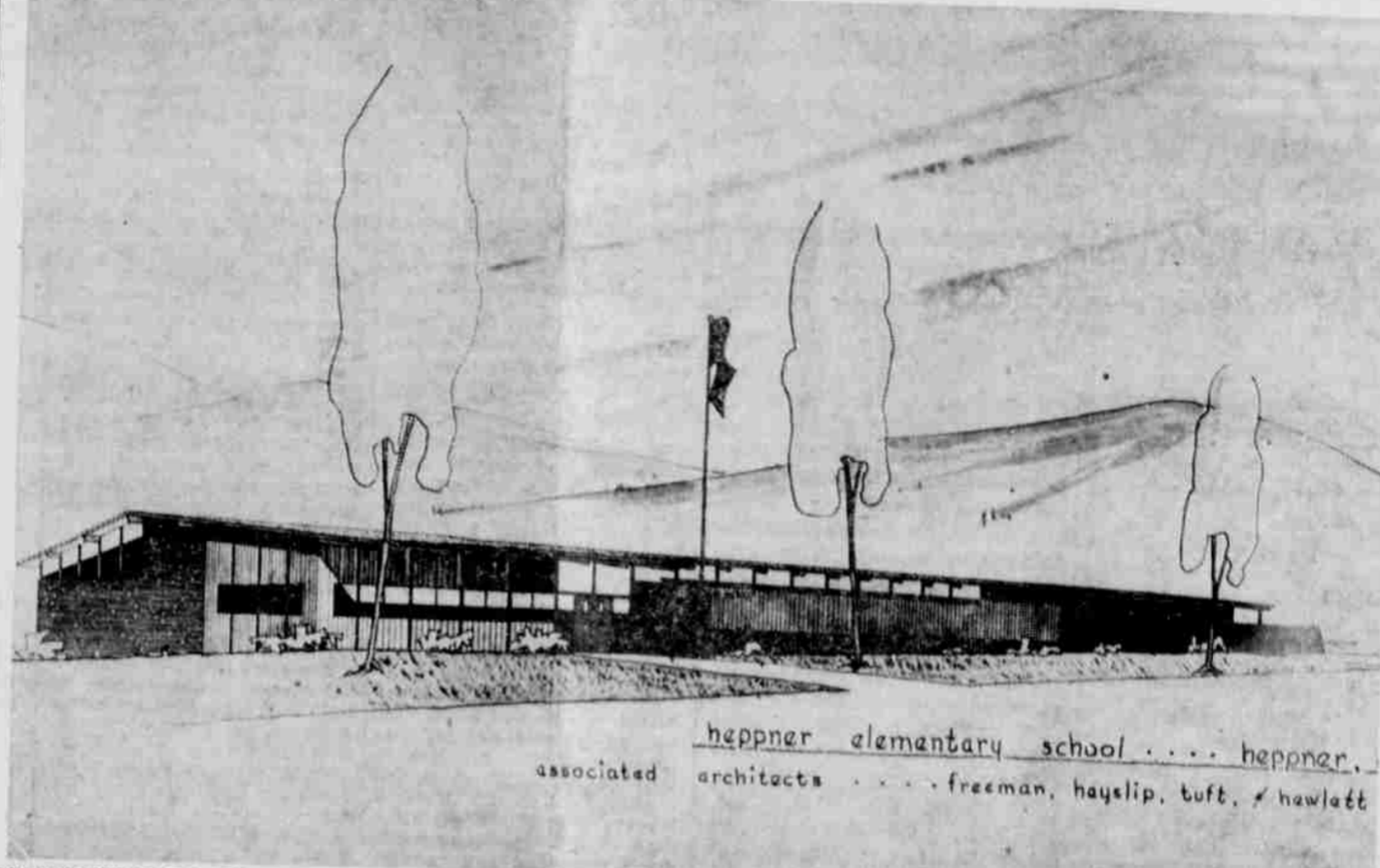
As a final push for this year's March of Dimes campaign, plans were revealed this week for the annual Mother's March on Polio which will be held in Heppner, Lexington and Ione Monday night, January 31. The drive has so far netted only slightly over \$1,200 which is less than half the quota.

The Mother's March will be held between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening and residents who wish to aid the drive are asked to leave their porch lights on to direct the workers. In Heppner the Boy Scouts will do the collecting under the direction of Mrs. Jack Loyd, at Lexington the March is headed by Mrs. Robert Davidson and in Ione by Mrs. Robert Jensen. The Heppner Sceptimist club will hold a party for the boys at the Loyd home after the march, it was announced.

During this week a group of telephone monitors throughout the area have been contacting residents by phone requesting donations to the fund. The monitors are Mrs. George Currin, Butter Creek; Mrs. Sam Turner, Hinton Creek; Mrs. Dee Cox, Blackhorse; Mrs. Fred Slocum, Upper Rhea Creek; Mrs. Ed Albert, Hardman; Mrs. Vic Lovgren, Eightmile.

So far a total of \$1,209.45 has been received, \$989.92 from the Heppner area and \$219.53 from Ione. None of the other areas in the county has reported in yet, it was said.

Portland Firm Wins Contract to Build New Heppner Grade School Building



CONSTRUCTION TO START early next week on the new Heppner elementary school following the awarding of the contract to Simonton & Steele, Portland contractors. This architects drawing shows the building approximately as it will look when completed, though a few minor changes in outside appearance have been made in the plans since this picture was made. The building will

have 10 rooms and a multipurpose room, two less than the school board hoped to get, but enough to take some of the heavy pressure off the presently badly overcrowded school system. The building is expected to be finished shortly after the start of school next fall.

Work to Start Next Week on 10 Room Plant

The Heppner school board last Thursday evening accepted the low bid of Simonton & Steele, Portland building contractors, for the construction of the new Heppner elementary school. Their bid of \$257,497 for the building of a 10 room and multipurpose room educational plant was the lowest of nine firms submitting bids.

The school board had asked for bids on a 12 room and multipurpose room building, with alternate bids requested for a 10 room school should the full bid run over the money available from the sale of a \$290,000 bond issue. The board found it necessary to lower its sights to the 10 rooms and multipurpose room when the lowest bid on the 12 rooms was \$272,037. Acceptance of this bid would not have left sufficient money to equip the new building, landscape and fence the grounds and other incidentals.

The bids on the 12 room plant varied from a low of \$272,037 to a high of \$303,334. The bids on the 10 room building showed a spread from Simonton & Steele's low to a high of \$285,120. Nine firms in Oregon and Washington entered bids.

The winning bidder told the board Thursday that his firm would start construction early next week and that it was the hope of the company to complete the project within 240 calendar days.

The board had previously contracted with Morrow county to do the necessary excavation work on the school site and this job was recently completed at a cost of slightly over \$4,000. Architects estimated that the district saved between \$6,000 and \$10,000 by having the digging done separately from the building contract, in addition to saving a month's time on the total job.

The new building will rise on the Prock-Devin site immediately north of the present school and will be on three different levels to take advantage of the natural slope of the land. The classroom wing will constitute two levels with five classrooms on the lower level and five on the upper. The multipurpose room and offices will be on another level between the classrooms and in a separate wing. The plans have been designed so that the additional two classrooms can be added at some future time. The building will probably house the first five grades, as school registration now stands.

Freeman, Hayslip, Tuft and Hewlett, Portland, are the architects.

The new building will be heated from the present heating plant which is located just across the street. It has been remodeled during the past year to handle the additional load.

Raymond J. Howell Services Here Monday

Services for Raymond J. Howell, 48, who passed away January 21 at Pilot Rock were held Monday, January 24, at Creswick and Seuell chapel with Rev. Lester Boulden, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church officiating.

Mr. Howell was born November 11, 1906 at Hardman, the son of Joseph and Maude Howell. He had lived in the Heppner area for most of his life. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Gladys Corrigan, Portland; and one brother, Roger, also of Portland.

Interment was in the Hardman cemetery.

SHAW'S TO MAKE HOME IN TACOMA WASHINGTON

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Clayton A. Shaw and sons left Saturday to make their home in Tacoma, Mrs. Shaw and sons have been making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hager, while her husband spent 16 months in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright of Kodiak, Alaska have been visiting in Heppner and vicinity.

Addison M. Moore Taken by Death, Services at Monument

Addison M. Moore, 70, a native of Heppner, died January 24 at his home in Monument. Services were held January 26 at the Monument Presbyterian church with Rev. Earl L. Soward of Heppner officiating.

Mr. Moore was born July 1, 1884 at Heppner and had lived his entire life in this immediate area. He was an excellent horseman and his younger days were rated as a champion rider.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen; one son, Emery Moore of Monument; and several grandchildren. He also leaves two nephews, Ralph Moore, Kinzua and Clarence Moore of Heppner. A brother, George, died several years ago.

Burial was in the Monument cemetery with Driskill's Funeral Home of John Day in charge.

Television Survey Being Made Here

The Heppner city council at a special meeting Friday evening heard Winn Crest, The Dalles television engineer, explain his operations in the immediate area and tell how a good usable signal has been obtained at one site very close to town. The council was also asked to consider undertaking the construction and operation of a "pipeline system" to provide TV reception to the city residents.

The council members discussed the proposal at length and the group was divided on whether the city had any business or the right to get into the TV field as a supplier of reception for residents. The group authorized the taking a mail survey of the residents of the city to determine whether they would be interested in TV service and whether they would prefer to have it handled by a private company, a coop or by the city.

Crest, who is a representative of the Television Supply company of The Dalles, estimated that it would cost \$20,000 to get reception into the city from the point about two miles west where it is now being received. Estimated cost for the service would be \$135 hook-up charge and \$3.50 per month.

Reception at the hilltop site near town has been excellent during the past two or three weeks, especially from channel 19, and there have been several reports of fair to good reception from other channels at the same site.

The survey cards are expected to be in the mail today.

Mrs. Emma Evans of Seaside is visiting in Heppner.

Mountain Snow, Moisture Well Below Normal

Water content of the mountain snow pack averaged 24 percent below the 24 year average and 35 percent less than last year at this time, according to snow measurements taken Monday, January 24, on the Arbuckle mountain snow course. Tom Wilson, Soil Conservation Service, and Whitmer Wright, Forest Service, skied into the snow course and reported 23.8 inches of snow with a water content of 6 inches. Measurements taken January 30, last year showed a snow depth of 34.5 inches and 9.2 inches of water.

A water content of 7.9 inches is the average for this time of the year according to records of federal and state cooperative snow surveys taken for a period of 24 years. Water shed soils are frozen beneath the snow pack, Wilson reported.

Morgan Post Office To End 73 Years of Service January 31

The postal department revealed this week that the Morgan, Ore., post office will be closed after January 31 and that mail will be delivered into the area from the Ione post office on a three-times-a-week schedule by route carrier Ellison Morgan.

Martin Bauernfiend, owner of the Morgan store, who has been post master there for slightly over 30 years, has been aiding in changing residents' mailing addresses to the Ione office.

According to W. H. McNeal, The Dalles, Wasco county historical author, the post office at Morgan was established in 1882 under the name Saddle, which was changed in 1890 to Douglas and again in 1906 to Morgan when it was named for Alfred C. Morgan.

Mother of Heppner Man Dies Here Sunday

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Miller & Tracy Funeral Home in Portland for Mrs. Maude L. Dunn who passed away January 23 at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She had come to Heppner in November to make her home with her son Richard Calvin, but had been hospitalized since Dec. 6.

Mrs. Dunn is survived by her only son Richard Calvin. Her husband passed away in Portland about a year ago. She was 65 years of age.

Interment was in the Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland with Creswick & Seuell Mortuary handling local arrangements.

National Forest Service Marks 50th Anniversary

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The forest Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture is observing its golden anniversary in 1955. As it marks the 50th anniversary of its establishment by the American people, the Forest Service salutes the state forestry departments, forest industries, the forestry schools, conservation organizations, and all forest land managers—private and public alike—who have helped to make noteworthy progress in forestry during the past half century. Working together, these private and public agencies have effectively demonstrated the values of organized protection against fire, insects, and disease, and of good management and wise use of the nation's forest and related resources.

As an agency of the American people, the Forest Service has been working since 1905 to maintain and increase the productivity of forest lands everywhere in the country. Out of its threefold activities—cooperation with the states and with private landowners, forest research, and its stewardship of the national forests—has come a service to America that is in the best tradition of democratic action, unique among forestry organizations throughout the world.

President Teddy Roosevelt, in setting aside the forest reserves, which are now known as national forests, insisted that forestry is the preservation of forests by wise use and that forestry means making forests useful not only to the rancher or the man who lives in

Dimes Benefit Game Scheduled

The Heppner Shamrocks, town basketball team, will play in a March of Dimes benefit game Saturday night against the league-leading Nirschl Bros. team of Pendleton which until Tuesday night had been leading the local hoop league. A preliminary game between the Heppner grade school team and the Ione grade school will start at 7 p. m. It will be played on the Heppner floor.

Nirschl Bros. had been leading the league until Tuesday when Heppner took over top spot by virtue of a 67-65 win over Irrigon. Both the Shamrocks and Irrigon were undefeated prior to the Tuesday game. The Heppner B squad also chalked up another win Tuesday over the Irrigon B team, to keep its season record perfect.

Admission will be 50 cents and 25 cents for students with all proceeds to go to the March of Dimes.

the neighborhood, but indirectly to the man who may live hundreds of miles below a mountain watershed.

Dozens of local individuals have contributed to the development, protection, and management of the National Forest resources in the Heppner area. The "Oldtimers" will remember David B. Sheller started organizing the Heppner National Forest in early 1907, and that the first supervisor was Thomas E. Chidsey. In 1911 Hugh B. Rankin became supervisor and he was succeeded by W. W. (Billy) Cryder in 1912. Billy Cryder remained in charge until the consolidation of the Wemaha and Umatilla forests into the present Umatilla National Forest in 1920.

Interesting observations by early day employees of the service in this area are being recorded for later publication.

Advances in forestry over the past 50 years may well be illustrated by few comparisons:

In 1898, Gifford Pinchot and Henry S. Graves who were to become first and second Chiefs of the Forest Service, were the only two native-born professionally trained foresters in the United States—in 1954 approximately 1000 forestry degrees were granted by forestry schools.

In 1912 an estimated 60 percent of the professional foresters were employed by the federal government—today only a small percentage is so employed.

In the Fiscal year 1905 National Forest receipts were less than \$75,000—National Forest receipts in fiscal year 1954 were more than \$67,000,000.

In 1905 firefighting was strictly hand work and travel was by horse or on foot—today federal, state, and private operators are well equipped with radio communication, mechanized firefighting equipment, and fast automotive and aerial transportation.

Fifty years ago very little land outside the National Forests was receiving systematic fire protection—today, state forestry agencies, with private and federal cooperation maintain organized protection for more than 34 million acres of state and private lands. In 1953, area burned was held to 0.7 percent of the area protected.

The advances made in forestry have been the result of efforts by many organizations and individuals along with those of State and Federal forestry agencies. What men of vision half a century ago saw in the years ahead fell far short of what actually came to pass. They failed to fully foresee the astounding developments that have taken place in science, agriculture, and industry.

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FUTURE BUTCHERS—one of the most popular classes in Heppner high school is this homemaking class composed entirely of senior boys who are shown here identifying various cuts of meat which they have recently cut up in the class which is taught by Mrs. Homer Hager. Shown are, front row, Lyle Jensen, Jerry Hague-wood, Neil Beamer and Fote Slocum. Standing are Raymond Gony, Dick Kononen, Ralph Marlatt, Wayne Lamb and Oliver Devin.



HARD AT WORK—learning to cut up a lamb are Ralph Marlatt who is boning out a roast, and Dick Kononen who is boning out some chops, or steaks (the photographer hasn't taken the course). The boys have learned how to cut, wrap, identify and cook many kinds of meat. (GT Photos)