

Lex Residents First to Get Television Service

While work has been progressing in Heppner on the formation of a co-operative organization to pipe television into town, and the already-formed Ione TV co-op is busy running lines and laying cables, the residents of Lexington took matters into their own hands within the past few days and apparently will beat its neighboring communities in the race to make television available to its citizens.

The Lexington organization was formed about a week ago and by early this week had signed up approximately 30 customers, erected a tower and receiving antenna and connected up several subscribers. Officers of the organization, which is called the Lexington TV Corporation, are city officials, however the group is organized as a non-profit cooperative similar to that in Ione and the one planned for Heppner.

Members of the organization raised a 105 foot tower near the airport on Sunday and by Monday evening TV reception was being watched by the town's residents on a set at the school. Hookup charge in Lexington is \$159 with a monthly fee of approximately \$3.00. Officers said Wednesday that they hope to have all the lines laid and the customers hooked in by the end of the week.

Work on the formation of the Heppner co-operative is progressing, it was reported this week. The city council met in a special meeting Monday night to discuss granting a franchise to the co-op, but were prevented from taking action because of charter restrictions. On ordinance is required for the granting of a franchise, and such an ordinance can be passed only at a regular meeting, so the matter will be reconsidered at the next meeting on March 7.

Reception of programs from KERP-TV, channel 19 at Pasco, is reported as good at both the Heppner hilltop antenna site and at Lexington. Ione has also reported good reception of the same station.

April Carnival Set as Benefit For Band Uniform Fund

The Band Parents held a meeting Wednesday evening before the regular P-TA meeting and appointed the chairman for the various booths that will be at the carnival they are planning to hold on April 16.

It was reported that \$105.96 was netted from the chili feed held at the school last Saturday evening.

The Band Parents have raised enough money to order 30 new uniforms for the high school and they should be ready for delivery in about two months.

CLASS SET FOR SUNDAY

Another in the series of classes of Inquiry and instruction, with illustrated strip film, will be held at 7:30 Sunday evening at the Episcopal church, Rev. John R. Reeves announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Worden were weekend visitors in Portland.

Heart Sunday Set For February 20

Next Sunday, February 20 has been proclaimed Heart Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall, Heppner, chairmen for the drive, have announced a special door-to-door campaign will be held here on that date.

The drive is to raise funds for the Oregon Heart Fund and will be used for research into the causes of heart disease, which has been listed as causing more deaths each year than any other single disease.

As a part of the drive, Dr. Stanley Kirk, Heppner physician spoke on heart disease and presented a film on the subject at last Monday's chamber of commerce meeting.

Mrs. Grover Curtiss, Resident of Cecil, Dies at The Dalles

Final rites were held for Mrs. Grover C. Curtiss of Cecil at the Spencer and Libby Funeral home at The Dalles on February 8. She died February 5 at The Dalles hospital from cancer.

Mrs. Curtiss was born July 16, 1887 in the middle-west to Edward Jacob and Louise Kohlase and came west to enter nurse training. She graduated from The Dalles hospital in 1912 and followed her profession in Minnesota and Washington for 10 years until she was married to Grover C. Curtiss on Sept. 6, 1922. She and her husband moved to Cecil where she resided until her death.

She is survived by her husband and two foster children, Arlie Robert Curtiss, Hillsboro and Leona M. Curtiss of Portland. She also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Emil J. W. Kohlase, Mizpah, Minn.; Mrs. Bert (Tillie) Ahrendt, Anderson, Ind.; Dr. Lawrence Kohlase, Los Angeles; Rudolph Kohlase, Bertha, Minn.; Dr. Arthur H. Kohlase, St. Paul, Minn.; Hubert Kohlase, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Mrs. Chas. (Ruth) Lietz, Daver, Minn.; and Webster H. Kohlase, Portsmouth, N. H. A sister, Mrs. Edmund (Caroline) Hartung preceded her in death.

Pallbearers were A. B. Clough, Hubert Mackey, both of Arlington; Elvin Miller, Ralph Taylor, F. M. McClintock and Jack Hynd Jr., all of Cecil.

F. W. Sutton of The Dalles officiated and burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in The Dalles.

WENDELL CONNOR WINS FRATERNITY OFFICE

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove—Wendell Connor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor, has been elected to the office of treasurer of Phi Beta Tau fraternity at Pacific university. Connor is a sophomore business administration major.

Connor held the office last semester and will continue through the spring semester. He is also active in track. He is a graduate of Heppner high school where he participated in all sports and was annual editor.

Boardman Post Office Safe Found, Mystery Remains

By Mary Lee Marlow

Mrs. Flossie Coats, Boardman postmistress was advised last Thursday that the safe taken when the post office was entered on Feb. 27, 1954 had been found in a sagebrush field about 2 1/2 miles north of Pasco, Wash.

Two Kennewick men, Louis McHenry and Arthur DeWitt, who had been searching for a missing friend, Milton (Cowboy) Simmons, missing the past two months, received the clue which led to finding of the safe on Wednesday, Feb. 9. Money order forms which could have been cashed, but only with difficulty, for up to \$40,000 were still in the safe, as well as valuable papers belonging to the Boardman Community church, Greenfield grange and Riverview Cemetery association. About \$300 in cash had been taken from the safe, which included about \$130 of personal money belonging to Mrs. Coats, part of which was a silver dollar collection.

About a month ago McHenry found a note under his door telling him that if he wished to find "Cowboy Slim" he should look about two miles north of Pasco. He and DeWitt did not go to look until last week, although this delay was not explained. They found a mound in the field, and digging down found the Boardman safe, its door burned off, apparently with an acetylene torch. They immediately notified Franklin county sheriff's office and the officers and H. C. Gepke, postal inspector at Pendleton, went to the scene. Water-soaked stamps were found buried down below the safe.

Gepke brought back to Mrs. Coats the papers in the safe last Saturday, which included deeds and insurance papers belonging to the grange, church and cemetery association.

Heppner School To Present Comedy Play

Plans were announced this week for an all-school play which will be presented by students of the Heppner school on March 17 and 18. It is to be a comedy performance titled "Here Comes the Brides", and is under the direction of Stanley Holm, high school instructor. Barbara Warren is student director.

The cast includes Jay Sumner, Skip Ruhl, Meredith Thomson, Lynda Borman, Ralph Marlatt, Laurel Allstott, Janet Kendall, Judy Spaulding, Shirley Kononen, Francine Francis and James Monahan.

CUB SCOUT BANQUET SET FOR FEBRUARY 22

Cub Scout pact, No. 61 will hold its annual Blue and Gold banquet in the basement of the Christian church Tuesday, February 22 starting at 6:30 p. m.

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HEART SUNDAY

FREE CHILDREN'S SHOW ADDED FOR VALUE DAYS EVENT FRIDAY, SATURDAY

A series of advertisements appearing elsewhere in today's issue of the Gazette Times announces the first of a series of four city-wide Heppner Value Days scheduled for 1955.

The special promotional event is being sponsored again this year by the merchants committee of the chamber of commerce and is designed to show residents of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties that Heppner merchants continually offer some of the best buys in well-known merchandise that can be obtained anywhere. Jeff Carter, chairman of the merchants group said that,



PRIZE WINNER—Roice Fulleton, Heppner Chevrolet and Union Oil dealer last week received a check for \$1,000 to the sweepstakes prize in a Union Oil sponsored Dipstick Derby, oil sales contest. Shown presenting the check is (left), Donald Craig, manager of the Bend division for Union Oil, Fulleton, and Pirl Howell (right), local Union distributor. The contest ran for the last three months of 1954, and Fulleton's record for oil sales during the period was the best of any Union dealer in the entire northwest. (Photo by Alex Thompson)

64 Persons Help On 4-H Work Day

Sixty-four men, women and children interested in 4-H club program assembled Sunday at the Morrow county fair grounds, for a workday. Making quick work of dismantling one of the residences recently donated by the Morrow county court. Lumber was salvaged for use at the 4-H summer camp, building at Heron Creek. The building, one of two residences that at one time has been saved to remodel for a caretaker, was recently declared surplus, when the court and fair board got together on plans for further improvements at the grounds. The lumber will be used in the 20 x 100 foot permanent kitchen, storage and shelter at the Heron creek camp grounds.

Those who took part in the workday Sunday with a potluck dinner at noon, were Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty and children; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck and children, Al Bunch and Gerald, Mickey Van Scholack, Charles Monagle, Lincoln Nash, and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson and children and Miss Beverly Bradshaw of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin and children, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Nelson and Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beach and children, Don Pointer and son Hank of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bletzell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Emert and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie McCabe an children, Wayne Ball, E. M. Baker of Ione, Carl Rhea and Glen Campbell of Echo.

P-TA TO SPONSOR SQUARE DANCE

The Heppner P-TA will hold a square dance Saturday night, Feb. 19 at the fair pavilion it was announced this week. It will be under the direction of James Driscoll and Howard Bryant with music furnished by Roy Quackenbush and other local musicians.

There will be no admission, but donations will be accepted.

Church Attendance Drive Brings Results

The drive recently started by the Heppner Ministerial association to encourage regular church attendance resulted in a noticeable increase at local church services during the first two weeks it is reported.

Attendance at the four co-operating churches was 233 on February 6 and climbed to 264 on February 13.

The ministers urge everyone to join the "attend the church" movement, asking that all attend regularly at the church of his choice.

Among those from Heppner spending the weekend in Portland were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. George Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch, and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers.

Swanson's Grocery, Ione, Again Victim Of Burglars

Burglars struck in Ione Tuesday night for the fourth time within recent weeks, making a return call on Swanson's Grocery. The same store had been burglarized about six weeks ago.

Police reported that the store was entered sometime between 6:00 and 9:30 p. m. Tuesday. A window in a rear door was knocked out to gain admission to the building.

As far as could be determined, no money was taken from the till, but an undetermined amount of food was stolen.

A. C. Swanson discovered the break-in when he returned to the store to check on refrigerator motors.

Lex 4-H Member Wins Scholarship

Thirty-four outstanding 4-H livestock club members will receive \$25 4-H summer scholarships next summer by Safeway Stores, Inc., it was announced this week by Cal G. Monroe, state 4-H extension agent at Oregon State college.

The Morrow county winner is Russell Dolven of Lexington.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. James McCabe, Heppner, a 9 lb. 13 oz. boy born Feb. 15, named Allen Monroe.

Medical—Larry Holliday, Lexington, dismissed; Kenneth Merriam, Heppner, dismissed; Ethel Adams, Heppner; Donna Morgan, Condon, dismissed; Bessie Ziemer, Kinzua, dismissed; Newt Matteson, Heppner; Ruby Billingsley, Kinzua; Ernest, Drake, Ione; Donald Pattee, Condon; Buck H. Crowley, Condon.

Major Surgery—Norma Chamberlin, Hermiston, dismissed; Robert Wilnot, Condon, dismissed.

Minor Surgery—Velya Bechdolt, Hardman; Pearl Wright, Heppner.

Out-patients—Herb Hamilton, Heppner; Judith Wake, Condon.

March of Dimes Raises \$2,442

March of Dimes drive officials today released figures showing that the polio fund drive in the county raised a total of \$2,442.89. Final figures just received from the north end of the county raised the amount considerably above what drive directors had believed would be received.

A breakdown of the returns showed Heppner raised \$1,462.34. Of this total \$880.85 was from envelope returns, \$81.91 from coin containers, \$208.75 from special events, \$161.21 from the Mother's March, and \$129.62 from the schools.

Other areas donated the following: Umatilla Ordnance Depot \$62.55; Morgau \$12.50; Hardman \$39.56; Ione \$293.55; Lexington \$249.52; Boardman \$119.92; Irrigon \$122.60 and Cecil \$60.44.

World Prayer Day Observance Set

Local churches, along with Americans in 20,000 other communities and fellow Christians in 125 other countries, will join in observance of the World Day of Prayer Friday, February 25. The special service in Heppner will be held at All Saints Episcopal church at 2:30.

Traditionally held on the first day of Lent, which this year falls on February 25, this year will mark the 68th anniversary of the observance. Theme of this year's services is "Abide in Me."

Observance in the United States are sponsored by the department of the United Church Women, a general department of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. The offering taken at the services in this country is divided equally between the division of foreign missions and the division of home missions of the national council and is used for interdenominational mission projects.

Social Security to Be Farm Bureau Topic

The regular monthly meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau will be held Tuesday, February 22 at the Willows Grange, it was announced this week. The meeting will open with a potluck supper at 6:30.

The principal speaker will be a representative from the social security administration who will discuss the new social security regulations as they apply to the farmers.

New Bureau members are urged to attend.

FISHING GOOD ON COLUMBIA

Fishing from boats on the lower Columbia River below Echo has been fair this week, with worms being used as bait. This also holds true of the fishing on the John Day River near Twicklingham and Clarno.

Poison Takes Lives of Several Heppner Dogs

Though a story last week indicated that Heppner dogs could pretty well have things their own way as long as they were wearing their licenses, at least four and possibly more dogs did not fare so well during the past several days. Two of the pets are known to have been poisoned, two more presumably and another was shot.

Local police officers and the county sheriff reported that all of the poisoning cases occurred in the south end of town within an area of about three blocks. The two animals known to have died from poison were owned by Max Gentry and Alex Thompson. Another belonging to Albert Connor is thought to have suffered the same fate and a fourth, the family pet of Oliver Creswick, disappeared Tuesday morning and has not been seen since. Thompson's dog died on Tuesday.

A fifth dog, a red setter owned by P. W. Mahoney was shot by an unknown person about a week before, but was not killed and is recovering.

According to the owners of the dogs, and police, it is thought that the dogs either were given, or found, strychnine, a poison which reacts almost immediately on the animal killing him with convulsions. Thompson's dog died in his own yard and Connor's was found in the street near the house.

Police are investigating, but did not reveal whether they had any leads as to the source of the poison.

Traffic Patrol Organized in Heppner Grade School

The Heppner grade school has organized a school traffic patrol to protect school children at the Tum-A-Lum crossing on Main street and have been directing traffic there for the past several days.

Members of the patrol have been selected from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades on the basis of ability to assume responsibility and demonstrated school citizenship. The patrol will operate during the period before school and also during the noon hours.

Members of the patrol were formally installed at a school assembly February 11 and took over their duties Feb. 14.

The members include: captain, Omer Huston; lieutenant, Jeanne Schmidt; patrol members, Tommy Green, Ronnie Gray, Mary Slocum, Doris Morris, Bruce Moyer, Ronald Kinoshita, Laura Lee Sumner, Judy Bradford, Ginger Springer, and Patty Mahon. Alternate members are Jerry Anderson, Danny Brossnan, Billy Monagle, Joe Billow, Kenneth Daggett, Archie Ball, Billy Struthers, Shan Applegate, John Privett and Billy Wagner.



GOVERNOR PAUL PATTERSON today officially proclaimed February 13-19 as Advertising Recognition Week in Oregon. Observance of the Week is a national affair. "Advertising", says Governor Patterson, "is one of the greatest moving forces in our productive economy today. It benefits everyone by bringing us more of the good things in life at less cost." Present at the signing of the Governor's proclamation was John W. Fitting, left, Vice president of the Oregon Advertising Club, Portland.



Congressman Sam Coon, Republican, of Oregon's Second District, is shown shaking hands with Eagle Scout Robbie Langley, from Milton-Freewater, at the 45th anniversary breakfast of the Boy Scouts of America, in Washington, D. C. this month. Young Langley is one of twelve scouts from all over the nation who were chosen this year to report to President Eisenhower on scouting achievements. At the breakfast he introduced Rep. Coon, and Assistant Secretary of Interior Clarence Davis, both Oregonians.