

# HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES THIRTY YEARS AGO

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## A Good Job

Our Heppner Mustangs came back from Salem last weekend and with them brought the trophy awarded the squad for being the number five B basketball team in the state—an award they earned by consistently good, clean play throughout the entire season as their record of 25 wins against three losses attests.

They felt badly, we know, that they had to lose the one game that could have meant a shot at the top spot but they can take plenty of consolation in the knowledge that their only tournament loss was to the eventual winner, Knappa.

Coach Larry Downen and his boys deserve a lot of credit for their efforts. To win the number five position in the state is an accomplishment of which they can be mighty proud.

## "A Sucker . . . ?"

Under the caustic title, "The Sucker in the Super Market," a farm publication says some unkind things about consumers and particularly "the gal who spends the family's food bucks. . . . Chances are, when the poor sucker is pushing the rubber tired cart down the aisles of a self-service 'marketing center,' she's buying glitter and color instead of soup and soap."

The editorial concludes: "Someone ought to remind our little pet of the cracker barrel days when food was delivered to grandma's kitchen door in paper sacks. When the kids got a free sack of candy the first of every month when ma sent them to the store with twenty bucks to pay the monthly grocery bill. Them were the days—the days when farmers got a lot more than 43 cents from the consumer's dollar."

They were also the days when "the little pets" spent all of their waking hours manufacturing soap and clothes, and preparing food to keep the family alive, just as the farmer worked from dawn to dark to eke an existence out of the soil. The farmer's percentage of the consumer dollar may have changed. So have the living standards of all the people, including farmers, a change that was brought about in part by millions of "little pets" wielding their might as consumers in a free market. Thanks to the "frivolities" of mass distribution, it takes the average worker much less time to earn enough money to buy almost anything sold at retail than it did 25 years ago. True, we spend a little more for food in 1954 as compared with 23 per cent in 1929-39, but we get more food and better food. Who wants to turn the family kitchen back to a sweat shop or turn the clock back on our farms to the good old days of man-killing manual labor?

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

As sheep shearing time grows close, 4-H members, F. F. A. boys and sheep men should be interested in the announcement that there will again be a wool show in connection with the 1955 Pacific International Livestock Exposition. The wool shows were discontinued two years ago when the P I was held in restricted quarters.

When shearing time rolls around, top fleeces should be selected and put aside for the show. There are several things to look out for in selecting these fleeces. The one primary concern, is taking the tags out completely before the fleece is tied. Another is, taking a small twist of the wool and check it for natural breaks. That is one of the difficulties we have in a great number of our fleeces is the weakness so that the fibers can be pulled in two. Those fleeces should not be sent to a wool show of this type.

Again this year the Pacific Wool Growers at Portland are handling the fleeces for the show. They can be shipped to them and stored until show time. Better yet, put the fleece away and store it for the county fair then it can be shipped to the P I after showing at county fair.

## MAYOR MARY SAYS—

By Mary Van Stevens

Have you noticed that work has started in the Park.

If you have chickens, cows, rabbits or any other animals within the City limits you must obtain a permit from the council. This is done so that when we have a complaint we can sit down together and work out your livestock problems.

Since we must have neighbors lets be the kind YOU are.

here as in other areas, it should be a boon to alfalfa men. This material was applied by airplane using 5 gallons water per acre. Plans are made for application with ground equipment on the Harold Peck farm on Rhea creek later this week.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has just announced a re-seal program which in Oregon applies to farm stored loans on 1954 crop, barley, oats, rye, and wheat under price support. Under this program, these farm stored grains under price support loans may be resealed for another program year. Farmers will also be able to convert purchase agreements on these commodities now held in farm storage into price support loans with extended periods. Loans on 1953 crops now under resale will not be extended for another year. Farmers who resealed their 1954 crop with extended loan period will hold the grain on the farm instead of delivering it to commodity credit corporation at the end of the original loan period. Farmers who hold their grain until maturity date for the resale for the 1954 crop grain will receive a full storage payment for the entire period. The interest rate for the extended loan will be 3½%. Loans on wheat will be extended to mature on demand but not later than March 31, 1956. Loans on barley, oats, and rye will be extended to mature on demand but not later than April 30, 1956.

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offset by a rise in farm operation costs.

Morrow county took one step closer to its goal of a modified certified Bangs free county, only recently when one of the two operators left tested. The other one who operates between Umatilla and Morrow counties is reported started on the program with Umatilla county veterinarians doing the work. Even before this last test, all counties showed that the brucellosis testing for 1954 had an average number of reactors .596% or only slightly more than one half of one percent. This is the lowest percent ever achieved in Oregon. With thirty million dollars added to the national budget for Brucellosis control, Oregon has a good opportunity to make further progress in eradication of this disease. Vaccination of calves in Oregon increased each year. This increase is due in part to a step up control program, in the beef industry.

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From Files of the Gazette Times March 19, 1925.

The fourth annual Rebekah convention was held at the local I. O. O. F. hall on last Saturday afternoon and evening.

Harlan McCurdy and family moved out to the farm this last weekend, where they expect to reside for the spring and summer.

Krebs Bros. of the Last Camp and Bob Thompson of the Shepherd's Rest shipped four car loads of ewes and lambs to Heppner on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rippee have moved into town from the Joe Hayes ranch on Butter Creek, where they have resided for many years.

Wilma Leach of Lexington, played tith the sophomore women's class basketball team of Oregon Agricultural College, on Saturday when it defeated the freshman team.

Rev. Head of Ione, minister of the Congregational church there and also editor at the present time of the Independent, was a visitor in Heppner Saturday and made this office a pleasant call.

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## WARNS KEEP CONTROL BOARD

One of Oregon's top political strategists, Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Portland, former national committeewoman, has sent members of the legislature a letter pleading with them to defeat a bill that would abolish the board of control and lodge its powers in the governor.

Mrs. Gerlinger warned that there is no assurance that we will always have a Republican governor. She added that there is a trend toward increasing the power of the executive which in some countries has led to dictatorship.

There was a presage in this column six weeks ago noting what the GOP legislators were doing to make a dictator of the governor—a target of dictatorship—for the Democrats to shoot at in the 1956 election. The long-headed, political maneuvering Republicans in this legislature have changed their views about doing away with the board of control and some Democratic members are all for smearing the governor as the top man on the GOP totem pole.

"BE PATIENT"  
"The best solution to the cold war is for the East and West to be patient", S. K. Banerji, Indian Council General to the United States said at Salem Thursday.

His talk was attended by many members of the legislature. He said he did not think war was inevitable.

## PROGRESS BY LEGISLATURE

At the end of the ninth week of the current session of the legislature 886 bills had been introduced, 137 had passed both the houses and sent to the governor for his approval or veto. He has signed 81 and vetoed two.

During the past week 31 bills and two memorials were passed by both houses. Those making consequential changes are:

SP 64—Permits county clerks to decide if they will sell fishing and hunting licenses.

SB 38—Requires life insurance written in connection with installment loans to comply with state insurance rules.

SB 37—Makes same require-

ments on accident and health policies so written. SB 32—Sets nominating procedure in event that a superintendent of public instruction dies Continued on page 7

## RANCH AERO

AIRPLANE SPRAYING CO.

Ranch Aero airplane spraying company is owned and operated by Paul Hansen who will be back again this year to assist ranchers of this area with their weed spraying problems.

Paul Hansen Phone 6-9471

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Special carload lot rates . . . \$50.00 per car (details gladly furnished)

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# NOTICE

## A SPECIAL MEETING

Of friends and patrons of this cooperative will be held in the Heppner Fair Pavilion on Tuesday, April 5 beginning at 7 p. m.

A banquet will be served in honor of 25 years of associating together, as this will be the evening of our 25th Anniversary. An interesting program and valuable door prizes will be given.

You are invited to attend.

L. L. HOWTON,  
President

## Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc.

## STAR THEATER, Heppner

Admission Prices: Adults 70c, Students 50c, Children 20c including Federal Excise Tax. Sunday shows at 2 p. m., other evenings at 7:30. Boxoffice open until 9.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, March 17-18-19

### THEY RODE WEST

In Technicolor with Donna Reed, Phil Carey and Robert Francis and May Wynn who made their first screen appearance in "The Caine Mutiny". A good, straight-to-the-point western. Plus

### BOWERY TO BAGDAD

You guessed it! Those crazy-mixed-up Bowery Boys bring you another hour of happy laughter.

Sunday-Monday, March 20-21

### DEEP IN MY HEART

Eastman Color Photography-Technicolor Print. The life and songs, the exciting times and the endearing romance of the famed composer Sigmund Romberg. Star-loaded with Jose Ferrer, Merle Oberon, Helen Traubel, Doe Avedon, Tamara Toumanova and Guest Stars: Walter Pidgeon, Paul Henreid, Rosemary Clooney, Gene and Fred Kelly, Jane Powell, Vic Damone, Ann Miller, Cyd Charisse, Howard Keel, Tony Martin. From the book by Elliot Arnold.

Sunday shows at 2, 4:40, and 7:20

Tuesday-Wednesday, March 22-23

### GAMBLER FROM NATCHEZ

In Technicolor with Dale Robertson, Debra Paget, Thomas Gomez. A slick bit of romance fiction in post Civil War New Orleans.