

## New Trial Asked By Ann Avent

Attorneys for Mrs. Ann Avent, convicted of second degree murder last August for the killing of Dellmore Lessard, Portland attorney, late last week filed a motion with the county clerk asking for a new trial.

About a month ago Mrs. Avent filed a notice of intent to appeal the life sentence and at that time she was not represented by any attorney. However, along with the motion for a new trial, another motion was filed asking for the substitution of attorneys for Mrs. Avent. Attorneys John Bassett of Portland and Ralph Currin of Pendleton defended her during the trial, but her new attorneys are Charles E. Raymond and an associate Donald E. Kettleberg, both of Portland. The recent filings were made by Raymond and Kettleberg.

Along with the request for a new trial were affidavits stating

that Mrs. Avent had a persecution obsession and that many of her ailments were of mental origin.

The request asks for a new trial because the verdict was not supported by evidence, but contrary to evidence; there was not sufficient evidence to support the verdict; there were errors of law at the trial; there is newly discovered evidence material.

No date has yet been set by Judge William W. Wells for a hearing on the motions and should they be denied the appeal will automatically go to the state supreme court.

Morrow county sheriff C. J. D. Bauman left Wednesday morning for Salem to get Mrs. Avent who will be released by the warden of the state penitentiary into his custody. The law requires that when a notice of appeal is filed, the sentence is suspended and the convicted person be returned to the custody of the sheriff of the county from which she was sentenced.

It is not known where Mrs. Avent will be held inasmuch as Morrow county does not have facilities for jailing women prisoners. One possibility is the Grant county jail at Canyon City.

## Local OSC Students In Honor Society

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Richard L. Kononen and James H. Hayes, Heppner freshmen at Oregon State College, have been selected for membership in the Order of Silver Wings, air force drill honor society at OSC.

Sixty freshmen and eight sophomores were chosen for the honor society, which was formed to develop a precision drill team and to prepare its members to become better officers.

Kononen, son of Mrs. Kathleen T. Kononen, Heppner, is majoring in engineering at OSC. Hayes is enrolled in lower division of liberal arts and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hayes of Heppner.

## Ione Community Church Organ to Be Dedicated Sunday

The new memorial organ at the Ione Community church will be dedicated during a special service Sunday, Nov. 6. The organ, a Wurflitzer, has been made possible by memorial gifts and a special gift by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melena.

Mrs. Jack Harris of Condon will be the organist for the occasion and she has selected a fine program of organ music for the service. Preludes will include, Largo by Handel and When Thou Art Here, by Bach. The offertory number will be Nevin's Melodie. She will also play favorite selections including, Were You There, a negro spiritual; Sullivan's Lost Chord and Ave Maria. Another favorite will be Voix Seraphique. The postlude will be Finlandia by Sibelius.

The program will start at 11 a. m. and the public is invited. A coffee hour will follow the service.

## CASES OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS BRING HEALTH DEPARTMENT WARNING

There have been several cases of infectious hepatitis in Morrow county in recent weeks and a great number of questions appear present in the minds of the people. The following information is being given by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Morrow county health officer, in hopes that much anxiety can be relieved and further spread of the disease can be prevented.

Infectious hepatitis, or acute catarrhal jaundice, is one of the common contagious diseases known today. Caused by a virus, infectious hepatitis is a great mimic.

Its early symptoms resemble those of many other infectious diseases and there may not be the yellow skin and yellowed eye membrane known as a jaundice. Also, there are many other diseases, both communicable and non-communicable, which may cause jaundice, so jaundice alone does not necessarily mean that the person has infectious hepatitis.

A patient may go from an acute stage of hepatitis into a chronic one, or his disease may go unrecognized and he may become an unknowing carrier.

Infectious hepatitis is spread through the body discharges, chiefly the bowel discharges, of a person who has the disease or by a human carrier. It may also be transmitted through water, milk or food that has been contaminated by fecal material containing the virus.

This virus is potent. It will withstand heat a 133° F for an hour and freezing for years. The length of time between exposure to the disease and appearance of symptoms averages 20-40 days, although it may be as short as 15 days or as long as 85 days.

Typical symptoms of infectious hepatitis are nausea and vomiting, fever, total loss of appetite and pain in the right side. Some persons are inclined to think they have so called "stomach flu," with some or all of these symptoms. Self diagnosis can be a dangerous thing and any such symptoms should be a signal for consultation with the family physician.

A frequent symptom is weakness and fatigue—"as though some one had stopped the motor". And the patient sometimes suffers from a severe mental depression. Jaundice is often present.

The generally accepted treatment for infectious hepatitis so far is rest and special diet.

The patient should rest in bed until his physician, after examination and laboratory tests, says he may get up. Getting up too soon may cause a relapse. He may have to remain in bed for weeks, and in some cases, for months; however, most patients recover promptly.

Although patients usually do not die from infectious hepatitis, the disease has serious implications in certain groups. There is a high mortality among pregnant women who contract the disease and a high incidence of prolonged and severe hepatitis in older persons.

If pregnant women or ailing old people are known to be in contact with someone having the disease or epidemic threatens, a physician should be consulted about necessary precautions to be taken. In some instances, the physician may administer immune globulin.

According to the latest report from the Oregon state board of health, there is not sufficient immune globulin available at this time for mass inoculation of the school population by the local health department. However, there is a moderate supply of immune globulin available from the Oregon state board of health and each physician in Morrow county has received his allotment. Commercial supplies of immune globulin are available to all physicians in adequate amounts.

Prevention of further spread of infectious hepatitis can be accomplished to a considerable degree by maintaining a high standard of cleanliness, both by the patient and by the persons in contact with him.

Further information can be obtained from your family physician or from the county health department.



MARCUS R. COOK, fireman apprentice, USN, cuts the cake presented to him on his birthday October 7 while serving aboard the repair ship USS Hooper Island operating with the 7th Fleet in the Far East. Cook is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Cook of Route 2, Irrigon. He reported aboard the Hooper Island in May, 1955 from the Naval training center, San Diego. (Navy Photo)

## Northwest Education Meeting to Draw Local School Head

Joe H. Stewart will attend the northwest regional conference on Administrative Leadership Serving Community Schools. The conference will be held at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane, Washington, Nov. 6, 7, and 8.

"Evaluation of the community educational program as a means for instructional improvement" will be the theme of the program. The conference will be sponsored by the National Educational Association and American Association of School Administrators.

Idaho, Washington, Montana, and Oregon are the states participating. Each state is to have one representative on the planning committee, and Mr. Stewart will be Oregon's representative. A number of Oregon superintendents and principals are participating in the program.

Among the speakers will be Edith Green, Oregon congresswoman; Cecil Posey, executive secretary of Oregon Educational Association; and Margaret Perry, 5th grade teacher at Monmouth who was chosen as McCall's teacher of the year.

## Conservation and Grassmen Honored At Chamber Meet

Donald Peterson, Ione, county conservation man of the year, and Harold Wright, Ruggs, grassman of the year, were guests of honor at the chamber of commerce meeting Monday noon.

The program included color slides of conservation practices in the county shown by Tom Wilson, Heppner conservationist, and piano selections by Phyllis Quackenbush.

The annual chamber dinner honoring the conservation man of the year was announced for Monday night, Nov. 21. It will be held at the Cutsforth cabin on Herren creek. Newt O'Hara, of Lexington, chairman of the agricultural committee, had charge of the program.

## 120 Youngsters Enjoy Hayride

Nearly 120 youngsters from the seventh grade through high school enjoyed a wet but pleasant Halloween hayride Monday night and ended up with a supper and evening of entertainment at the fair pavilion. The ride was put on by the Heppner Soroptimist club.

The annual hayride was scheduled to be held at Cutsforth's cabin on upper Willow creek, but because of the heavy rains and bad road the location was changed.

Three truckloads of youngsters enjoyed a short ride around this area then after the supper, each class put on a skit for entertainment and prizes. First place was won by the 8th grade, the junior class taking second and James Mallon's 7th grade, third place. Dancing took up the remainder of the evening.

## MAYOR ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. Mary Van Stevens, mayor of Heppner, was in Portland last week to attend the annual meeting of the League of Oregon cities. She reports a very worthwhile meeting.

## First Snow Falls On County; October Rainfall High

Morrow county, as well as most Eastern Oregon, got its first taste of winter Monday and Tuesday when a general storm dropped as much as seven inches of snow in the higher mountains. The ground was at least whitened in all areas down to an elevation of about 1000 feet.

Some rain fell here over the weekend, but the main storm struck Monday afternoon and by Tuesday morning Heppner was covered with about two and one-half inches of snow. A similar fall was recorded in the Gooseberry area. Continuing cold and rainy weather through Wednesday had deposited nearly a foot of snow in the mountains driving out some elk hunters and enticing others into the hills. Many roads were barely passable as the heavy wet snow immediately froze in the higher elevations.

The heavy rain and moisture-laden snow was welcomed by nearly all farmers and an unofficial .53 inch has fallen in Heppner during the week ending Wednesday.

October's rainfall was well ahead of the same month last year with an official 1.40 checked at Heppner. The weather station at Gooseberry had even more for the month, 1.52 inches. During October 1954 only .52 inch fell here and the total of 10.89 inches for the first 10 months of 1955 nearly equals the slightly over 11 inches to fall during the entire year of 1954.

Long range weather forecasts call for a continuing series of storms for this area.

## Many Local Teachers On Institute Program

W. J. Popham was elected vice president of the regional institute for western section of the Eastern Oregon Educational conference, at the recent teachers institute held at Pendleton, Oregon Oct. 27 and 28.

Noticeable on the conference program were other local persons: acting as chairman of their groups were Jack Flug, county school superintendent; L. L. Robbins, vocational agriculture; Mrs. Irl Clary, library; and Mrs. Lester Boulden 5th grade arithmetic.

Joe Stewart was recorder for the administrative department and Mrs. Homer Hager acted in the same capacity for the home economics department.

Mrs. Harold Irwin was an assistant to Mrs. Boulden. The theme of this conference was "Empathy" and Marcia Mills, Oregon Educational Association; Dr. Brownell, of the University of California; and Dr. Clement French, president, Washington State college, were speakers at the general session Thursday morning. After the general session, each teacher attended sectional meeting for all grades in elementary school and for all secondary teachers under their subject fields.

Thursday afternoon, Joe Chandler, executive secretary of Washington Educational Association, addressed the teachers at the general session. The teachers again attended the sectional meetings.

Speakers at the Friday general session were Miss Elizabeth Yank, national president, department of classroom teachers; and Aly Wassil, lecturer and authority on eastern culture, who spoke on "Eastern Philosophy in Western Life".

Friday afternoon each group chairman reported to the entire group on the happenings of his session.

## "Hobo" Girls Set Saturday Work Day

The Hobos of the Future Homemakers of America are ready to work on Saturday, November 5. They will do jobs in morning, afternoon or evening such as raking lawns, washing windows, house work, caring for childre, or assist in stores.

If you want a helper on Saturday contact the Hobo chairman, Joann Brosnan, or phone the Heppner school by Friday, November 4.

This money will be used to send two delegates from the Heppner school to the State F. H. A. conference at Oregon State college in Corvallis next February.

## River Commission to Meet With CC Monday

The program of a meeting of planning work now underway, the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce noon luncheon meeting at O'Donnell's Cafe, on November 7 will be featured by a report by members of the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission of Oregon on their activities in eastern Oregon in aiding local and area planning for water resource development.

The commission report will include reviewing its efforts in collaboration with area interests toward resolving plans for construction of John Day dam on a low level basis which will avoid confiscation and flooding of towns, industrial sites and agricultural lands in Morrow and other counties in the reservoir area, and for appropriations for

Also included will be discussion of small watershed development irrigation, flood-control development possibilities for the Willow Creek area under the new Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, and both ground-water and surface water irrigation development and possibilities in the north end of Morrow county.

Sponsorship of a water resources committee with representation from all eastern Oregon counties will also be discussed. Such a committee would be in an advisory status in relation to the newly created Water Resources Board.

Commissioners feel that such a grassroots committee would be of great value in advising the Water Resources Committee on water resource development needs of the area.

Functions of the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission were transferred to this new board by the 1955 legislature, effective January 1, 1956.

Members of the commission who will be in Heppner for the meeting are Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington, chairman; Garnett Barratt, vice chairman; J. W. Forrester Jr., Pendleton; Ray C. Baum, La Grande; R. J. Brown, The Dalles and Robert D. Lytle, Vale.

The meeting is one of a series the commission has been holding in various Eastern Oregon communities as a means of explaining the activities of the group.

## Hope Lutheran Acquires Property

The home Lutheran church has purchased a house and considerable property which is intended for the erection of a new church. The property is located on Alfalfa street in the southeast part of Heppner and formally belonged to Harold Sanders Sr.

Hope Lutheran was organized on May 8 of this year and is affiliated with the American Lutheran church. It has 35 charter members and since its organization has accepted seven additional members including Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flug, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Holtz, Harold Holtz, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Holtz.

The Lutheran church has a total membership of between 8 and 9 million in this country and is the fourth largest protestant denomination. Since the European and Scandinavian countries were the seat of the beginnings of Lutheranism, the world population of this group makes it the largest protestant denomination. Rev. Merlin Zier is pastor here.

## Special Elk Hunt Areas Open to Hunters November 11

Some twenty-one hundred elk hunters, those who obtained permits in public drawings held earlier this fall, will participate in nine controlled elk hunts opening on November 11 and closing on November 23.

The nine areas, namely Chesnimus, Wenaha, Walla Walla, Umatilla, Ukiah, Starkey, Minam, Desolation, and Heppner will be open to the shooting of either sex elk by permit holders only. Hunters holding a general elk hunting tag may hunt in the areas after that date but are limited to a bull elk with antlers.

The controlled seasons are designed to keep the elk herds in those areas in balance with the capacity of the range. Permit holders are not required to check in and out of the above-named areas.

## Stock Growers Add Killing to Theft Reward Program

The executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association Wednesday amended their livestock theft reward program to include the shooting of livestock as well as theft of animals. The association will pay a reward of up to \$500 for information resulting in the conviction of anyone stealing or killing stock belonging to any member of the association.

The change was made after there had been one or more instances this year of members losing stock because of careless hunters. It was felt the loss was just as great whether the animal was stolen or killed.

The program is in effect immediately.

## Slides, Talk on Lex P-TA Program

Norman Nelson will show slides of his trip through Norway and Sweden at the Lexington P-TA meeting Tuesday, Nov 8 at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium.

There will also be a short film on TB with narrations by Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse and a talk on polio by Dr. Stanley Kirk. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## Education Week Observance Set By Local Schools

The Heppner public schools plan to participate in the 35th annual observance of American Education Week, which is announced by its national sponsors, the National Education, the American Legion, the U. S. Office of Education, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

It is in accordance with the central theme "Schools—Your Investment in America" that the city public schools extend a special and cordial invitation to visit the classrooms to see these schools in action.

The local sponsors are encouraging every parent and all friends to visit either Monday, Nov. 7; Tuesday, Nov. 8; or Wednesday Nov. 9.

The faculty states that their feeling is that a "back to school" night program does not give a true picture of the teaching procedures or activities.

This view of the school will open all classes for inspection in their daily routine.

It is particularly desired that parents of high school students make a special effort to visit.

Reservations were made earlier in the week, by parents who signified their intentions to take advantage of the school lunch program.

It was necessary to make appointments for lunch because of the limited facilities of this department.

The services of high school speakers are available to local civic organizations. These students have prepared topics pertaining to Education Week.

There are several agencies of the town who are actively cooperating with the national observance.

The acting president of the ministerial assn., Rev. Lester Boulden reports that on Sunday, Nov. 6, the churches of the city will stress the recommended theme "Your Investment in Character Building" with significance being given to the premise that the responsibility of providing for religious instruction of their children is of utmost urgency.

Others actively showing support are Mrs. Mary Stevens, the mayor and Mr. Oscar George, manager of the Star Theater, and the local Parent-Teacher Association.

"Wishing for good schools is not enough," declares the sponsoring committee. "Communities have good schools when the people want them enough to take an interest in them, to work for them, and to cooperate with them."

"Since our schools reflect the strength and weakness of the society of which they are a part, it is our hope that the school, home and church will work harmoniously all year long in behalf of our children."

## Mayor Proclaims Education Week Here

In pointing to the value of local schools and urging wider parent knowledge of them, Heppner's mayor, Mrs. Mary Van Stevens early this week issued the following proclamation for American Education week, November 6 to 12:

"Whereas, the responsibility of providing adequately for education which must ever make adjustments and meet the challenges of our modern times rests with the people of the community, and,

"Whereas, the schools are the guardians of a future potential—the adult of tomorrow, and,

"Whereas, the moral the physical strength of our nation has deep roots in those same schools, now, therefore, I, Mary Van Stevens, mayor of the city of Heppner, do hereby proclaim the week of November 6 through 12, 1955 as American Education Week for the city of Heppner.

"I urge you, the people loyal to and proud of democracy and its ideals to show evidence of interest and responsibility to the accomplishments and needs of our schools by effective participation in the activities being promoted for American Education Week."

MARY STEVENS  
A varied program is planned in most county schools in observance of the week.

## Crippled Children's Clinic November 16

The crippled children's clinic will be held in Pendleton on Nov. 16 for children from this area. It was announced this week.

The crippled children's division of the University of Oregon medical school sponsors this clinic and supplies all clinic personnel. Dr. Donald Smith, orthopedist from Pendleton, is to be the examining physician for the clinic and diagnostic and consultant services are available to all children under the age of 21 years. Medical and surgical services are also available when needed.

Some of the more common conditions accepted for care are those crippling conditions affecting bones and joints; the after-effects of polio; cleft lip and palate cases; congenital heart conditions and cerebral palsy. The appointment times for Morrow county residents will be announced later but appointments may be obtained through any local physician or the county health department.

## Orville Smith Buys Big Seattle Plant

Orville Smith, a former owner of the Heppner Lumber Company, has purchased the Stetson-Ross Machine Company in Seattle. It was announced last weekend. The Stetson-Ross plant is a pioneer Seattle industrial firm.

The Smiths moved from Heppner to Orcas Island in Puget Sound early this year, but will now make their home in Seattle.

Terms of the sale were not announced, but it is understood the transaction involved \$1,000,000 or more. The plant produces lumber planing mill equipment.

## Rummage Sale Nets Civic League \$650

The Heppner Civic League grossed \$650 from its semi-annual rummage sale held last weekend, the largest amount it has ever made, officers stated. Sales chairman Mrs. Fred Sanders and Mrs. James Norene expressed pleasure at the way the sale went and extended thanks to everyone who made it possible.

The money will be used to finance the League's kindergarten. Left over rummage has been given to churches and charitable organizations, it was announced.

## CORRECTION

The date of the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers is Monday, November 14, rather than Nov. 4 as stated in an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper.