

# Heppner Business Being Hurt by Condition of Highway South-Said 'Worst Ever'



**HARDLY WORTHY** of the name highway is the 26 miles of state secondary highway 207 between Heppner and the John Day highway near Spray. These pictures were taken last Sunday and show the gravel-surfaced road to be soft, wet, rough and so badly rutted in spots that a normal car could easily get high-centered in many places. Old-time residents have reported the road to be in the worst condition they have ever seen it, yet it is the only direct connection residents along sections of the John Day river have with Heppner and the north. Photo on the right shows the height of one of the "heaves", half way up on wheel of car. Additional comment in editorial column.



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### Special Good Friday And Easter Church Services Scheduled

Special pre-Easter services are scheduled at nearly all Heppner, Lexington and Ione churches during the remainder of this week with special emphasis placed on Union Good Friday services to be held from noon to 3 p. m. at the Heppner Christian church.

The Union service will be divided into 20 minute periods for the convenience of those who will be unable to attend the entire service. Four ministers, Rev. Charles Knox, Heppner Christian church; Rev. Willis Geyer, Assembly of God church; Rev. Lester Boulden, Methodist church and Rev. Norman Northrup of the Lexington Christian church will participate in the union service.

Holy Week and Easter is being observed at All Saints' Episcopal church with Holy Communion this morning at 10 and again this evening at 8 p. m. Good Friday services will be from 12 noon to 3 p. m. and the rector, the Rev. George R. S. Little will speak on the Seven Words from the Cross. This service will also be divided into periods. Easter day there will be a celebration.

Nurses Aide Training Classes to Start

A two and one-half month series of weekly nurses aide training classes will be conducted at Pioneer Memorial hospital starting this week. It is announced by Jack Angel, hospital administrator.

The classes will be held from 7 to 8 p. m. on Thursday evenings and anyone interested is urged to take the training course. Registered nurses will conduct the classes and there will be no charge.

### Ruling To Keep Clerk In Office

An attorney general's opinion given this morning eliminated the need for voting for one county office which it had been thought would have to be filled this year. Attorney general Robert Thornton today advised district attorney Bradley Fancher that regardless of when a county clerk is elected, it is for a full four-year term. It had been thought that Morrow county clerk Bruce Lindsay had been elected for two years, to fill out the unexpired term of the late Charles Barlow, and that voters would have to choose again this year for a full term. The ruling however, gives Lindsay another two years in office.



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### Tax Specialist To Be Speaker at Chamber Banquet

Mrs. Louise Humphrey, Portland, executive associate with Oregon Tax Research, the state taxpayer's organization in Oregon, will be the main speaker at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet next Wednesday evening. It was revealed this week by Phil Blakney, chamber president.

The annual banquet, which will replace the chamber's regular Monday noon meeting, will begin at 6 p. m. with a social hour followed by the banquet at 7 p. m. It will be at the Legion hall.

Mrs. Humphrey, who is known as one of Oregon's top experts in the tax field, will speak on Oregon State Tax Structure. She has been associated with Oregon Tax Research for the past 15 years and had covered seven sessions of the Oregon legislature as a special reporter. She has served on three legislative tax study committees by appointment of Governor McKay and the late Governor Patterson. She is a member of the National Tax Association and was on the program for that group at the national meeting in Detroit last fall.

### Red Cross Returns Climb to \$1500; Still Short of Goal

Fifty-Four percent of the Morrow county Red Cross drive goal was reached Wednesday, it was reported today by Dick Brunner, county drive chairman. This amounts to \$1,516.

With only three days left of this year's drive, there are still 15 areas in the county that have not turned in their contributions, Brunner said, but these are expected within the next few days.

Eighteen workers representing areas in Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Cecil, Irrigon and several rural sections reported in during the past week to bring the fund to its present level.

The urgent need for Red Cross funds for the coming year was again stressed by Brunner who pointed out the heavy drain the organization suffered during last year's many disasters.

### Slight Drop in County School Tax Seen Possibility

The rural school board, at the first of a series of special budget meetings, Tuesday night adopted two of the six district budgets and returned one to the local board for correction. The remaining budgets will be considered at another meeting next Tuesday at the court house, county school superintendent Jack Flagg announces.

The budgets of the Heppner and Hardman districts were accepted and returned to the boards. The Heppner budget will be published in the Gazette Times in two weeks.

The budget of the Ione school district was considered by the board but was ordered returned to the local board for some corrections.

### Cancer Crusade To Open Monday

The Morrow county cancer crusade gets underway Monday, April 2 when families throughout the county will receive letters from the crusade asking for their contributions.

Heppner Mayor Mrs. Mary Stevens has proclaimed April as Cancer Crusade month and urges residents to send in contributions early to help the county be first to reach its quota for the sixth consecutive year.

The county crusade is sponsored by the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary and members Mrs. Richard Meador, Mrs. Mike Saling, Mrs. Don Bellenbrock and Mrs. Preston Robinson recently met at the home of Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, chairman and addressed 1300 envelopes to send out Monday evening the junior auxiliary met at the Pettyjohn home to fill and stamp the envelopes. Helping were Beverly and Barbara Blake, Patricia Van Winkle, Cheryl Hartman and Cheryl Bellenbrock assisted by Roseann Ayers, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. Bellenbrock and Mrs. Pettyjohn. The letters will be mailed Saturday.

Business houses will be solicited by volunteer workers, it was announced by Mrs. Pettyjohn, who with Mrs. Phil Blakney will work in Heppner. Mrs. C. C. Jones will serve in Lexington and Mrs. Walter Corley and Mrs. Gordon White in Ione.

### Smouldering Fire Brings Two Alarms

Heppner fireman made two runs to the same residence Monday afternoon before flames caused by a faulty fireplace were extinguished.

The fire started in a wall around the fireplace in a house on south Main street owned by Floyd Worden and occupied by Robert Becker. The blaze was confined to a relatively small section of one wall, but after the second call which came shortly after firemen had returned to the hall, a considerable amount of plaster and wall was removed to prevent the smouldering fire from spreading into the rest of the house.

Damage was estimated at several hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barr of Redmond, were overnight visitors Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Barr's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston.

Miss Nancy Adams, student at Mills College, California is spending spring vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Floyd Adams.

### Last Immunization Clinic Scheduled

The third and last immunization clinic of the year will be held in Morrow county schools this month, it was announced today by Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse.

Those children who will have incomplete immunizations will be given a record and be asked to go to their private physician for their remaining shots, it was said.

The schedule follows:

Heppner and Hardman schools and preschool children, April 12, 9 a. m.

Lexington school and preschool April 19, 9 a. m.

Ione school and preschool, April 19, 9:45 a. m.

Irrigon school and preschool, April 23, 9 a. m.

Boardman school and preschool, April 23, 10 a. m.

### Two Receive Webelos Awards At Cub Scout Pack Meeting Tuesday

About 60 were present at the Cub Scout pack meeting Tuesday night to see Ronnie Keeling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling and LeRoy Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner receive their Webelos awards. This is the highest award given in Cub Scouting and is received only after much faithful and hard work.

Other awards given were Wolf badge, Simon Winters, Teddy Turner, Ronnie Becket, Ray Nichols; Lion, Donnie Keeling; Gold Arrow points, Johnnie Pfeiffer, Donnie Munkers, Jerry Wagner; Silver Arrow points, Ronnie Jones, David Anderson, Douglas Anderson, Stewart Dick, LeRoy Gardner, Raymond Nichols.

A film on fishing was shown and a game played in which Mike Smith won first prize and Wayne Evans, second. Kenneth Keeling won a live rabbit as a prize in another game.

Den 2, with Mrs. Kenneth Keeling as den mother, had the most parent representation at the meeting.

The den mothers of Den 4, Mrs. LeRoy Gardner and Mrs. Marvin Smith, served refreshments and Mrs. George Terrell and Mrs. Ray Ayers, den mother of Den 5, furnished the entertainment.

### Edgar Denton, 74 Taken By Death

Edgar Denton, 74, passed away at his home March 27 after a three months illness.

He was born in Scoteseville, Kentucky and came to Heppner about five years ago, from Condon, to make his home at the Raymond French ranch.

Surviving are his wife, Nettie of Heppner; sons, Harlan, Prineville; Frank, Kinzua; Howard, Richland, Washington and daughters, Mrs. Eula Fisher, of Springfield, Oregon; Mrs. Thelma Henderson, Greybull, Wyoming; Mrs. Lorida McBride, Cle Elum, Washington; Mrs. Norma French, Heppner and Mrs. Sharon Peterson, Condon. There are also 19 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, March 31 at 2:00 p. m. at the Christian church in Wallowa, Oregon with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton in charge.

Interment will be in the Wallowa cemetery.

### Ione High Band Wins Top Rating at Music Festival

The Ione high school band under the direction of Gary Stephenson received a top rating of "A" at the Eastern Oregon music festival held last Saturday at Pendleton. The band was entered in the class D division but played class C music.

A concert was presented Saturday evening in the Pendleton armory by the all-Eastern Oregon selected bands, choruses and orchestra. Students taking part in the evening program were selected from the schools that participated in the contest. In the class C and D festival band, eight Ione students were chosen. They were Ernest Drake, cornet; Gerry White, bass clarinet; Nell McKay, baritone; Gary Brenner, Drums; Bill Salter, bass horn; Jean Ann Swanson, Mardine Baker and Sue Coleman, clarinets.

### Heppner High School Band Gets 2 Rating At Music Festival

Under the direction of Norman Peters, the Heppner High School band received a 2 rating at the Eastern Oregon music festival in Pendleton, March 24. Other class C bands receiving 2 ratings were Pilot Rock, Union, Umatilla and Condon. The Baker junior high band was the only C band to receive a 1 rating.

The Heppner high class B mixed chorus received a 2 and the grade school band received a 3 rating. Both of these are directed by Mr. Peters.

### LOCAL PASTOR TO BE ON TV PROGRAM

Saturday evening at 6 p. m. the Heppner Church of Christ will be represented by Rev. Charles V. Knox on the fifth television program on channel 19 sponsored by the Christian churches of North-eastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington. The theme is The Meaning of the Resurrection.

Houseguests for the week of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cason are their daughter Betty Estberg and Robert D. Fickhardt of Los Angeles.

St. Patrick's Catholic church will observe Good Friday with confessions at 5:30 and Mass and Veneration of the Cross at 6 p. m. Holy Saturday schedule calls for afternoon and evening confessions at Blessing of the Baptismal Font and Paschal Candle at 10 p. m. Easter Sunday will be observed by high Mass at Midnight and low Mass at 9:30 a. m.

Good Friday services will be observed at St. Williams church in Ione at 8 p. m. and there will be Easter Sunday Mass at 8 a. m. Cantata to Be Given

The Church of Christ and the Methodist church choirs will present their annual Easter cantata at the Christian church at 8 p. m. Friday. It is being directed by Norman Peters accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Turner.

Good Friday services will be held at the Ione Church of the Nazarene at 8 p. m. Friday and Easter Sunday will be observed with a special Sunday school program at 10 a. m. and worship service at 11 a. m. The church will also participate in the union Sunrise services scheduled in the Ione city park at 6 a. m. Sunday.

The Ione Community church will hold a special Sunday school program Easter morning and services at 11.

Other churches are scheduling special Holy Week services and many Sunday services call for special music and programs, it has been announced.

Heppner stores will not be closed during Good Friday services, but employees who desire will be given time off to attend the services.

### 52-YEAR-OLD ARBOR DAY PROGRAM UNCOVERED AT IONE SCHOOL GROUNDS

A lot of history came to light at Ione last week when, during the process of removing some old trees on the Ione school grounds, a bottle was found entwined in the roots of one of the trees. The bottle and its contents was placed under the tree at the time of its planting, Arbor Day, April 8, 1904.

Though they had been in the grounds almost 52 years to the day, the papers were in excellent condition and they gave a list of all the students of the Ione school as well as the recitation given by "Little Marie Cason" at the time of the planting of the tree and the bottle.

Since the bottle has been uncovered, old timers in Ione have remembered that there were other bottles planted with each tree. So far, continued search has failed to reveal them, however.

The entire list of pupils in the Ione school in 1904 is reprinted elsewhere in today's paper in the Ione school news "Cardinal Corner." The dedication speech found in the bottle we quote:

"Little tree we plant thee here this Arbor Day. We plant thee because we love thee. We plant thee hoping that some day we may enjoy thy beauty and thy shade. May the breezes fan thee, the rain bathe thee, and the sun shine upon thee. We name thee John James Audubon. Recited by Little Marie Cason."

The recovered papers will be put under glass in the school.

### Boardman Given Flood Warning

Joe Tatone, city mayor, urges the residents of Boardman to keep in mind and prepare for a potential flood condition, possibly in the month of June. A very dangerous situation exists in the volume of snow banked in the mountains. If cool weather conditions hold this snow until in early June, or until there is a sudden warm period, the result may be a much greater flood than that of 1948. Most of the city of Boardman could easily be caught in a destructive lake of water.

There is no protection in view for the town by means of diking or pumping.

Everyone should be prepared to move objects subject to floating to a safe area. The town must be cleaned of rubbish and debris before the situation arises.

The 1948 flood was high enough to form an 18-inch pool on most of the downtown area.



THE IONE SCHOOL a couple of years after the trees referred to in the story below were planted. This old picture postcard showed the school and its students in 1907. One of the trees shown in this photo is one that was removed last week and had a bottle entwined in its roots telling of the planting ceremony.