

## Mrs. Ellen Rieth to Celebrate Her 100th Birthday on Friday



LOOKING FORWARD to a big day Friday, "Grandma" Ellen Rieth of Ione smiles at talk of the party planned for her on her 100th birthday, October 12.

Friday, October 12 is going to be a great day for a remarkable, lovable little Ione lady—"Grandma" Ellen Rieth. It will be her 100th birthday.

Many things are in store for Mrs. Rieth this coming weekend, and though she obviously is enjoying all the commotion of the preparations which has included much picture taking, party planning and even a trip to Heppner for a new permanent wave, she still can't quite see what "all the fuss is about."

The 'fuss' will include a special potluck luncheon party to be given Friday noon either in the Ione city park (weather permitting) or in the basement of the Ione Catholic church. Friday morning there will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving said at St. Williams Catholic church at Ione and on Sunday morning Bishop Francis P. Leipzig of Baker will celebrate a special Mass at the Ione church in honor of Mrs. Rieth. Following this there will be a breakfast held for her at St. Williams. Music for the special Sunday morning Mass will be provided by the choir from St. Patrick's church of Heppner.

Grandma Rieth, who makes her home with one of her two living children, Mrs. Paul O'Meara, is exceptionally spry for a person of her age. She gets around the house with but little difficulty and she seldom misses a Sunday walk to church services. One day last week she decided to take an even longer walk and covered about three blocks before returning home. She uses a cane, but has practically full use of her faculties with the exception of her hearing which has failed her in recent years. Her eyes are not what they used to be, but she still can read with the aid of a reading glass and her ability to crochet can be equalled by few persons of any age.

Mrs. Rieth's health has been excellent during recent years. She is susceptible to the flu and early this spring she spent four days in Pioneer Memorial hospital recuperating from an attack which left her weak for nearly a month, but now she is in good health as at any time in the past several years.

**Born in Missouri**  
Mrs. Rieth, who is Morrow county's oldest resident, and one of the eldest in Oregon, was born October 12, 1856 at Neosha, Missouri and crossed the plains to Oregon, which had become a state only a year before, in 1860. She has lived in Oregon or Washington ever since.

She was married to Eugene Rieth Sept. 7, 1875 at Mission, near Pendleton, and raised her family of three daughters and one son at Pendleton. The home in which she lived the early years of her married life was built in about 1885 and it still stands across the street from St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. She has outlived all her family except her son, F. J. Rieth of Harrington, Washington, and Mrs. O'Meara, the daughter with whom she makes her home. Her husband died in 1922 and she has lived

in Ione since that time.

In addition to her two children, Mrs. Rieth has nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren, most of whom will be at Ione this weekend to attend her birthday parties. One other grandchild died just a week ago, October 4.

Grandma Rieth well remembers much of the early-day history of Eastern Oregon and Washington and can still tell of the Vanornia Indian massacre which took place on the Snake river north of Walla Walla in 1860. The town of Rieth, just west of Pendleton, was named for her husband and his two brothers Jacob and Joseph Rieth.

Though all the to-do about her coming centennial celebration undoubtedly was tiring to her, Mrs. Rieth is taking the whole thing in stride and didn't even complain much when she had to sit for quite a long time under a dryer at the beauty shop to get her "party permanent" dried. Her hair, despite her 100 years, is quite dark and her beauty operator called her a model customer. She willingly posed for several none-too-flattering pictures taken while she was in curlers and even gave the photographer a big grin whenever he wanted to pop a flashbulb in her face.

In her 100 years Grandma Rieth has seen many big events unfold in the history of Eastern Oregon and Washington, but none will be more important than the quiet birthday parties and religious celebrations this weekend. These will all be in her honor.

### Ione Nominates City Officials

Prospective new city officials were nominated October 2 at the Ione city council meeting. They will be voted on at the general election on November 6.

Nominated were Omar Rietmann for mayor; Doris Gollyhorn, recorder; Mrs. Echo Palmater, treasurer; Roy Lindstrom, Fredrick Martin, E. W. Bristow, Milton Morgan, Ernest McCabe and Bill Rietmann for councilmen. Three are to be elected from the six nominees.

Martin and Bristow are on the present council.

### Heppner Legion Installs Officers

The Heppner American Legion post held a meeting Monday night for installation of officers at the Legion hall. Forrest Thornberg, district six commander was the installing officer.

New officers are Harlan McCurdy, Jr., commander; L. E. Dick, first vice commander; Glen Ward, second vice commander; William Labhart, chaplain; Jack Bailey, finance officer; Jack Flug, adjutant and William Heath, Sergeant at arms.

It was announced that a membership drive will begin Wednesday, November 11th.

Following the meeting, members enjoyed a buckburger feed.

## Getting "Prettied Up" For Her Big Party



GRANDMA RIETH, who will celebrate her 100th birthday Friday, spent Tuesday in Heppner getting "all fixed up" for the very important parties she will have this weekend. Left, she sits quietly while Mrs. Robert Dobbs, proprietor of Jeanne's Beauty Shop, gives her a permanent. Right, she smiles while waiting for the dryer to finish its work.

## 22,732 Acres Are Signed in Soil Bank Program

A total of 22,732 acres of Morrow county wheat land was signed for acreage reserve under the soil bank program by October 5, the deadline for signing up under the plan, according to records at the agricultural stabilization and conservation committee office here. 109 ranchers signed to go under the program which amounts to 40.5 percent of the ranches in the county.

The acres amount to \$567,317.30 signed in contract No. 1 which allows farmers to take 50 percent of their wheat acreage out of production.

Farmers still have until Oct. 15 to sign up for the second half of the contract since the county allotment under the soil bank program is \$847,219 which is approximately 31,000 acres at the average payment price. Paul Tewes, ASC manager, said Wednesday that 33 farmers who signed up for part one of the contract have indicated that they wished to sign up for additional acreage. This would amount to an additional \$182,559.99. Only farmers who signed up for the first half of the program and at that time indicated they wished to take additional wheat land out of production, are eligible to sign for the second half.

Tewes said that if the entire \$182,000 is signed for it will mean that 88.5 percent of the county allotment will have been taken up. He said that while he did not have definite figures yet from other counties, it is understood that Morrow has the greatest percentage of participation in the soil bank program of any county in Oregon.

### Tom Tells Chamber Experience Lack Hurts Committee

State representative Allen Tom told the chamber of commerce Monday that the biggest problem in the legislature is the lack of experienced men on the house tax committee.

Tom spoke briefly at the Monday noon meeting, telling the group of some of the problems faced by the taxation committee and what efforts are being made to develop a sound program. He said that at the last session, there were only two members of the taxation committee who ever served on the committee previously and that this lack of experience on tax matters made it hard for the group to work satisfactorily. Tom is a member of that committee and chairman of the education committee.

Tom said he knew of no solution to the problem, inasmuch as men who serve on the committee invariably make enemies among the voters with the result, that within a few years they are defeated for reelection.

He did tell the group that he was sure the legislature will not offer a sales tax unless such a tax is referred to the people for their approval.

It was announced at the meeting that the chamber's annual Conservation meeting will be held the evening of November 5 at the Cutsforth cabin on Herron creek.

### RHEA CREEK GRANGE TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Rhea Creek grange will be Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 p. m., starting with a potluck dinner. Henry Baker will speak on rural electrification during the lectures hour.

## CARELESS HUNTERS SHOOT DOG AND NEARLY HIT LEXINGTON WOMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth of Lexington are looking for their dog which was shot and injured last week by hunters in the Kelly Prairie area and police are currently looking for the hunter who did the shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutsforth and another hunting partner were walking along a road near Kelly Prairie when one or more hunters in a car a short distance away started firing at the dog which was walking near Mrs. Cutsforth. One shot struck the dog and several narrowly missed hitting Mrs. Cutsforth.

After the shooting the hunters apparently realized what had happened and disappeared rapidly in the car, but not before Cutsforth was able to get the license number. A complaint has been filed in justice court here and a John Doe warrants have been issued for the persons responsible.

The dog, a German shepherd, was hit in the hind quarters but was not killed and was seen later in the area, dragging one hind leg. He could not be caught, however, and Cutsforth has offered a reward to anyone finding the animal and returning it either dead or alive.

## Husband of Heppner Woman Killed in Texas Jet Crash

Word was received here Monday of the death of Lt. Larry Harnes early Monday in a head-on air jet plane crash near Corpus Christi, Texas. Lt. Harnes was stationed at an air base near there.

Lt. Harnes was married about three years ago to Dorothy French of Heppner and they made their home at Kingsville, Texas, near Corpus Christi. The couple had one daughter.

Mrs. Rose Francis, Mrs. Harnes' mother, and Raymond and Joe French, Mrs. Harnes' brothers left Tuesday for Missouri where the funeral will be held. Mrs. Raymond French left Monday by plane for Corpus Christi to accompany Mrs. Harnes to Missouri.

### Open House Planned At New Parsonage

An open house at the new parsonage of the Heppner Christian church will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 p. m., it was announced today. A brief dedication service will be held at 2:30.

### CAMP FIRE GIRLS ASK FOR QUILT PIECES

The girls of the Wa Can Te Ka Campfire group are for the fifth year, asking the cooperation of the women who sew.

If anyone has scraps of yarn or quilt pieces they don't want, please phone 6-9906 or 6-9486. The girls will pick up and mail contributions to charity groups who will knit and sew for the needy.



LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS who will speak at the district conference Oct. 13 at Pendleton are Mrs. Clarence Grund, Dallas, department president; Mrs. Anson Ingles, Salem, department vice-president and Mrs. Grover Francis, Portland, department secretary.

## WILLIAM TELL—MODERN VERSION

Elly Britt of Spray got his hair parted Sunday by a 22 bullet and here's the story of a local physician, who treated him for a three-inch scalp wound, got concerning the shooting:

Britt had a bottle on his head which a hunting partner was using as a target. The shot was a little low with the result that Britt received a crease in his noggin.

Who fired the shot was not revealed.

## Vote Registration Shows Big Jump In Last Weeks

Incomplete voter registration figures compiled Wednesday by county clerk Bruce Lindsay showed a considerable increase during the last two weeks with the total already above the high figure in 1952. Republicans still hold a decided edge in the county, but their margin was cut by late Democratic signups. The deadline for registering was last Saturday.

With one precinct still to report, the clerk's office Wednesday had 1337 Republicans, 1035 Democrats and 26 who list their party affiliations as "other." This is a total of 2398, a big gain over the September 24 count of 2227 and ahead of the 1952 general election registration of 2360. Since 1952, however, the Republicans have lost almost 100 voters while the Democrats have gained 103. In the last two weeks the Republicans have added 70 to their list and the Democrats an even 100.

Lindsay said Wednesday he expects the total figure to run between 2425 and 2450. He has a considerable number of cards yet to process and will be receiving cancellations from other counties for several days yet.



MARINE PRIVATE Elizabeth Rose, Heppner, who has completed recruit training at Parris Island, S. C.

### Heppner Girl Gets Marine Assignment

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (PHTNC)—Scheduled to graduate from recruit training at the Marine Corps recruit depot, Parris Island, S. C., September 27 is Woman Marine Pvt. Elizabeth M. Rose, daughter of Mrs. Ethel B. Rose of Heppner. She has been assigned to the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The eight week training included military drill, organized athletics, administrative and correspondence procedures, interior guard, Marine Corps history, first aid and defense against chemical attack.

### Legion Auxiliary Meet Slated Oct. 13

A district six American Legion Auxiliary conference will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Vert Club in Pendleton opening with a no-host luncheon at 1:30 to be followed by a business meeting.

All Auxiliary members in this area are urged to attend the conference and those planning to go are asked to call 6-5316 or 6-9677 for car arrangements.

Speakers will be Mrs. Clarence Grund, Dallas, department president; Mrs. Anson Ingles, Salem, vice-president and Mrs. Grover Francis, Portland, department secretary.

Arlie McRoberts left Friday to return to Navy duty after a twenty one day furlough visiting relatives in Seattle and Portland and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner in Heppner.

## Collins Files for Mayor; Two Seek Council Positions

Several last minute filings Saturday will give Heppner voters a full slate of city officers to vote upon at the general election on November 6.

Until Saturday no one had appeared interested in the mayor's position or one of the council seats, but late filings found William C. Collins, a present councilman, running for mayor; Edmund E. Gonty for the one open council post and Erling Storro for the position to be vacated when Collins moves into the mayor's chair.

As a result the city ballot will carry eight names, but there will be no contest as all are unopposed for the positions they are seeking. They are: for mayor, William C. Collins; treasurer, La Verne Van Marter, Jr.; recorder, Ted Smith. For councilmen, four year term: Edmund E. Gonty, Robert Penland and Allen Case. For a two year term, Phillip Blakney and Erling Storro. The only holdover council member is Al Lamb. Collins term on the council had two years to run, but will resign if elected mayor.

Storro will be a new council member, but Gonty has served as a member in the past and is familiar with the operation of city government.

The election will be held by special ballot at the same time as the general election.

## Livestock Demand Up, Prices Hold

HERMISTON—Ninety consignors placed 420 cattle, 45 hogs and 111 sheep on the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. auction block Friday in a very snappy sale that featured excellent demand on "everything right down the line", sale manager Delbert Anson reported.

Prices held steady with top steers bringing \$19.20 cwt., veal \$18.30 cwt. and steer calves \$18.70 cwt. for the best animals. Prices on dairy cows were strong, ranging from \$94 to \$172.50 per head. Hogs showed a very mild dip with fat hogs bringing from \$15.70 to \$16.50 cwt.

A feature of next week's sale will be 100 young stock cows from one consignor, Anson said. He added that plenty of fat "killing cattle" will be in big demand.

The market:  
Cattle: Baby calves, 2.50 to 13.00 per head; steer calves, 17.40 to 18.70 cwt.; heifer calves, 14.50 to 15.10 cwt. with few singles to 16.40; veal, 16.80 to 18.30 cwt.; stocker steers, 13.40 to 15.60 cwt.; feeder steers, 15.60 to 17.60 cwt.; grass fat steers, 17.70 to 19.20 cwt.; fat heifers, 14.40 to 16.30 cwt.; dairy cows, 94 to 172.50 per head; stock cows, 8.75 to 10.90 cwt.; commercial cows, 11.30 to 13.10 cwt.; utility sows, 10.20 to 11.20 cwt.; canners and cutters, 7.20 to 8.80 cwt.; shells, 4.50 to 6.90 cwt.; bulls, 12.20 to 14.50 cwt.

HOGS: Weaner pigs, 7.50 to 11 per head; feeder pigs, 15.10 to 16.90 cwt.; fat hogs, 15.70 to 16.70 cwt.; sows, 12.10 to 15.40 cwt.; boars, 2.20 to 4.10 cwt.

SHEEP: Ewes by the head, 6.50 to 13.00 cwt.; bucks, 4.50 to 15.00 cwt.; feeder lambs, 14.20 to 16.60 cwt.; and fat lambs none.

Those earning top prices at the market included Jerry Walker, Hermiston, 15.40 cwt. for a 325-pound sow; Doyle Iby, Kennewick, 11.70 cwt. for three yearling weathers of 360 pounds Dick Garby, Touchet, 16.60 cwt. for seven feeder lambs of 620 pounds; J. D. Owen, Pilot Rock, 16.70 cwt. for 11 fat hogs of 2210 pounds; George Clausen, Milton-Freewater, 14.50 cwt. for a 1690-pound Holstein bull; Helen Johnson, Walla Walla, 172.50 for one Holstein dairy cow; Hale and Perkins, Athena, 18.70 cwt. for 20 steer calves of 8840 pounds and 35.10 cwt. for 18 heifer calves of 7200 pounds; and George Miller and son, Cecil, 17.60 cwt. for five feeder steers of 4230 pounds.

### Lyle Jensen Named Sports Editor

Pacific University (Special) Lyle Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash of Heppner, has been appointed sports editor of the Index, Pacific University's weekly newspaper.

Jensen, a graduate of Heppner high school where he was active in athletics lists his major as journalism at Pacific.