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THE HEPPNER BRANCH of the Bank of Eastern Oregon will move into this new, modern building next Saturday and will celebrate the occasion with an open house during the afternoon. The bank was established here last August. (Wilson Photo)

Opening of New Bank Of EO Building Set Saturday Afternoon

Formal opening of the new building of the Heppner branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon will be held next Saturday afternoon with a public open house scheduled for 1:30 to 5 o'clock, it was announced today by Gene Pierce, Heppner manager.

The new ultra-modern bank structure on north Main street will provide the institution with facilities equal to any in the state, bank officials report and the open house is planned to give the general public an opportunity to examine the building.

The modern brick and block building, 36 by 74 feet in size, represents an investment of \$80,000 including fixtures, and incorporates the newest facilities for the service and convenience of customers. A large parking lot adjoins the building. The main feature of the building is the large lobby which provides ample room for teller's windows, officials offices, bookkeeping area and customer space. Centered at the rear of the lobby is the 18 inch thick steel reinforced concrete vault with its three inch thick steel door. A large directors meeting room opens off the main lobby. Modern colors and office equipment are used throughout.

In Temporary Quarters

The Heppner branch of the bank opened August 10 in temporary quarters in the Empire Machinery Company building and construction started on the new building on September 10. Thomas Vadnais, Portland, was the architect for the structure, and the Mid-State Construction company of The Dalles won the general construction contract. Many of the furnishings were supplied locally.

The bank will open for business Saturday morning in its new home and will then close at noon that day, reopening at 1:30 for its open house. The day's program will include a live radio broadcast over KUBE from the bank at 11 a. m., organ music throughout the day played by Joe Klingensmith well known Pendleton organist; special gifts of orchids to all the women who visit during the afternoon, and gifts for men and children; and refreshments will be served all afternoon. There will also be special prizes offered.

The staff of the Heppner branch includes Gene Pierce, manager; Wm. F. Siewert, assistant manager; Marion Green, teller; and Mona Howard, bookkeeper.

Officials of the Bank of Eastern Oregon which has its head office at Arlington, and until the opening of the local branch was known as the Gilliam County

Bank, are Marion Weatherford, Arlington, president; L. C. Buchner, Arlington, vice president and cashier. Directors are D. L. Lemmons, Mel Brady, Arthur Hoag and John Krebs, all of Arlington; Arthur Allen, Boardman; Garland Swanson, Ione; Frank Anderson and Howard Bryant, both of Heppner.

The most recent combined statement for the bank, issued on November 21 shows the institution has capital stock of \$120,000, surplus \$80,000, undivided profits \$31,180.37. Total deposits are \$2,082,991.79 and loans and discounts amount to \$967,418.17. Total resources are listed as \$2,323,473.40.

Big Prizes Offered In Ninth National Essay Contest

The tenth annual national essay contest on employment of the physically handicapped, open to all high school juniors and seniors in Morrow county, is now under way. The contest is sponsored each year by the president's committee on employment of the physically handicapped and cooperating governor's committees.

The title of this year's essay is "How Hiring the Handicapped Helps You and Me."

National cash prizes are \$1000 for first; \$400, second; \$300, third; \$200 fourth, and \$100 for fifth. The prize winners also receive an expense-free trip to Washington, D. C.

In Oregon, prizes will be given to winners in bonds with \$100 to first, \$50 to second, and \$25 each to third fourth and fifth. The essay winning first place in Oregon will be entered in the national contest.

The Disabled American Veterans contribute the prizes on the national level. The Oregon Machinists' Council, Portland Aerie No. 4 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Disabled American Veterans, Department of Oregon, contribute the state prizes.

The deadline for entering essays is February 14, 1958.

This is the only contest sponsored by the federal government and is approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Superintendents, high school principals and teachers have given enthusiastic endorsement to the contest. Full particulars will be mailed to all high school principals in Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt and children and Mrs. David Wilson, all of Corvallis, are visiting here over the holidays with relatives.



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Babson Forecast Due Next Week

The Gazette Times will again publish Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1958. It will appear in next week's paper. A careful checking of the Babson Predictions made in the Business and Financial Forecast for 1957 upholds the remarkable average of the past years by being 88 percent correct. Below is the score for the last five years. It holds the best and highest record for annual forecasts on U. S. future business.

The forecast for 1957 was 88 percent correct; 1956 85 percent; 1955 84 percent; 1954 86 percent and 1953 84 percent.

Watch for this special feature in next week's Gazette Times.

Early Publication Date Set For GT This Next Week

Again next week the Gazette Times will go to press early because of the holiday. This makes it necessary for all ad copy to be in the GT office not later than Saturday and news copy by Monday morning to be included in this paper.

The paper will be in the mail Tuesday afternoon and because of the necessity of working through the weekend the GT office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Young Hereford Bull Brings Good Price

A seven and one-half month old registered Hereford bull from the Herbert Ekstrom herd at Ione was sold last week to the Golden Hills Hereford Ranch of Grass Valley. The animal weighed 850 pounds and brought \$1,000, an exceptionally good price for a young bull.

The Ekstrom herd is composed of about 70 head of registered Herefords.

Mrs. Anne Smouse left last week for Rochester, Minn. where she will spend the holidays with her daughter and family.

Lone Girl Wins National Honors In Jr. Olympics

It was revealed last week that Miss Kay Sherer, senior at Ione high school, has placed third in the girls' senior division of the running high jump in the National Junior Olympics. Her best jump was four feet, nine inches. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sherer of Ione.

Kay will be the honored guest of the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at the Multnomah hotel on Tuesday, January 7.

In the letter notifying Kay of the honor, Dorothea Lensch, director of recreation for the City of Portland, said, "The City of Portland is proud of you. Your sportsmanship and athletic ability has brought recognition to Oregon."

Besides being an outstanding athlete, Kay has also been an honor student and leader at Ione high school. She has served as student body secretary and treasurer and is one of the three cheerleaders who won first place award at the recent basketball jamboree at Umatilla. She was chosen homecoming queen by her fellow students this fall and was chosen as the first "Girl of the Month" by the Ione faculty.

The Oregon Junior Olympics were held in Portland early last summer.

Next Free Chest X-Ray Date Scheduled For January 8

The Morrow county TB and Health association announces that the next day for receiving chest X-rays free of charge will be Wednesday, January 8 between the hours of 7 and 8:30 p. m.

The X-rays are paid for by the local TB and Health association and any Morrow county resident is entitled to receive this free service. Out of county persons who wish to benefit from this service may do so and their own TB and Health association will be billed for the amount.

The X-rays are now being read by Dr. V. H. Gehling, St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Dr. Gehling is an accredited radiologist and reports are being received within two weeks from the date of the X-ray.

RUGGLES RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles have returned from Portland where they attended a reunion of Mrs. Ruggles' family. On their way home they stopped in Moro and picked up Mr. Ruggles' mother, Mrs. W. A. Ruggles, who had been with her mother, Mrs. Lenora Cauthers, who has been ill.



KAY SHERER, Ione high school senior who received third place in the running high jump in the National Junior Olympics.

Churches Planning Special Christmas Eve Services

All Saints' Episcopal church will begin the observance of the season of Christmastide, the Nativity of Jesus Christ, this Tuesday night at 11:45 p. m.

This service will be a Choral Eucharist and in addition to this "First Mass of Christ" at midnight, a second celebration will be offered at 9:00 a. m. with the same brief sermon.

The celebration of Christmastide will continue through January 5 and on Friday, the Day of St. John, along with observance of St. Stephen, there will be two celebrations of the Holy Sacrament at 10:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

On Wednesday, January 1, there will be one service only, Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a. m.

At St. Patrick's Catholic church there will be high Mass at midnight December 24 and low Mass at 9:30 a. m. Christmas day.

In Ione at St. Williams Catholic church there will be low Mass at 8:00 a. m. on Christmas day.

On Christmas eve at 7:30 p. m. the Hope Lutheran Sunday school will give a pageant, The Gifting Star, written by the Sunday school staff, with a special feature being a welcome spoken by Sunday school members in English, German and Swedish.

Most other churches in the area had their special services this last Sunday with Sunday school programs and parties.

WEATHER

The Heppner weather station reports:

	Hi	Low	Pr.
Thursday	48	36	.03
Friday	53	39	.42
Saturday	51	37	.19
Sunday	45	32	.19
Monday	45	29	—

Rainfall for the week .83; for December 2.00; for the year 17.57 inches.

District Soils Man Wins Award For Conservation

A certificate of merit and a cash award for outstanding accomplishment in contour strip-cropping in the Heppner Soil Conservation district has been awarded to Tom Wilson, soil conservationist for the local district. Wilson received notification of the award last week.

Each year the awards and improvement committee of the Soil Conservation Service names employees in the service for the incentive awards.

The Heppner Soil District has previously been acclaimed as one of the top districts in Oregon and the nation and Wilson has been given much credit for the fine record by the district's directors. An example of the outstanding work done here in the strip cropping field is shown by the fact that out of approximately 12,500 acres of contour cropping in Oregon, almost 10,000 acres lie within the Heppner district.

Wilson has been invited to present a paper on "Progress in strip cropping on Eastern Oregon grain lands" at the 31st annual meeting of the Northwest Scientific Association to be held Dec. 27 and 28 in Spokane.

Soil conservation is one of many phases of science which will be under discussion at the meeting. Other categories include botany, biology, geology forestry, engineering and many more.

Wilson has been conservationist here since 1940.

Morrow Still Tops In Bond Sales

Though Morrow county savings bonds slipped greatly last month—\$5,295 compared with \$23,011 for the same month last year—it is still one of only six counties in the entire state of Oregon which has shown a gain in series E and H bonds sales for the first 11 months of the year.

Through November 30, savings bonds sales in the county have totaled \$253,181, a gain of approximately \$2,000 over last year for the same period. November sales in the county showed the opposite trend, for they were down to \$5,295 compared with \$23,011 for the same month in 1956.

Statewide, bond sales were down somewhat also, but not nearly as much as were local sales. In Oregon \$2,285,129 in bonds were purchased during November 1957, while sales in the same month of 1956 were \$2,937,310.

The only other counties in Oregon to have purchased more bonds in the first 11 months of this year were Columbia, Gilliam, Lake, Wasco and Washington. All the state's other 30 counties fell behind last year, some by as much as nearly 50 per cent.

Jack Bedford, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland, county sales chairman, reported that many persons are now buying savings bonds for Christmas gifts and reminded prospective buyers that free gift folders for the bonds may be obtained at your bank when bond purchases are made.

13 From Morrow County At OSC

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Thirteen students from Morrow county are enrolled this year at Oregon State college, according to a report issued by the registrar's office at the college.

Ten of the 13 are from Heppner. All of Oregon's 36 counties, 37 states all U. S. territories and 37 other countries are represented this year in the record 7676 student group at OSC. This year's enrollment is nearly 200 above the old record set in 1947 when the peak was recorded in the enrollment of World War II veterans.

Students listed include: Leo A. Skoubo, Boardman; Heppner — Adelia A. Anderson, Maureen A. Groves, Patricia P. Hardy, James H. Hayes, Richard L. Kononen, James B. Miller, Gerald C. Sumner, Meredith J. Thomson and Janet L. Wright. Donald L. Hunt and Otto E. Ruhl are from Lexington.

GROUND OBSERVER CORPS

There will be a meeting of the Ground Observer Corps on Monday, December 30 at the home of Mrs. Ray Smith at 2 p. m. Credit will be given members for attending this meeting.