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## TO THE EDITOR...

To The Editor:  
Our little articles, recently published in the Oregonian about Owen Wister and Col John Watermelon Redington has brought about many pleasant repercussions. That letter to Gertrude Parker from her brother, Garfield Crawford, certainly brought back many pleasant memories of the early days in Heppner. I knew Garfield from the first day he landed in Heppner, and I remember when he used to be, a combination of roust-a-bout, printers Devil and reporter for the old Heppner Gazette. Then, there was the fine letter I received from Portland from two fine friends, the secretary and housekeeper for Fred Lockley, old time feature writer on the Sunday section of the Portland Journal, but at the time of the Heppner Flood of 1903, part owner and reporter of the Pendleton East Oregonian. Mr Lockley has been a wonderful friend of mine since the days of the great flood, and has helped me in many ways in preparing and writing my Morrow county history. Mr Lockley is now past 90, totally blind, and confined in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland from sickness from which he will never recover. He was a life-long friend of Col John W Redington. Mr Lockley sent along his best regards to the Gazette Times publisher. Then last Thursday I had a wonderful surprise. Bernice Redington, third daughter of Col Redington, and her sister, Mrs Donald J Stewart (Elizabeth Redington) the youngest daughter of the Col come to Castle Rock and spent the afternoon with us. The other two sisters, Mable and Marian, live in California. Elizabeth was only four years old when the Redington family left Heppner forever sometime in the early part of 1901. Bernice remembers Garfield Crawford very well and saw him around the Gazette office frequently. Bernice is a retired journalist, a long time writer for the Seattle Times. She is now on her way to California to continue her study of the raising of sheep. She intends to go into the sheep raising business and asked me if there were as many sheep



### OUR GUARD RATES HIGH

This is the third consecutive year our Oregon National Guard has led in the eight western states of the Sixth Army area in "superior" ratings for annual armory inspections, according to word received by Maj Gen Thomas E Rilea adjutant general, from Lt Gen Charles D Parler, Sixth Army commander.

General Rilea said, "We are very proud of their enviable record."

The Sixth Army tabulation of the percentages of the overall ratings awarded within each state showed Oregon leading with ratings with 21.5 percent. Second was Washington with 18.2 percent.

The inspections were made by the regular army inspector general on training, administration, supply and maintenance.

### O'CONNELL FILES

Kenneth J O'Connell filed in the state elections bureau Thursday for Justice of the Supreme Court at the November general election.

He was nominated for the office at a convention held in Portland. He was appointed a member of the Supreme Court to succeed James T Brand, who resigned to teach in a Florida college.

### VOTER PAMPHLETS EARLY

A timely approach was made this week for one of the State Printing Department's big jobs, Freeman Holmer, election and notarial division director said Wednesday the press work on the 900,000 voter pamphlets will begin about Sept 8. The first segment of the job will be printed in Salem and Portland.

### PAPER HANGERS HARVEST

Many Oregon district attorneys are advising merchants that this is the "harvest season" for bad check operators. Cashing bad paper is easier for these swindlers when a flood of checks is being

raised in Morrow county as there were when she was a girl there. She asked about many of our old schoolmates of the Heppner school, but most of the ones she inquired about are now dead. The sisters brought me many more letters, pictures and stories of their famous father, Col John Watermelon Redington, and they would make interesting reading for old time residents of Heppner, especially the letters written between Mr Redington and Billy Morrow, old time owner of the old Palace Hotel. These letters were about the ownership of 168 acres of land, including Multnomah Falls, which the Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co had induced Mr Redington to purchase an option to buy the land and the falls. The option was given for \$1.00 and the whole price for the 168 acres and the falls was \$8,000. Years later the city of Portland condemned the site of the falls for a city park and brought suit against Mr Redington to quiet the title. I have all the papers in connection with this suit.  
O M Yeager  
Castle Rock, Wn

cached by farm workers and pickers.

The district attorneys advise merchants and others to require identification and if not produced, to turn down the check. Another request they make is to get a good description of the person attempting to pass the check. This will give authorities a chance to apprehend guilty persons.

### NEW JUDGE GROUP

Associate Justice Tom Clark of the U S Supreme Court has appointed three judges from each of the nine western states to set up a structure for the proposed association. Judge Val Sloper, of Marion County, one of the Oregon appointees left for a San Francisco meeting of the group Monday.

### HIGHWAY TRAFFIC DOWN

The State Highway Department's monthly count for July, released Tuesday, was 1.1 percent below the previous year as recorded at 48 rural locations.

Statewide rural decrease for the month was recorded despite a 4.5 per cent increase at five locations reflecting urban traffic trends.

In the first seven months of 1958 rural traffic was up three tenths of one percent while urban traffic was 2.4 percent higher than a year ago.

During the first six months of the year 1 percent more gasoline was consumed than in the same period of 1957. However, gasoline consumption was 1.5 percent below the 1956 travel peak.

### OEC DEDICATION

The dedication of a new dormitory for women, a physical education building and a central heating plant on the Eastern Oregon college campus in LaGrande will be observed Sept 8 by the Board of Higher Education which will be joined by governor Robert D Holmes.

### OPINION BY THORNTON

A proposal to have their positions put under Civil Service is being discussed by the assistant attorney generals employed in the State Department of Justice.

The law boys in the Department of Justice want justice-as like . . .

"It is my opinion," averred Attorney General Robert Y Thornton, "that the assistant attorney generals are divided and that a definite decision will not be announced for sometime."

The attorney general said he first proposed a discussion of entering Civil Service when he was elected in 1953. "The salaries of assistant attorney generals," said Thornton, "have been increased the past few years and resignation several occasions during nations are becoming fewer."

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times August 30, 1928

Phillip Mahoney, son of Mr and Mrs W P Mahoney of this city, has passed the Oregon state bar examination, according to notice received this week.

John Kenny and family of Sand Hollow arrived Tuesday from a vacation trip that took them as far east as Ontario, where they have relatives residing.

All the former grade school faculty will be on hand this year, with the exception of Miss Martha Wilson, who has been in the primary department for the last two years. Miss Wilson's place will be taken by Miss Beth Bleakman.

Miss Mildred Clowry and Miss Dorothy Herren spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Pendleton.

The family of Claude Cox returned from Newport, Oregon on Sunday.

## Local News

Jerry Bristow left this week for Brookings where he will teach in the schools.

A C Swanson returned home from the Pioneer Memorial hospital last week.

Mr and Mrs Rietmann are vacationing at the coast.

Mr and Mrs John Eubanks and daughter, Sandra and Mr and Mrs Don Linnell and family attended the Wasco county fair and rodeo at Tygh Valley Friday of last week. Sandra entered the races and Rodney Linnell won a prize in the 4-H pole bending contest which is performed on horses.

Mr and Mrs C E Brenner spent the weekend in Portland. Mrs Vela Eubanks, of Portland, came home with them.

Mr and Mrs Don Scheelar and children of Salem were recent visitors at the home of his sister and family, Mr and Mrs Leo Crabtree.

Mrs Arvilla Swanson returned home Saturday from Milwaukie where she visited relatives for five weeks. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs Frank Lundell returned home with her and left Sunday.

Several from here attended the East-West Shrine football game in Pendleton Saturday evening.

Mr and Mrs Noel Dobyns spent the weekend here. They returned to Portland Monday where Mrs Dobyns will take medical treatments.

Robert Akers, Linda Heimbigner and Leann Padberg attended the west high school press institute at the school of journalism at the University of Oregon last week.

Mr and Mrs Garry Tullis and sons recently returned from a trip to Tennessee where they visited relatives. They visited in Knoxville and Chattanooga. They went by way of Salt Lake, Denver and stopped at Yellowstone park.

The Tullis' returned home Sunday from a trip to Brookings

## Arlington Man Named District Head Of Business Group

Announcement of the appointment of L C Buchner of the Bank of Eastern Oregon at Arlington as chairman of the Morrow and Gilliam county chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, was made today by E L Stanley, district manager of the federation in this area.

Each business member of this organization maintains a voting membership and is polled by ballot each month on the bills and issues that effect business enterprises in the nation.

In an effort to do everything possible to maintain the American way of life and keep the free competitive system of business, the businessmen express their own personal opinion on the ballots each month and turn them over to Buchner who makes a tabulation of the vote.

This tabulation is sent, with the signed ballots, directly to Congressman Al Ullman in Washington. This action takes place before members of Congress vote on debatable issues and the ballots give the members an indication of the personal opinions of his independent business constituents.

where they visited her brother and family, Mr and Mrs Art Vance and-at Grants Pass they visited his brother and family, Mr and Mrs John Tullis. Milton Morgan and Roy Lindstrom returned home Sunday from a weeks fishing trip to Astoria and the coast. They had fair luck getting fish.

USE GAZETTE TIMES CLASSIFIED ADS

## Monument News

Brenda Asher spent a few days visiting Laura Lee Shank. Her home is in Kimberly.

Mrs Ella Kenton of Portland visited her brother Boyd Hinton and others during the past week. She returned home Saturday.

Hugh Johnson is now staying at the rest home in Vale, Oregon.

Laura Lee Shank, Nancy Helly, Hank and Jerry Cupper and Harold Reynolds were in John Day Saturday evening to the show "Old Yeller."

Mr and Mrs Henry Cupper went to LaGrande for the weekend to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Joe Baty.

Mr and Mrs Ned Sweek and family of Heppner were visiting here Saturday with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs George Capon.

Darrell Farrans was here Saturday from his camp at Happy Jack to visit with his family.

Ivan Gienger of Washington visited at the Fred Shank home Sunday.

## LEXINGTON

Mrs Eldon Padberg was called to Portland last week by the death of an aunt in that city.

Al Frost was called to LaGrande on Monday evening by the serious illness of his father who is a patient in a hospital there.

Mr and Mrs Harold Beach and children and Mr and Mrs Jack Barak have returned from a visit to Western Washington and the coast.

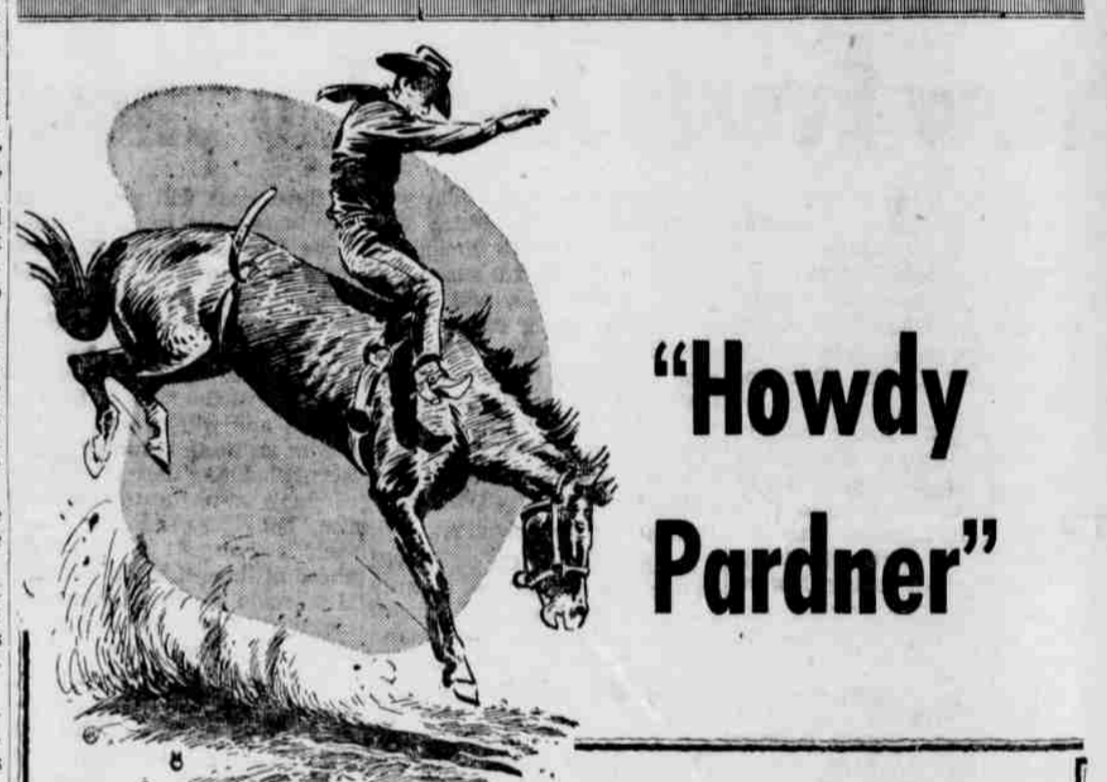
## BOARDMAN

Mr and Mrs Jim Harding of Sacramento, Calif are visiting Mrs Harding's mother, Mrs Effie Miller and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr and Mrs Russell Miller and Mr and Mrs Bob Miller. Over the weekend the Hardings went to Corbett to visit at the home of Mr and Mrs Ralph Baker, and the Bob Millers went to Gresham to visit Mrs Miller's brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Carl Gaede.

Mr and Mrs A R Cooley of Fresno, Calif are visiting at the home of Mrs Cooley's brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs Clyde Tannehill.

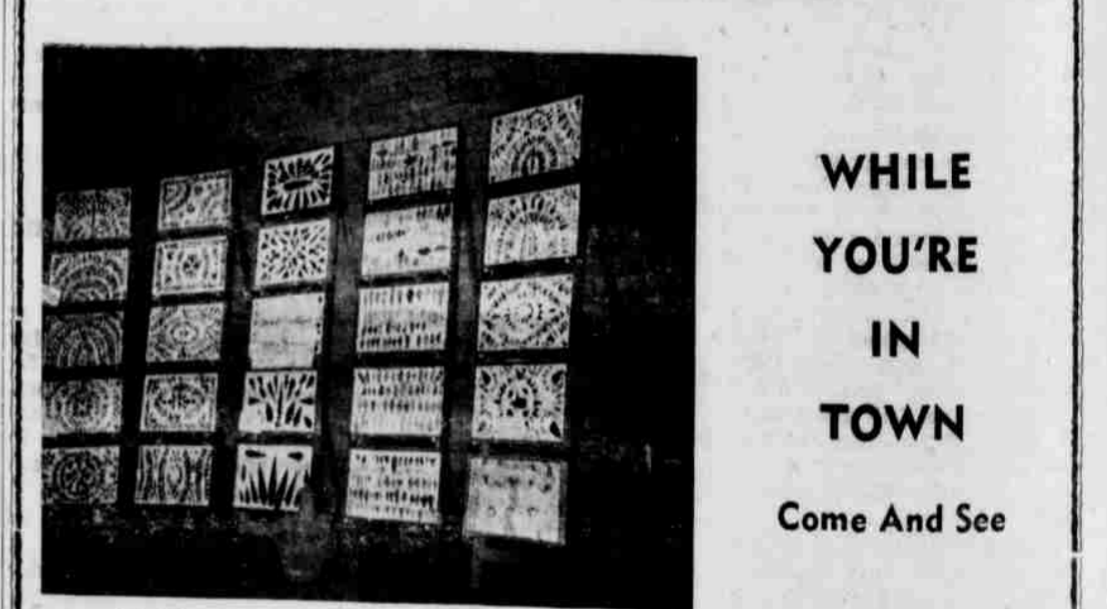
MAGIC is a five-letter word for Walt Disney's PETER PAN, Star Theater, Thursday-Friday-Saturday. Also good hoof-and-saddle drama.

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