

# HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

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**WINTER BEAUTY**—Though not very much of it was found last Sunday by the GT camera on upper Willow creek. This picture was taken about 15 miles east of Heppner and there was about four inches of snow on the trees and ground. Most residents wish there were closer to four feet of the white stuff in the mountains.

## AREA WATER SUPPLY AHEAD OF LAST YEAR, BUT FORECAST IS "POOR"

The water supply outlook for watersheds of this area, although better than at this time last year, is still much below average, according to a report released today by W T Frost, snow survey supervisor for U S Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Oregon agriculture experiment station and state engineer, State of Oregon. Streams with little or no carry-over storage will need a significant increase in snow cover to produce a good irrigation season.

Streams heading in low elevations are likely to have a low peak flow and a rapid decrease in seasonal runoff.

Water content of the mountain

## City Fire Loss Drops During 1959

Loss from fire in Heppner during 1959 amounted to \$10,860, it was revealed today by fire chief C A Ruggles. This was down about \$1500 from the previous year.

The department answered a total of 15 city calls during the year and another six to the Heppner rural area. The Heppner rural fire district was formed too late in the year to get on the tax rolls, so the city agreed to provide what assistance it could with available equipment.

A total of 2000 feet of 2 1/2 inch fire hose was laid during the year and an additional 450 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose. Eight fires were controlled entirely with booster lines on the trucks.

During the year the department added a 4 wheel drive Jeep truck with a 150 gallon tank and auxiliary motor and pump which is used primarily for rural service, but also is valuable in controlling local grass fires.

At the present time there are 15 active members of the department and plans are currently being made for the construction of a new fire department building to house the equipment.

Of the total loss \$7410 was to buildings and \$3450 to contents, and the value of property at risk in all fires was \$83,345.

## Former Lex Youth Dies in Service

Funeral services were held in Portland early this week for Mike Patrick, son of Mrs Gladys Young, a former Heppner resident. Mike recently enlisted in the Navy and died from pneumonia at the San Diego Naval Base. His mother had been called to San Diego on Christmas.

The young Navy man was a graduate of the Lexington high school in the class of 1956.

## Douglas Drake Injured in Fall

Douglas Drake suffered serious hip and back injuries last week when he fell about 20 feet from a ladder onto frozen ground while trimming a tree at his Butter Creek ranch.

He was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital where it was found he suffered two breaks of his pelvis and a fractured and crushed spine.

## NUMBER OF COUNTY BUSINESS FIRMS HOLDS STEADY IN YEAR

There are a total of 100 businesses in Morrow county, according to statistics released by J Harry White, district manager of the Portland office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. This total is based on a physical count of the January, 1960 edition of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book.

The Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book lists all manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers who seek or grant commercial credit. It does not include some of the service and professional businesses such as beauty and barber shops, security dealers and real estate brokers. Therefore, the figure for businesses in Morrow county would actually be higher than the number quoted above.

Using the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book listings as a guide, it is interesting to note the number of business firms in the principal communities of Morrow county: Heppner 61, Ione 14, Boardman 8.

As one phase in revising credit reports and keeping them up-to-date, Dun & Bradstreet, Inc.

through its national network of offices, writes every year to all businesses in the Reference Book to request their financial statements. This year, these requests are being sent to approximately three million businesses—to corner grocery store worth a few thousand dollars as well as to the businesses worth millions.

When the owner or officer of a business enterprise, or his accountant, fills out and mails his financial statement to Dun & Bradstreet, it becomes a part of the credit report on his business and a factor in determining the credit rating of his business. It is not necessary for the businessman to wait for the Dun & Bradstreet reporter's call to hand him his statement. When the Dun & Bradstreet reporter receives a businessman's financial statement in advance of his periodic call, he can make a more detailed analysis of the financial condition of the business and discuss its operation more intelligently.

The Dun & Bradstreet credit rating consists of two symbols. The first, a letter of the alphabet, indicates financial strength or the tangible net worth of the business. The second symbol is a number which reflects a composite appraisal of the background, operations, financial stability and payment record of the business.

While credit reports are primarily used by businessmen who want to evaluate the credit risk of a business before shipping or selling, insurance underwriters also use credit reports to review risks, rates, and coverage for fire and other types of insurance.

Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. has been reporting on American business since 1841 without cost of any kind to the business it reports on or lists in its Reference Book. The suppliers who grant credit pay all costs through an annual subscription to the agency's service.

## Plans Progress for Livestock Meet

Plans for the program activities which will make up the eleventh annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers are shaping up well. Nineteen bulls have been consigned for the annual Bull Trading Day which will be held at the livestock corral at the Morrow county fairgrounds Friday morning, January 15. Trading will continue during the morning with an auction sale at 1 P M. Committees will meet during the afternoon.

Reports will be made by Kent Magruder, Clatskanie, president, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, on their activities; a member of the Oregon Beef Council will explain the methods and aims of the newly formed council; E R Jackman, veteran range crops specialist, from OSC will discuss range improvement, and negotiations are now under way for a prominent specialist in livestock feeding to appear on the program.

Tickets for the annual banquet, an event of Saturday night, January 16 are on sale at the Bank of Eastern Oregon and First National Bank.

## County SOS, Inc Unit Formed at Boardman; Meet Set

State headquarters of Serve Our State, Inc. (SOS, Inc) has announced that it has received its incorporation certificates as a non-profit corporation. This new corporation was organized to study problems in the educational field and other matters of public interest. It is supported by contributions and memberships and has established a post office address at P O box 6695, Portland 66, Oregon.

The group is extremely active in opposing the present school reorganization law, contending that it is slanted toward centralized education and removes local control from both parents and school boards. Affiliated chapters of the SOS group can be formed in interested communities or counties in the state.

Boardman has organized an affiliated chapter with Dewey West as chairman; Roy Partlow, vice chairman; Myra Skoubo, secretary-treasurer.

There will be an area meeting in Boardman January 26 and at that time there will be a discussion of SOS and school reorganization. R K Landgraver, vice chairman of the state SOS will be one of the guest speakers and local state representatives and representatives from other counties will be present.

**HOSPITAL STAFF ELECTS OFFICERS**  
Dr L D Tibbles was elected president of the staff of Pioneer Memorial hospital at a meeting of the group December 29. Vice president is Dr David Baylink and Dr H S Huber is secretary-treasurer.

## P A Mollahan to Head Heart Fund

Pat A Mollahan of Heppner has accepted appointment as Morrow county chairman for the 1960 Heart Fund campaign of the Oregon Heart Association, according to Eddie Mays and Robert L Burke, state co-chairmen for the campaign.

The campaign will be held during the month of February, and will be climaxed on February 28 when thousands of volunteers stage a door-to-door Heart Sunday campaign.

Mollahan and other county chairmen from throughout the state will attend a pre-campaign meeting January 9 at the University of Oregon Medical School, where they will learn first-hand how Heart Fund money is spent for research and education.

"We are gratified that Mr Mollahan has agreed to direct the Heart Fund campaign in Morrow county," Mays and Burke said, "and are confident the people of Morrow county will give the campaign their full support."

## Physical Fitness Study to Start

The first meeting of the physical fitness study group, sponsored by the P-TA, will be held Monday, January 11 at 8:00 in the high school gym. Dr Robert Pfeiffer who will instruct this group announces that there will be no charge for the course.

Other study groups planned for the near future will be a beginners typing course, theater and public speaking group, and possibly volleyball. Meeting times for these groups will be announced at a later date.

Anyone interested in any of the aforementioned groups and who has not previously signed up at a P-TA meeting please contact Mrs William Labhart or Mrs Creston Robinson.



**LANDMARK COMING DOWN**—One of Heppner's oldest business buildings, the Heppner Garage will soon be relegated to history as workmen this week started tearing down the old Wells-Fargo type wooden building which was built shortly after the 1903 flood. The property has been purchased by C E McQuarrie, owner of Central Market, who will remodel the brick building on the right into a modern market. The two-story wooden building will make way for a large parking lot. Charles Vaughn has operated the Heppner Garage since 1919. (GT Photo)

## First 1960 Baby Gifts Go to Ione

Mr and Mrs Louis Carlson of Ione became the proud parents of a 7 pound 14 ounce son at 6:25 a m January 3 and as a result, the new baby boy, who has been named Clinton Robert, won for his parents and himself a whole load of gifts from Heppner businesses. He was the first baby born in 1960 at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

The many worthwhile gifts are presented to the contest winner each year in the annual First Baby contest.

Clinton Robert joins another brother Philip John, 3 and one-half years old, and two sisters, Sandra Lou, 7; and Cheri Ann 6, so he is assured of plenty of attention when he gets home and starts to get acquainted with his family.

Grandparents, too, are expected to help keep him entertained, and they are Mr and Mrs John Graves of Hardman, Mr and Mrs Leonard Carlson of Portland, and great-grandparents, Mr and Mrs R B Wilcox of Portland.

## Panel Discussion Slated at P-TA Meeting January 13

Teachers and parents will appear in a panel discussion at the meeting of Heppner P-TA Jan 13 at the Multipurpose room of the elementary school at 8:00 P M.

Victor Krelmeyer will be moderator. Teacher representatives will be Joe Stewart, assistant superintendent; Robert Van Houte, county administrator; Gordon Pratt, high school principal; Hillard Brown, elementary principal; and Mrs Harold Laird, second grade teacher. Parents will be represented by Dick Wilkinson, rancher; Mrs Nels Anderson, housewife; Phil Blakney, pharmacist; William Labhart, State Police; Mrs Marlon Huggert, P-TA president and housewife, and Dr Wallace Wolf.

Topics of discussion will cover education from various standpoints, announces Dr Robert Pfeiffer, program chairman. School curriculum, goals of the schools, teacher qualifications, facilities, health and delinquency will all be subjects gone into by the panel, Pfeiffer said.

If time permits questions from the audience will be answered by members of the panel.

"This should be a very interesting meeting and an informative one, Dr Pfeiffer said. "Any questions one has should be gone into by these panel members. We are attempting to get P-TA back to real parent-teacher association with this meeting."

He added that "all members of the panel have promised to check their weapons at the door when they come in."

**WEATHER**  
Wednesday 34 24 .07  
Thursday 38 24 .03  
Friday 28 17 .03  
Saturday 30 15 —  
Sunday 26 14 —  
Monday 34 17 —  
Tuesday 40 24 —  
Wednesday 52 36 —  
Rainfall for the week .6; for December .60; for 1959 10.90 inches; for January .03.

## Heppner Man Joins In "Round-Table" Telephone Gathering

Andrew (Tom) Harris of Heppner joined with a brother Robert Harris of Pendleton, and a sister Mrs Abrams (Lydia) DeLeeuw of Glencoe, Minn, in providing an unusual Christmas present for another brother Otto W Harris of Ortonville, Minn. On Christmas eve all joined on one telephone line for a genuine family get-together.

Otto Harris, who has spent 37 years of his life in the service of the Northwest Bell Telephone Company as manager at Paynesville, Granite Falls and Ortonville, Minn was given the treat as a gift of the telephone company. All got on the line at the same time and at one call.

This type of call is known as a conference call and is the first such call originating in Ortonville exchange. All could be heard distinctly.

## County Court Fills Board Vacancies

The Morrow county court Wednesday made four appointments to fill expiring terms of various county committees and boards.

Named to a three year term on the hospital board was W C Rosewall who will replace P W Mahoney. Mahoney has served on the board since it was formed.

Orville W Cutsforth of Lexington was named a member of the county fair board for a three year term and he replaces Gerald Swaggart whose term ended December 31.

Dewey West Jr of Boardman was appointed to a three year term on the budget committee replacing Don Kenney of Irrigon.

The fourth appointment was to the land classification board where Dick Graham will fill a three year term replacing Kenneth Keeling who is moving from the county.

**BAND PARENTS TO MEET**  
Heppner Band Parents will meet Monday evening, Jan 11 at 7:30 p m in the band room.

All parents having any questions are urged to attend.

**FARMERS UNION TO MEET**  
A Morrow county Farmers Union meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan 12 at 8 p m at the Al Bunch ranch home.

Mr and Mrs Russell Pratt and Mr and Mrs Frank Showacy of Portland were Christmas visitors at the home of their daughter and son, Mr and Mrs Gordon Pratt.

**CONDON SET TO "INVESTIGATE" HEPPNER ELKS HIDE-GETTING PLAN**  
The Heppner Elks lodge won for its members a free clam feed from the Condon lodge because they have more "hide" than do their Condon brothers. The free feed will come about in March because the Heppner lodge gathered 1085 deer, elk and other hides to Condon's 601 in their annual fall scrap to see who can gather more of the skins for the lodge's veteran's rehabilitation work in Oregon hospitals. According to rumors trickling over from Gilliam county last week, officers of the

## Heppner Building Permits in 1959 Hit 4-Year High

Building permits during 1959 by the City of Heppner totaled \$238,337 and reflected a slight increase over the 1958 figure. Building has increased each year in the city for the past three years, the figures revealed.

1959 permits included \$125,750 for new commercial buildings; \$69,000 for new residences; \$20,550 for commercial repairs and alterations; \$19,237 for residence repairs and alterations; and \$3,800 for new residential garage construction.

The city council Monday night approved permits totaling \$11,300 which were credited against 1959 as all had been tentatively approved prior to January 1. These were to C E McQuarrie, \$10,000 for the remodeling of Central Market; \$1500 to Fred Parrish, for remodeling a building at 200 N Chase street for an auto repair shop; and to James Angell, \$800 for a new garage and storage building.

The largest permits issued last year were for the \$65,000 museum and library building, and the \$55,000 St Patrick's church parish house.

The 1958 construction total was \$233,510, far ahead of 1957's \$145,700. The highest year in recent history was 1955 when permits hit \$344,725, well over half of which included the Heppner grade school.

## 1960 Chamber Officers Installed

New chamber of commerce officers were installed Monday in appropriate ceremonies by Frank W Turner, long time member of the organization.

Heading the chamber for the coming year is Elmer Schmidt, who will be assisted by Mike Whitesmith, first vice president; and John Hartman, second vice president. New members of the board of directors who assumed office were Oscar Peterson, Orville Cutsforth, Whitesmith, James J Farley and R G McMurtry.

Two appointive officers, Don Pyle, treasurer; and Gene Pierce, secretary, were also installed.

The program included a film on the March of Dimes.

Mr and Mrs Paul McNeese of Portland were here for New Years to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Dr and Mrs David Baylink.