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DON'T RUSH, BOYS... BUT— There's Gold in Them Thar Hills

A couple of weeks ago this paper carried a story about "Grow your own fish"—how fast fish had grown in private ponds developed at the Don Greenup ranch. This week the G-T can report that those ponds, or at least one of them is literally "A pot of gold."

The discovery came about this way . . .

Last Sunday four local boys Jerry Anderson, Billy Monagle, Robert Nichols and Jerry Greenup, were digging fish worms around one of the ponds when they uncovered four genuine \$5.00 gold pieces. After the discovery, it is needless to report that great and immediate plans

were made by the four for a very extensive exploration of the area, even to the point of screening the pond, if necessary.

After the discovery was made known, it also came to light that about a week before, another person had found one \$5 gold piece in the same area, so altogether \$25 has been dug up around the pond.

Since the find has become known, several stories concerning the source of the gold have also come to light, and this one appears to be the best known:

The property originally belonged to the Thompson ranch, and Press Thompson, one of the

area's earliest settlers was supposed to always carry a sizeable amount of money with him in the form of gold pieces. When Mr Thompson died, many years ago, no great amount of money was ever found and the story made the rounds of the sheepmen in the area that he must have buried it somewhere around the cabin that used to stand about where the present pond is now located.

Over the years, shepherders who used the cabin as their headquarters used to spend their spare time digging up that section of the canyon in search of the buried treasure, but to the best of anyone's knowledge, none ever found it.

Whether the boys actually found a part of Press Thompson's buried treasure is anybody's guess, but it offers as good an explanation as any why there was \$25 in gold pieces lying around loose in the canyon. If the old story is true, it is logical that in digging the artificial pond the money was disturbed and subsequently got scattered around.

The four boys are mightily interested in getting back to their digging, and the Greenups are just as interested in seeing that the story doesn't start a gold rush—though it might be an easy way to get their farm land dug up for spring planting.

Anyway, we don't recommend a rush for Hinton creek . . . the claims are already staked!



TOM DRISCOLL

Two From Heppner Picked for Shrine All-Star Team

Two Heppner high school seniors, Tom Driscoll and Dennis Doherty have been named to the Shrine East-West All-Star football team that will play next August in Pendleton.

Driscoll was chosen on the regular East squad and Doherty was named as an alternate. Both were first string members of the Mustang grid squad.

Driscoll, who is the son of Mr and Mrs James Driscoll of Heppner, was the leading ground gainer and point maker on the 1959 Mustang team and was voted a place on the all-conference team for the past two years. He played halfback most of this year, and in the quarterback spot during most of his previous seasons.

Dennis is the son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Doherty, and he was selected as an alternate on the Shrine squad. He played quarterback last fall for Heppner. This was Dennis's first year in 11 man football, but he played three years of six man ball for Lexington and was a member of the team that got into the state semi-finals two years ago.

The Shrine game will be played August 20 in the Round-Up stadium.



DENNIS DOHERTY

Hearing Held On Pine City Area School Problems

Residents of the Pine City area met with members of the Morrow county school board at the Pine City school house Tuesday evening. The meeting, arranged by D O Nelson, was informal and a general discussion of suggestions and ideas pertinent to the education of the students in that community.

Speakers dwelt primarily on the feasibility of returning to school in Morrow county those children for whom tuition is paid to Echo, with the attendant problems of costs, transportation, travel time, facilities and program. It was the desire of the board to obtain the opinions and desires of the parents in the area.

Representing the Pine City parents were Mr and Mrs Bill Healy, Glenn Campbell, Mr and Mrs William French, Mr and Mrs Jerry Myers, Mr and Mrs Charles Myers, Mr and Mrs George Luciano, Mr and Mrs Carl Rhea, Mr and Mrs Charles Daly, Mr and Mrs Weldon Witherrite, Mr and Mrs Jim Stockard, Mr and Mrs Al Young, Mr and Mrs Leo Ashbeck, Mr and Mrs Robert Hale, K Bonifier.

All members of the school board were present including Fredrick Martin, Ione; D O Nelson, Lexington; Harvey Warner, Irrigon; Henry Gant en b e i n, Boardman; L E Dick Jr., Al Bunch, Elaine George, Heppner, and Robert Van Houte, county school superintendent.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by the ladies of Pine City.

Pest Control "Racket" Revealed

Local exterminators this week urged residents to use care in making contracts with itinerant pest control operators for the "de-bugging" of their property.

Operators have reported that several persons have been approached by outsiders and told that their homes were infested with termites or other pests, but a check of the premises by local exterminators showed there was no need for such work.

At least two local concerns operate in Morrow county.

Francis Nickerson of Eugene was here Tuesday visiting with his mother, Mrs Grace Nickerson.

County Demos Open Campaign

The Democrats of Morrow county opened the 1960 political campaign with a dinner meeting at the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Heppner Monday evening. Approximately 40 persons gathered to hear candidates and issues discussed and to plan voter registration and vote-getting drives.

Al Lamb, county Democratic chairman, pointed out that the two parties are almost equal in strength in the county and urged action and work to make the two party system a service to Morrow county through a thorough presentation of issues and full slates of candidates. He urged strong candidates to run for county offices, pointing out that the next few years may see changes so great that only the most qualified could hope to fill the positions satisfactorily.

Judge Joe A Jaross of Hillsboro, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for state treasurer, gave a talk on the need for a two party state board of control. A candidate for the Democratic nomination for state representative Frank Weatherford, discussed taxes, low cost power and related state subjects. Ron Ahern of Baker represented Congressman Al Ullman, who has just filed as a candidate to succeed himself. Mr Ahern explained the farm bill recently introduced by the second district Congressman, Mrs Sadie Parrish, Democratic candidate for county clerk, gave a short talk.

A number of local Democrats reported they have filed to become candidates for precinct committeemen and women, and it now appears that each precinct will have at least one committeeman and woman candidate and that there will be contests in a few precincts.

J O Burns of Condon attended the meeting and announced he has filed to become a candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention in Los Angeles. He is Senator Kennedy's campaign manager in Gilliam county.

It Must Be Spring

Here's more proof that spring is just around the corner!

Early this week Mrs Floyd Hutchins of Heppner found primroses in bloom in her yard.

PROPERTY TAX FILING DEADLINE NEAR

March 2 is the final day for filing personal property tax statements with the county assessor's office. Late filings are subject to penalty.

TWO CARS COLLIDE

Two cars driven by Judith Cocheil and Mrs Ralph Richmond collided nearly headon Friday night near the corner of May and Main streets in Heppner causing total damage of about \$775 to the cars.

There were no injuries other than minor cuts and bruises to drivers and passengers.



THE HOLE—here is one of several holes which have been dug during the past two weeks in an effort to find source of petroleum products which have been running into basement of Stefani's restaurant in Ione. When this picture was taken, hole was about 12 feet deep and bottom was saturated with gasoline. (GT Photo)



LOTS OF DIRT was moved in this roped off area around Standard Oil plant, left, and Stefani's restaurant, right, but source of the petroleum still is a mystery. Both businesses expect to re-open Friday after nearly two week's shutdown. (GT Photo)

REOPENINGS SEEN FRIDAY FOR IONE'S "GAS-CLOSED" BUSINESSES

Though the source of Ione's now-famous "gasoline well" still remains a mystery, it appears today that both Stefani's Fine Food restaurant, and the Standard Oil Company bulk plant will be back in operation again Friday. That is unless something else happens.

The two businesses were ordered closed nearly two weeks ago by the state fire marshal's office when petroleum products again started running into Stefani's basement. A couple of weeks earlier the restaurant was closed for a short time for the same reason, but a sump had been dug along side the building and pumping finally failed to show traces of gasoline. The latest closure was ordered when the petroleum product again showed up in even greater amounts.

Heppner Market Sold To Thomas Howell; Name Change Due

Thomas S Howell, owner and operator of Central Meat Market in Central Market for several years, today announced his purchase of the Heppner Market from Mr and Mrs Loyd Burkenbine.

Howell will take over his new store next Monday and the name will be changed to Economy Market and Lockers, and he announced that all present locker customers would be moved to the new location by March 1.

Burkenbines have owned Heppner Market for six years and the stor has been in the family for over 30 years. They have announced no plans for the immediate future.

Wool Marketing Deadline Approaching

Chairman Paul W Jones of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee this week reminded wool growers that the marketing year for the purposes of the 1959 wool program will end March 31.

The wool program is conducted under the national wool act of 1954, and payments under the 1959 program will be made this summer when payment rates are determined on the national average price received by producers for shorn wool during the 1959 marketing year.

For completed sale, title must have passed to the buyer, the wool must have been delivered to the buyer (either physically or on paper), and the last of the factors (price per pound, weight, yield, etc) needed to determine the total purchase price must be available. If any condition concerning the sale is not settled by March 31, the sale will not be considered as complete, it was stated.

Application for payment under the 1959 program must be filed with the county ASC office not later than April 30, 1960.

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During the past two weeks at least half of the oil company's lot has been dug up in an effort to locate the source of the supply, but whether it can be blamed on a Standard Oil tank leak is still questionable. Two deputy state fire marshals, Joe Gault and George Kincaid have been overseeing the digging.

Jim Barnett's Chevron Station was closed for about two days last week, but was allowed to reopen late last Thursday when it was determined the station's operation could not endanger the area.

A total of about 40,000 gallons of gasoline and other petroleum products are stored in underground tanks in the block, but according to reports tests of the tanks showed no leaks.

Highway Employees Receive Awards for Driving Record

One thousand fifty-one state highway department vehicle and equipment operators, including nine in Morrow county, have been presented with safe driver awards for accident-free driving in 1959, according to W C Williams, state highway engineer.

Of those honored, 160 received 10 year awards for perfect driving records.

In Morrow county awards went to Edwin C Wilson, 10 years; John Nielson, 10 year; Dallas McDaniel, 5 year; Harry B Moses, 4 year and Frank L. Mooney, 4 year, all of the Heppner district.

In the Boardman district they were given to Nathan Thorpe, 10 years; Charles L Potts, 10 years, Elvin Ely, 9 years, and Irwin W Lewis, 4 years.

"The 1959 vehicle and equipment safety record was the best in the department's history," Williams said. "Over 24,423,826 miles were travelled by highway department vehicles and equipment with only 283 accidents. This record shows a definite improvement since the present safety program was initiated by the department 10 years ago."

John L Hughes, 92, Dies February 11; Rites Held Monday

John Lee Hughes, Ione, died February 11 at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He was 92 years of age and had lived in the Ione area for 70 years.

Mr Hughes was born February 21, 1867 at Scio, Oregon and moved to Morrow county when he was 22 years old. He never married.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Ione Community church with Rev Rod MacKenzie officiating. Burial was in the Ione IOOF cemetery.

Survivors include two brothers, Jack of Heppner; and Richard of Petaluma, Calif. He also leaves several nieces and nephews.

Red Cross Drive Start Nears; Volunteers Needed

The Rev H A Wolfington, pastor of the Heppner Assembly of God church has been named to head the Morrow county Red Cross fund drive which will start here March 1. He has announced a goal of \$1660 for the campaign.

Rev Wolfington spoke at Monday's chamber of commerce meeting and told of the widespread activities of the Red Cross, stating that the organization touches on the lives of more people than does any other organization. He told of the many functions including the blood bank which serves Pioneer Memorial hospital, the water safety and first aid classes, and the service men's work that is a part of the Red Cross function.

The chairman today sent out an urgent call for volunteer workers, especially in the Heppner area and asked that anyone interested in aiding in the drive contact him.

Winter Sports Club Organized

A winter sports club was organized Sunday at Cutsforth cabin in the mountains. About 15 interested persons attended.

Kenneth Peck of Lexington was named president of the group, with Dr Robert Pfeiffer, Heppner, vice president; and Mrs O W Cutsforth, Lexington, secretary.

A committee was appointed to prepare by-laws and rules for the club and it will obtain information from other clubs before writing them. The committee is Don Peterson, Ione, chairman; Bob Jensen, Ione; Bob Rietmann, Ione; Kenneth Turner, and Dr L D Tibbles, Heppner.

The group voted to hold the charter open until April 1 for charter members, and all interested persons are asked to contact Mrs Cutsforth or Mr Peck.

There will be a contest to choose a name for the club. Members are to submit names which will be voted on. The winner will receive one year's free membership.

Another meeting has been set for Sunday, Feb 28 at Cutsforth cabin beginning with a potluck.

IFYE Student to Tell of Japan Visit

Impressions of Japan will be presented in Morrow county this weekend by Miss Myra Jean McBride. Miss McBride, a Linn county IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange) student will speak and show colored slides on her visit to Japan this past year.

Miss McBride, a young graduate of Oregon State College, will be here for two days to speak on her travels and explain how the IFYE program works to bring about better understanding among people of the world and to build a lasting peace.

Her schedule will be as follows: Sunday afternoon, Willows Grange, Ione; Sunday, 8 p m, Hope Lutheran church, Heppner to which all church groups have been invited. Monday morning, 9 a m, Ione high school; Monday noon, Heppner Chamber of Commerce; Monday afternoon, Heppner high school at 2 p m.

Bishop Liepzig To Dedicate New Parish Hall

St. Patrick's new parish hall will be dedicated by the Most Rev Francis P Liepzig, Bishop of Baker, next Sunday, Feb 21 at 4 p m. A potluck dinner for the parishioners and their guests will follow immediately after the blessing of the new building.

Two well known former pastors of the parish, Father Francis McCormack, now at Ontario, and Father Patrick Gaire, now working in Baker, will be present for the ceremonies.

Construction of the new hall got underway late last August with Riverman and Sons, Portland holding the construction contract. The completed building without furnishings will cost the parish about \$55,000. This figure does not include a great amount of volunteer help from many parishioners.

The main function of the new building, which is located on Jones street, immediately behind the church, will be for the teaching of religion to the children of the parish. Its facilities will also be used for the various activities of the parish.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	49	34	—
Friday	51	39	—
Saturday	59	30	—
Sunday	47	31	.01
Monday	49	35	.03
Tuesday	47	26	Tr.
Wednesday	49	23	—

Rainfall for the week .04, for February .68; for the year 2.10 inches.



PAULEN KASEBERG

Sherman Farmer Files For District GOP Nomination

Paulen Kaseberg, Sherman county farmer, has filed for the Republican nomination for state Representative from the 22nd legislative district. The district is composed of Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow and Wheeler counties.

Kaseberg was born in Sherman county, near Wasco. He has been a life-time resident there, farming the land homesteaded by his grandfather. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon, receiving his degree in business administration.

The candidate was president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League in 1949 and has served on the Oregon Wheat Commission since 1949. He has served on the board of directors of the Sherman Cooperative Grain Growers and is at present a member of the board of trustees of the new The Dalles General hospital.

In announcing his candidacy, Kaseberg said: "I believe that with the resources of low-cost power, transcontinental rail service, low-cost water transportation, water and land availability, the district is on the threshold of a new era in its development. Therefore, I will aggressively work toward the full development and ultimate potential of the area."

Mr Kaseberg is married to the former Margilee Morse of Eugene, and has a son, Lee, at the University of Oregon and a son, Terry, and daughter, Alice, attending Sherman county high school.

Elks to Gather For "Annual"

Several hundred members of the Heppner Elks lodge, state Elks officers and visiting Elks, will gather in Heppner Saturday for the 63rd annual celebration of the lodge.

Registration will start at 11 a m followed by lodge session at 2 p m. At the same time a ladies card party will be held at the new Catholic parish hall. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 at the fair pavilion and two floor shows are scheduled at the Star Theater at 8 and 9 o'clock. Dancing will complete the day's activities.

Del Jordan is exalted Ruler of the Heppner lodge and numerous committees have been working on the annual event.

Fire Destroys Highway Bridge Near Lexington

Heppner's rural fire Jeep made a 15 mile courtesy run last Saturday afternoon in an effort to aid in putting out a fire that was burning a highway bridge eight miles north of Lexington, but the effort came to a sorry end.

The bridge was too far gone to save by the time the truck got to the scene and on the return trip a rod went out of the motor, ruining it.

The bridge, a brand new one that the highway department had replaced only last fall, was burning from one end to the other by the time the truck arrived and the flaming tar and creosote was too much for the single hose line. It was again rebuilt early this week by the highway department.

The fire started from wood burning being done by Roy Martin on whose property the bridge stood.

Norman Griffin is in the Veterans' hospital in Portland where he will be confined for at least two weeks.