

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, January 24, 1963

10 Cents



OLD TIMERS of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358 were honored at a meeting of the lodge last Thursday night. There are 78 members with 30 years or more membership, totaling service of 3,223 years to the lodge. Senior member present Thursday was Frank Turner (center, in dark suit) with 54 years membership. Those present for honors at the meeting were (from left) James Hayes, John Bergstrom, Jack Flug, Walter Beckett, Earl Evans, Walter Hayes, Ed Bennett, Max Buschke, Jim Cowins, Turner, Claude Graham, Leonard Gilliam, Pat Mollahan, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Harlan McCurdy Sr., and W. Claude Cox. (G-T Photo)

## High-Flying Cagers Face Rocket Five

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### GREATER OREGON LEAGUE Western Division

	W	L	Pct
Heppner	3	0	1.000
Sherman	2	1	.667
Pilot Rock	1	1	.500
Burns	1	2	.333
Grant Union	0	3	.000

With the hope of keeping their Greater Oregon victory string intact, Heppner High's basketball team will face Pilot Rock here Friday night in the second meeting between the teams.

The Rockets are the only team which has been successful in defeating Heppner this year, having haltered the Mustangs at Pilot Rock in a non-league game on December 15, 65 to 52. The four teams play four games through this season, two each at home, and two of the four are league games.

Coach Mas Watanabe's Rockets split a pair of road games to Burns and Grant Union over the week-end while Heppner took both teams on the alternate nights. The Rockets edged the John Day five, 42 to 41, but lost to Burns, 50 to 38.

In the December 15 meeting, Pilot Rock's Buzz Quempts fired 20 points for his team to pace the victory. Shan Applegate led the Mustangs with 15. Heppner has been steadily improving during the season since this loss in 10 contests.

Should the Mustangs win, it will give them a first half sweep over league opponents. After this week-end, three of the four remaining league games are at home, the only trip being a return game at Pilot Rock.

A full house is expected in the Mustang gym Friday night, and those who expect to get good seats will have to come early. Jayvees open the bill with a contest at 6:30. Coach Dick Strait's Heppner jayvees will seek to get back on the victory trail after losing their only games of the season to John Day and Burns jayvees over the week-end.

## Carlson Ranch House Destroyed By Fire Saturday

A vacant house on the lower ranch owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlson, located 15 miles southwest of Ione, was destroyed by fire Saturday morning with loss estimated by the owners at about \$10,000.

The house was partially furnished. A heat coil had been placed under the house during cold weather to keep pipes from freezing, and it is surmised that this may have caused the fire.

Richard Kinzer, a tenant who lives in a trailer house on the place, discovered the blaze about 7 a. m. but the place was engulfed by fire by that time. Many neighbors and friends from around the countryside responded to help, but their efforts could only keep the fire from spreading to other property. No fire departments were on the scene.

Most of the loss was insured, Mrs. Carlson said. They live about 15 miles from the scene of the fire.

The Carlsons expressed appreciation to all those who came to help and said that they were glad that some family with little children was not living in the house.

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JACK SMITH, a "freshman" representative in the state legislature from the 28th district (Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties) is shown at his desk with his secretary, Carole Rankin of Hermiston.

## Rep. Smith Appointed To Three Committees

Representative Jack Smith of Condon, who has started his first legislative session after being elected to the state legislature from the 28th district in November, has been appointed to three important committees in the House of Representatives.

He is serving as vice chairman of the agriculture committee,

and is a member of the taxation and education committees.

Rep. Smith announced the appointment of Miss Carole Rankin of Hermiston as his secretary for the 52nd legislative assembly.

She is a native of Hermiston, having attended grade and high school there and she attended Pacific Business College in Portland. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rankin, are long-time residents of Hermiston and her grandfather, Harold Rankin, is president of the Umatilla county fair board.

"I am pleased to have a young lady of Carole's poise and ability to assist me in the coming months," Rep. Smith said. "Although we are both 'freshmen,' we are doing our homework and learning the ropes to better serve you."

Rep. Smith, Democrat, defeated Frank Weatherford, incumbent, in the primary election last May and then won over Gaylord Madison, Republican, of Echo for the 28th district seat in the House.

The new representative is the first to serve this district under the apportionment plan that went into effect with this session with the district now embracing the rambling territory of five counties, Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler.

## Local Youth Rally To Feature Free Teen-age Movie

A special film for young people in this area, "Teenage Rock," will be shown at the Heppner Grade school multi-purpose room Saturday night, January 26, at 7:30 p. m. No admission will be charged to see the full-length picture, and added entertainment will be featured after the film by a group of young people from Pendleton, as well as a refreshment and social hour.

The widely-screened teen-age motion picture, "Teenage Rock," was produced in close collaboration with young people from all over the United States, who participated in brainstorming sessions in such cities as Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Grand Rapids. It takes a bold look at the problems confronting today's young people, and clearly defines the answer to be found in the Christian faith.

Centered around the experiences of a high school basketball star, the story traces his frustrations as he tries to find meaning in life apart from spiritual motivation. Across the young athlete's path comes a Japanese exchange student, who tactfully voices his disappointment over complacency of American young people regarding crucial issues in our world. This triggers a chain of events which bring into focus many issues confronting today's educators and youth leaders.

"Teenage Rock" is a companion release to such films as "Goal To Go," "Highest Mountain," "Going Steady," and "Seventeen." These are part of the Youth Films program which supplies motion pictures with a spiritual impact for free showing in high schools throughout the world.

This film is being shown here in conjunction with a youth rally under the auspices of the Bible Baptist church and all teen-age young people are extended a cordial invitation to attend.

## Fire Burns Shed At Hughes Home

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a storage shed behind the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hughes, 360 South Gilmore, last Thursday evening. Lost in the fire were two power mowers, some new tires, toys of the Hughes children, fruit jars, garden tools and other items.

Mrs. Hughes said that she was preparing dinner when daughter, Pamela, noticed flames shooting from the building in the rear and started screaming.

The fire department was called sometime between 6:30 and 7 p. m. and remained on the scene until about 8:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are uncertain as to whether their insurance policy covers the loss but are hopeful that it does.

## IOOF Party Slated

Odd Fellows card party will be Wednesday night, January 30, in the Odd Fellows hall with Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and friends invited. Lunch will be served.

## Ex-High, College Basketball Stars Bill March of Dimes Benefit Jan. 31

Ione and Heppner town basketball teams, boasting ex-high school and college stars, will play the first of benefit games for the March of Dimes in the Heppner High gym on Thursday, January 31, Pete Glennie, special services director for the March of Dimes in the county, announces.

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Nyssa town team before coming to Heppner; and Pete Glennie, 5-8, former varsity guard of Western Montana for two years.

Another feature of the March of Dimes benefit, which is figured to be the first of at least two games to be played, will be contests between Heppner grade school children. Two fifth grade teams will vie in a preliminary to start at 7:15, and two sixth grade teams will compete at half-time of the All-Star game.

Tom Hughes and Don Cole, Pendleton association officials, have donated their officiating services to the cause.

Junior high school students are planning to undertake the ticket sale, and a basketball is being donated by Central Market as a prize for the student who sells the most tickets.

Admission will be 75c for adults, 25c for students and 10c for children.

## Recreation Petitions Circulated

More than 200 registered voters of Heppner have signed petitions asking the city council to propose a city bond issue to voters for construction of a recreation building, Earl Ayres, chairman of a citizens' building committee for the project, said Thursday morning.

The recreation committee was formed late last year with representation from local organizations and Ayres was named to head the building committee. Other members of the building committee are Clint McQuarrie, Fred Gimbel and Clarence Rosewall.

Since that time they have been in consultation with Wesley V. Korman, Pendleton architect, who has prepared preliminary sketches, worked out some tentative cost estimates and prepared a plan for the building that would house a motion picture theater and a bowling alley.

In the meantime the committee has secured options on property owned by Leonard Kummerland that extends to the creek from Chase street behind Hotel Heppner and for an additional lot owned by the Elks lodge.

Ayres said that the figures and plan will be placed before the city council, possibly at a special meeting, for its consideration. He said that the committee is of the opinion that the structure could be built at a reasonable cost to taxpayers to answer the need for recreational facilities here. It is proposed that the structure, after completion, would be leased to a private operator and the rent would be applied against the payments on the bonds.

Ayres and McQuarrie, who have been circulating the petitions, said they have met with an excellent response from the public. They estimated that approximately 90% of those approached have indicated that they were in favor of such a project.

Before the matter is presented to the council, complete estimates will be worked out, including expected costs of construction, costs of equipping the portion to be carried by the bond issue, amount of tax levy that would be required, expected rental from the operator, and other details.

The bond issue cannot be culminated without a vote of the people and all details will be presented prior to the date of any election that the council may call.

Those who have not had opportunity to sign the petitions but who wish to do so will find them at Central Market and Heppner Auto Sales.

The building committee has held several sessions. It had been intended to report back to the general committee, but when others were contacted they indicated that they did not feel this would be necessary, Ayres said, since there was unanimous agreement at the organization meeting that a plan should be worked out for presentation to the council and the building committee was asked to do the job.

## New Police Auto In 2-Car Mishap

The new city police car was damaged to the extent of an estimated \$350 and a late model car driven by Marvin Padberg, 18, of Ione sustained damage estimated at \$375 in a collision at the junction of Riverside avenue and highway 207 at 5 p. m. Sunday.

Tanna Valentine, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Valentine of Heppner, a passenger in the Padberg auto, suffered a dislocated shoulder in the accident and was the only one injured. She was in the Pioneer Memorial hospital until Monday night and remained home from school thereafter through the week. She also sustained a bump on the head.

Officer Pat Mollahan was driving the prowler car north and had stopped on Riverside to enter the highway. Padberg, also traveling north, was on the highway, with other cars following him. As Mollahan entered the highway, the Padberg car hit the police car on the right rear fender. The Ione youth said that he applied the brakes but could not avoid hitting the city car.

The Padberg auto came to rest in the ditch. Uninjured passengers in the car were Linda Sue Valentine, 17, and Kathy Rea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clell Rea of Ione.

## Section Reserved For Season Tickets

A section of seats in the rear of the first floor of the Heppner High gym will be reserved Friday night at the Pilot Rock game for season ticket holders.

Eighty seats will be set aside, which include the last five rows for eight seats in on either side of the center aisle. However, those who wish to use the seats must be present by 8 p. m., the principal said.

## Local Branches Note Growth

### First National Tops Billion Mark, Report Reveals

The Heppner branch of First National Bank of Oregon reported year-end deposits of \$5,833,774 and loans totalling \$3,681,395, according to J. H. Bedford, branch manager.

At the same time he released comparable totals for the branch for December 31, 1961. On that date, deposits were \$5,367,074 and loans were \$2,760,509.

Oregon became the tenth state in the union to claim a banking institution with deposits in excess of a billion dollars when First National Bank of Oregon reported year-end deposits of \$1,002,158,197.

The all-time high deposit figure, a new record high in loans outstanding and net earnings of over six million dollars were reported at the same time by Ralph J. Voss, president.

Voss said First National joined 22 other leading banks in the country in the billion dollar deposit category.

Total deposits for the 90-office system were up 7.5 percent from 1961 year-end figures of \$932,499,010. Loans of \$568,974,500 were reported, which is an increase of 16 percent from a year ago. Total resources of \$1,106,199,295 compared to \$1,029,242,783 in 1961.

Net operating earnings in 1962 were \$6,256,946, down \$498,637 or 7.4 percent, from the figure reported a year ago. Earnings per share were \$3.46 compared with \$3.73 in 1961. The decline in earnings reflected generally higher interest expense and operating costs during the year, Voss said.

## Furniture Store Opening Slated

Grand opening of Case Furniture store, bought recently by Arnie Hedman and Gil Lujan from Gene Case, will be Saturday, January 26, the new owners announce.

A \$64.50 dinette set will be given away as a door prize, together with other prizes. Refreshments will be served to the public throughout the day.

Hedman and Lujan state that they have a complete new stock of furniture on hand and have been rushed during the past week to get it uncrated and on display for the opening.

Mrs. Hubert (Fay) Wilson is on their staff as assistant manager. The opening will begin at 8 a. m. Saturday. Store hours are until 5:30 p. m.

## Cardinals Slate Two Tough Tilts

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Coach Glenn Biehl's Ione High school basketball team face two crucial games this week-end when they play Riverside at Ione Friday night and Weston there Saturday night.

These two opponents hold two of the three defeats recorded against the Cardinals to date in the Morrow-Umatilla B league. The Cards lost to Riverside at Boardman earlier in the season and also dropped their opening contest to Weston at Ione. Athena is the only other team to triumph over the Biehlmen.

Should the Ione five be able to turn the tables on the clubs this week-end, it will put them in the thick of the conference race with undefeated McEwen at the top. Losses, however, would make it difficult for them to finish much above the center of the standings.

The games will open at 6:30 with the jayvee contests.

### Boy, Hurt Year Ago, Sad Because Dog Lost

Little Danny Akers, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Akers of Ione, who was seriously hurt in an accident just a year ago tomorrow (January 25) is a sad little lad these days.

His black cocker spaniel dog, "Black Jack," is missing and has been gone since January 16. The pet was given to him as a gift shortly after the accident last year when a car rolled off a hoist in his father's shop and crushed Danny's abdomen.

Anyone who may have information about the spaniel is asked to call the Akers, 422-7404.

Danny still has to go to the doctor for checkups and treatment periodically as a result of the accident but is progressing very well.

## Planning Council Meets To Discuss County Problems

Mrs. Elaine Esselstyn, executive secretary of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, reported the latest developments of this six-county planning group at a meeting of the Morrow County Planning Council held Thursday evening, January 17. The meeting, sponsored by the Morrow County Extension Service, was an effort to re-activate the Morrow County Planning Council. Nearly 20 Morrow county residents representing all areas of the county braved the winter weather to attend the meeting which was held at the fair annex building in Heppner.

Mrs. Esselstyn stated that the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, through contracts with the Dept. of Planning and Development and EBASCO Services, Inc., had undertaken a study of the six-county region to analyze the major assets and liabilities for attracting new manufacturing industries. "Since last April, when actual work on this study was commenced, we have completed the inventory of physical features of the region, including land use, existing transportation facilities, utilities, and soil classifications," she said. The completed report should be ready by the end of February.

Jean Scheel, assistant director extension service, OSU, discussed the Rural Area Development program for the group. He indicated that the Rural Area Development process could be a useful tool to the county in planning for over-all economic development.

Oliver Creswick, Heppner, as a part of reorganizing the planning council, was elected chairman of the group. Max Jones, Irrigon, was elected vice-chairman and Nels Anderson, county extension agent, was selected as secretary.

In discussion from the floor, Oliver Creswick urged the county planning council to submit a written statement to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers favoring the Willow Creek dam above Heppner. He indicated the hearing held January 14 at the Heppner grade school is required by law to remain open for 30 days so that written statements can be submitted. Gar Swanson, Ione, and Mrs. Andrew Skiles, Irrigon, both indicated a need for more planning and development for parks and recreational areas in the county.

### WEATHER

(Leonard Gilliam, observer)

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Thursday	39	25	.08
Friday	38	06	—
Saturday	23	12	—
Sunday	34	21	—
Monday	54	21	—
Tuesday	44	16	—
Wednesday	34	17	—

Rainfall for the week was .08 of an inch.

### Bank of Eastern Oregon Reports Gain in Deposits

Deposits and earnings of the Bank of Eastern Oregon continued to climb during 1962, it was reported by officers and directors to stockholders at the annual meeting held in Arlington on Wednesday, January 16.

Total deposits of the three offices of the locally-owned bank increased a total of \$1,225,000 to \$4,900,000. Total assets as of December 31, 1962, were \$5,363,000. Of the gross income, which amounted to over \$213,000, some \$180,000 was added to the economy of the area in payment of interest on savings and time deposits, dividends to the stockholders, salaries, taxes, rent, donations, services and supplies.

Gene Pierce, who has served as executive officer of the bank since the retirement of L. C. Buchner of Arlington late last year, was officially elected president and cashier. James F. Green was elected assistant manager of the Arlington office, Marion C. Green was elected assistant cashier and William F. Siewert was elected assistant manager.

Directors reelected for the year were D. L. Lemon, Earl P. Hoag and John W. Krebs, all of Arlington; Arthur A. Allen of Boardman; Garland Swanson of Ione; Howard Bryant and Pierce of Heppner. New directors elected were David Childs and Foster Odum of Arlington, who filled the vacancies created with Buchner's retirement and the resignation of M. L. Brady.

Of the 1500 shares outstanding of the bank stock, 1186 1/2 shares were represented at the meeting in person or by proxy.

The new president of the bank has been with the Bank of Eastern Oregon since 1957 when the Heppner branch was opened. He had previously held a position with the First National Bank for 16 years, but immediately prior to coming to Heppner had been engaged in a grocery and meat business with his brother-in-law in Pendleton.

### Dean Likes Letters, Cards from Friends

Appreciation for the letters and cards that have been received by Dean Lovgren in Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, from his friends has been expressed from him via his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lovgren, who spent the week-end in Portland to see him, together with his father, Vic Lovgren.

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### John Privett Has Surgery Saturday

John Privett, injured in a 2-car accident December 30, had surgery January 12 at Pioneer Memorial hospital to remove a bowel obstruction. The attending physician reports he is in "fair" condition.

John was released from the hospital January 7 and re-admitted January 11 for observation. He will be confined to the hospital for several weeks recuperating from the surgery.