

Death Takes Dewey Britt Here on January 23

Dewey H. Britt, 67, who came west to Oregon from Tennessee in 1908 with his parents, died at his home in Heppner Sunday, January 23, following a long illness.

He had worked as a rancher and sawmill man throughout his life.

Funeral services were Wednesday, January 26, at 2 p.m. in the Methodist church with the Rev. Billie Alsop and the Rev. Darrell Hoskins, pastors of Heppner and Spray Assembly of God churches, officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Britt was born at Doe Valley, Tenn., May 25, 1898, son of John and Nancy Britt. When they came to Oregon in 1908 they settled at Richmond where they lived until 1912. They later moved to a ranch on Alder creek and he attended Ceder school near the ranch.

In his youth, Britt worked on ranches and later with his brother, Walter, who operated a ranch on Indian Creek southwest of Spray for a few years.

On June 24, 1926, he married Maida Beeson in Vancouver, Wn. In 1927, he started work for Kinzua Pine Mills at Kinzua when construction of the mill was started and he was employed there until 1932. He later worked at Reed's Mill before moving to Heppner in 1941 to begin work in the sawmill here,

now owned by Kinzua Corporation. Britt was first edgerman and then fireman through the 20 years he was employed in the Heppner mill, retiring because of ill health.

He attended the Assembly of God church. He was a lover of the great outdoors and enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing. His hunting companions enjoyed his cooking, especially his camp fire bread.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maida Britt; six brothers, Ira Britt of Condon, Clyde Britt of Fossil, Ray, Walter, Claude and Roy Britt, all of Spray; five sisters, Myrtle Baldwin of Lewiston, Idaho, Mrs. Hazel McQuinn of Stanfield, Mrs. Leona Weisse, Mrs. Bernadine Nelson and Mrs. Beulah Tilley, all of Spray; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Receives Degree

Mrs. Beth McLellan, the former Beth Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Warner of Irigoin, is one of 26 seniors who received bachelor's degrees at the Evangel College commencement in Springfield, Mo., January 20. Her degree is in music education. Mrs. McLellan is a graduate of Riverside High school.

Ione to Battle Rockets Friday

Ione High's basketball team, riding a six-game winning streak in league play, faces one of its stiffest mid-season tests Friday night on the Cardinals' maplecourt when the Pilot Rock Rockets come for a return game.

The Rockets, ranked high in the state B-team ratings, defeated Ione early in the season by 20 points on the Pilot Rock floor. Since that time, however, the Cards have been improving with every game. Scoring punch of Mark Halvorsen and Stan Holstein has been supplemented recently by Jay Ball who has found the range in recent games.

After playing the Rockets Friday night, the Cardinals will take the road to Athena Saturday night in a return game with the Scotties whom they defeated at Ione last Saturday.

Ruben Anderson Dies in Portland

Funeral services were Saturday, January 22, at Valby Lutheran church for Ruben Englebert Anderson, 68, who died in Portland Wednesday, January 19.

The Rev. Kenneth Robinson officiated and interment was in Valby cemetery.

He was born February 6, 1897, in the Gooseberry area, son of Andrew and Charlotte Carlson Anderson. With his sister, Emma Anderson, he operated a ranch for years.

Survivors include a brother, Edgar Anderson of The Dalles, and two sisters, Emma Anderson of Hermiston and Mrs. Minnie Reed of Walla Walla.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Reaney Breaks Ribs

In writing to renew his subscription to the Gazette-Times, Lawrence E. Reaney of Vancouver, Wn., reported that he is just out of the hospital after suffering three broken ribs. "I am still under the doctor's care and am thankful to be able to be here," he said. He did not tell how the accident occurred. He asked that best wishes be extended to his Morrow county friends.

Attend Market

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner returned last Thursday after spending several days at Spring Market week in Seattle and enjoying a visit with friends in McMinnville and on the Oregon coast. They said that they saw beautiful new colors in spring clothes as they ordered for the coming seasons for their Gardner's Men's Wear here. They left Seattle Tuesday and spent the next two days with their friends before arriving home.

Senior Citizens Told of Changes In Exemption Law

Persons planning to apply for reduced property taxes under the senior citizens' homestead exemption law are advised by County Assessor Rod Thomson that the 1965 State Legislature made significant changes in the law and that these should be clearly understood before application is made.

One of the most important is the substitution of the term, "household income of the taxpayer," for the former term, "total gross receipts." "Household income" is defined as the total income received by the taxpayer and all other persons included in the household. The old law required only that the gross income of the applicant had to be less than \$2,500 a year.

Under the new law, "income" means the sum of "adjusted gross income," as defined in the state's personal income tax law, plus the gross amount of any otherwise exempt pension (except the taxpayer's contribution to the pension), plus social security payments, plus welfare payments, plus nontaxable interest received from the federal government, and minus gifts or income in kind up to \$300 in value and minus the value of surplus food and other relief in kind given to the taxpayer.

The exemption from taxation is a percentage of the first \$10,000 of true cash value of the taxpayer's homestead at the percentage rates, based on age as found in the prior law (65 to 68, 10%; 69 to 71, 30%; 72 to 74, 50%; 75 to 77, 70%; 78 to 79, 90%; 80 and over, 100%). This reduction in value will mean a proportionate reduction in the total tax which will be shown on the tax statement received next fall.

The new law also provides that an applicant shall file his claim for exemption in duplicate with the county assessor, and that the assessor shall transmit one copy to the State Tax Commission which, after an audit not later than July 31, shall notify the assessor as to any claim where the household income appears too great to permit the exemption.

Almost anyone can be a member of the applicant's household, but the "household income" will be the total income received by all such persons during the preceding calendar year. All applicants are required to bring income records for the 1965 year to the assessor's office, where forms for filing are available.

April 1 continues to be the deadline for filing claims, the assessor said. He emphasized that no exemption can be granted unless the taxpayer files each year. When filing for the first time, an applicant must bring proof of age. Generally, this is anything acceptable for Social Security purposes, such as birth certificates, family rec-

Elks to Attend Mid-winter Meeting

Several from Heppner lodge No. 358, BPOE, will go to Baker for the mid-winter session of the Oregon Elks, starting Thursday.

Among them will be Harlan McCurdy, district deputy, Dr. Wallace Wolf, exalted ruler of the Heppner lodge; Jerry Daggett, esteemed leading knight; and Jack VanWinkle, who is a member of the nominating committee for the state convention.

Wives of most of the Elks attending will accompany them. The event closes Saturday, and members of the Heppner delegation will return that evening or Sunday.

Salem Memorial Set For Mrs. Hofstetter

Special memorial services for Mrs. Dessa Devin Hofstetter have been announced for Saturday, January 29, at 1:30 p.m. in the Woodland Chapel in Salem. Mrs. Hofstetter died January 16 in Nyssa at age 64.

The Rev. Raymond Lilley of Salem will officiate. Mrs. Hofstetter leaves a daughter, Mrs. Edward (Ottilia) Boydell of Nyssa and two grandchildren. Sisters surviving are Mrs. Letha Archer of Heppner, Mrs. M. N. (Altha) Kirk and Mrs. O. M. (Tena) Scott of Hermiston.

Newt O'Harra Enters Pendleton Hospital

Newt O'Harra entered Pendleton Community Hospital for treatment on January 16 and has been there since that time. He had been hospitalized in Pioneer Memorial here for some time following a stroke, but recovered and went home for a week.

He apparently suffered something of a recurrence and so went to the hospital again for treatment. Friends who visited him during the week found him cheerful but still not feeling up to par.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients who were admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week, and are still receiving medical care, are the following: Opal Briggs, Heppner; Mike Davidson, Ione; Tom Davidson, Arlington; Lois A. Hunt, Fossil; and Anna Marie Steagall, Lexington.

Those who were dismissed, after receiving medical care, were Stella O'Meara, Ione; Betty Ledford, Baker; and James Myers, Heppner.

Old, insurance policies, marriage licenses and similar documents. Persons who have filed previously do not need to submit proof again.

Sorority Party Benefits Hospital

Members and invited guests of Beta Omega sorority enjoyed a bingo party January 19 in the Catholic church basement in Ione. A total of \$42.94 was raised to send to the Crippled Children's Hospital school at Eugene.

Each member donated "white elephants" for prizes. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Beverly Doherty and Mrs. Rosetta Palmateer.

Soroptimist International of Heppner has boosted the water softener fund for Pioneer Memorial hospital by \$25, making a total of \$317.24 towards the goal, it was reported.

Adding machine tape, 25c roll, Gazette-Times.

Death Claims Two Relatives of Neill

Death of his sister, Mrs. Al Curtis, in Hartville, Mo., Sunday came as a shock to L. D. (Roy) Neill of Heppner after the Neills had heard the news less than two weeks earlier of the death of Mr. Curtis, brother-in-law of Mr. Neill.

Curtis died January 12 and funeral services were held on January 16. Mrs. Curtis, who was 85, died January 23, and services were to be January 26. The husband died from pneumonia and Mrs. Curtis suffered a stroke that resulted in her death.

Out of three brothers and three sisters in the Neill family, Roy said that only himself and a brother, Dee Neill of Hermiston survive.

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