



Looking North on Main St., Heppner can see banners for the fair and rodeo, perhaps for next year's fair and rodeo, the sign in foreground will be facing the right way.

## Billboards are coming down

"Billboards along Oregon's highways will soon come tumbling down at the rate of about 25 per week," according to Fred Klaboe, state highway engineer and administrator of the Highway Division.

The "action phase" of the Oregon billboard removal program was made possible by the signing of four additional compensation and removal agreements with signboard companies by the Oregon Transportation Commission at its regular meeting held in Salem last week.

The four agreements bring the total to nine separate agreements with Oregon signboard companies. Two other companies will receive compensation by an arbitration agreement.

The 11 outdoor advertising companies own or control more than half of the 2,400 billboards expected to be removed under the program.

The other half are independently owned. Negotiations are underway with the owners, Klaboe said, on an individual basis.

As of today, the Highway Division has secured deeds to 114 of the billboards and their removal will be accomplished by either the owners or state maintenance forces within a short time. Klaboe said that the removal program will proceed as deeds are acquired although he hoped the Division could direct its priority to removal of billboards along Interstate 5 and from designated scenic areas along Oregon's state highways.

Total cost of removing the 2,400 billboards in Oregon is estimated at \$6.5 million with 75 per cent funded by the federal government and 25 per cent from state highway funds.

Concurrent with the removal of Oregon billboards by the

## Four youths arrested

Arrested by the Heppner City Police, on Aug. 16 were Kenneth Wayne Thomason, 19, 395 Gale St., Jolynn Morris, 20, David Schwarzin, 18, 590 Gale St., and O.L. Manning, 17, all of Heppner.

The youths are charged with having liquor in their possession and were to appear Aug. 22 in Municipal Court.

Manning is to appear before the juvenile authorities.

Thomason was also charged with being absent without leave from the U.S. Navy. He was taken by a sheriff's deputy to Boardman, then flown to Seattle by Naval authorities.

Highway Division, the Oregon Travel Information Council has been erecting logo boards near selected interchanges along the interstate system where approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

The logo boards, uniformly designed and neatly constructed, can provide motorists with basic traveling information. Service stations, food service establishments and lodging facilities by payment of established fees may display their "logo" to advertise nearby services to the motoring public.

The council has also been listening to proposals for the construction and operation of information plazas in rest areas adjacent to the freeways and highways. The Council hopes the information plazas, located in centralized areas, will compensate for the information services provided by billboards without detracting from the scenic beauty of the roadsides.

The Travel Information Council is made up of citizens and designated representatives of recreation-oriented and advertising industries. Portland attorney Alfred Hampson is chairman.

## Youth guilty: marijuana

James Matthew Healy, 21, Heppner, pled guilty to a charge of possession of marijuana in Justice Court Tuesday, and was fined \$1,005 (\$500 of which was suspended) and sentenced to four days in jail.

Following recommendations of Assistant District Attorney Dennis Doherty, in which Robert Abrams concurred, that the offense be reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor and that the fine and jail sentence be imposed, Judge Charles O'Connor accepted the compromise and passed the sentence. This was Healy's first offense.

## VISITORS HERE FROM HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bruns and son, Bud, of Ilea, Hawaii, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin at their mountain cabin.

The Bruns like Oregon and are interested in acquiring some ranch property in Oregon or Washington.

From Heppner, they will tour Washington, California and Mexico, returning to Hawaii in September.

## Steagalls cover a lot of ground

Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall of Heppner recently flew back East for a three-week vacation.

Their first stop was New Orleans, La., for a week visit with Mr. Steagall's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Toffey.

In Virginia, they visited with Mrs. Steagall's mother, Mrs. Della Parsons of Jonesville. It had been 17 years since Mrs. Steagall had been home.

One of the highlights was a surprise class reunion planned in honor of Mrs. Steagall. The 28-year reunion was the first for the graduating class of 1945 in St. Charles, Va.

Mrs. Steagall's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons, flew from Beaverton to Virginia to visit his mother while the Steagalls were there. This was Mr. Parsons' first visit there in 14 years. Together they visited aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The Steagalls also visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shoun, and families in Meadowview and Damascus, Va.

Another week was spent in North Carolina visiting with Mrs. Steagall's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parsons, in Hickory.

In Tennessee they saw Mr. Steagall's mother's old home place and family in Mt. City, Tenn., as well as many Tennessee cousins.

Upon their return, Mrs. Steagall's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bohana of Anchorage, Alaska, spent a week with her for the first time in six years.

## Early winners

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Ten seniors entered this contest.

Junior showmanship champion is Nancy Miller, Lexington, and junior reserve champion is Maureen Healy, Heppner. There were 12 entered in this contest.

Intermediate showmanship champion is Mary Ann Proctor, Irrigon, Janice Healy, Pine City won reserve champion. There were 17 entered.

Krynn Robinson won champion in the colt class. Laurel Morgan, Irrigon, is champion small fry showman. Four were entered.

## Ruth Petteys Cossmann dies in Los Angeles

Word has been received of the death of Ruth Petteys Cossmann of Los Angeles, Aug. 16.

Ruth Petteys was born June 16, 1898 to Amanual and Katherine Petteys at Ione. She was married to James Cossman in 1917.

She is survived by a son, James Cossman, North Hollywood, Ca.; two daughters, Margaret Blakely, Los Angeles, and Edith Mae Welling, Palmdale, Ca.; a sister, Edith Nicholson of Ione; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Los Angeles, beside her husband, who died in 1958.

## Effie Munkers dies

Effie Leona Munkers, 89, died at her Heppner home Sunday, Aug. 19.

She was born July 17, 1884 at Kensington, Kan., and was a resident of the community for 77 years.

Mrs. Munkers was a member of the United Methodist Church.

In 1915, she was married to James Morgan, who preceded her in death in 1942. She married Harry Munkers in 1947 and he died in 1966.

Survivors are two stepsons, Riley and Don Munkers, both of Heppner; a nephew, Earl Ayers of Milton-Freewater;

six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the Sweeney Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Edwin Cutting officiating. Vault interment was at Heppner Masonic Cemetery, Sweeney Mortuary was in care of the arrangements.

Casketbearers were Elway Hughes, Kenneth Keeling, Fred Gordon, Jerry Brosnan, Jack Healy and Ebb Hughes. Contributions may be made to the Heart Fund.

## VISITORS HERE FROM MICHIGAN

Fred William Mankin and friend, Bill Gilbert of Troy, Mich., arrived Aug. 20 to see his father, Fred Mankin, who is hospitalized at Pioneer Memorial and able to have visitors.

While in Heppner, Mankin and Gilbert are staying with Mankin's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bunch, at their ranch.

## Fine levied in theft case

Larry Dean Bourrie, 18, Boardman, pled guilty to second degree theft in Judge Charles O'Connor's court Tuesday.

He was fined \$255 and sentenced to 45 days in the county jail (later suspended). Bourrie had been charged with theft of gasoline from the Desert Magic Inn at Boardman. He was taken into custody by Sheriff's Officer Jack Campbell, Aug. 20.



## Tussock moth petition ready for signing

Citizens concerned about the damage by the tussock moth to forests of Eastern Oregon may sign petitions to the Environmental Protection Agency at the following locations: Gazette-Times, Heppner Laundromat and Soroptimist Holiday House at the Fair.

The petitions, which are obtained from Pendleton Radio Station KUMA, state:

"Whereas the devastation being caused by the tussock moth over the forests of Eastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington is now becoming a disaster of major proportions, and: WHEREAS the damage being caused not only constitutes an economic loss, a fire hazard of catastrophic potential, and a new imminent health hazard, and: WHEREAS the use of Zectran and other new chemicals has not proven effective, and: WHEREAS the natural virus has not proven effective, and: WHEREAS, there is only one known effective pesticide suited for the control of this insect, now, therefore, be it resolved:

"That the signatures on this petition represent concerned citizens asking the EPA to reverse its previous stand and now allow the use of DDT in a controlled fashion in order to eradicate this insect and stop further devastation of our valuable forests upon which we depend for our livelihood, our recreation, our water supply, and safety."

In Portland this week, EPA officials are standing firm against the use of DDT. "All of the indications here are that our people aren't going to be scared into a decision based on unsubstantiated facts," an agency spokesman said.

Two-thirds of the moth infestation is in Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington. The Forest Service has spent \$400,000 this summer in a fruitless attempt to destroy the moth by means other than DDT.

Lincoln Nash had major surgery at St. Anthony's on July 31 and returned to Heppner Aug. 17.

# TWO BIG RODEO DANCES



DANCE EACH NIGHT  
FRIDAY and SATURDAY  
AUGUST 24-25

Morrow County Fair Pavilion  
Heppner, Oregon

MUSIC BOTH NIGHTS BY:  
THE MUDDY CREEKERS  
Redmond, Ore.  
\$2<sup>50</sup> per person



OREGON STATE FAIR  
AUG. 25 thru SEPT. 3 / Salem  
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Old-Time Dance At  
HARDMAN  
Saturday Nite, Sept. 1



GROUND RULES  
• Starts a 9 p.m., ends when you fall down.  
• No guns worn on the dance floor.  
• Only them who can hold their likker can bring same.  
• No fightin' and no kickin' in the clinches.



Will be open to serve food after 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Nights, too

The boys around here will be pulling for Dick Gorham, Kinzua Corporation, in the rodeo bull riding event. He has never ridden a bull before, and he needs all the help he can get!