

Blanche Brown ending 17 years as librarian

For the past 17 years Mrs. Blanche Brown has presided over and "mothered" the Heppner City Library.

And, with a twinkle in her eye and a friendly smile, she has checked out an estimated 20,000 books for the pleasure and information of local residents.

She will be leaving the post she has grown to love on Oct. 31.

Mrs. Brown began her library career in 1956 when she was assistant librarian of the Heppner Community Library.

This library was located in the fire meeting room next to the City Hall. It was owned by members of the community who supported the library with donations of money and books. The community library association appointed Mrs. Brown librarian in 1957 and paid her \$800 a year for her duties.

"At that time, most of the books at the library were gifts, donations or memorials," she commented.

In April, 1960 the community library was moved to the Heppner Museum building.

"Through the years the library grew with increasing gifts, books and support from the community and the state library association," stated the librarian.

The city of Heppner took over the community library in 1970 and Mrs. Brown and the library were placed on a yearly budget.

Mrs. Brown's love for books didn't start when she became librarian. It started more than 72 years ago when she first learned to read. Her family moved to Heppner in

1904 and she continued to read every book she could find. She married, and she and her husband homesteaded along Butter Creek. Illness in the family forced the Browns to move to town, where Mr. Brown died in 1940.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Brown became increasingly interested in reading. Her devotion to, and love for books prompted her to apply for the librarian job in 1957.

The librarian has added more than 4,000 new books to the library and has increased the circulation each year.

"In 1963, the circulation rate was more than 10,000 books and I checked out more than 900 books alone in one month," Mrs. Brown recalls.

The library has also added new features, such as the magazine stand, new reference table, a card file and several book stands.

"An added feature of the library is the collection of paperback books," explained Mrs. Brown. More than 1,000 of these books have been donated to the library.

Mrs. Brown also established a book committee to help secure new books. This committee meets throughout the year and selects books for the library. These members are Dick Schlichting, Bob Jones, Lucy Peterson, Florence Green, Helen Currin and Marion Abrams.

"These people choose books for all age groups and interests in Heppner," Mrs. Brown said.

As of Oct. 31 Mrs. Blanche Brown's job will terminate, but her love for books will not.

She plans to keep on reading and to continue encouraging others to read.

Local bank loans exceed deposits

First National Bank of Oregon reported increases in deposits, loans and earnings for nine months ending Sept. 30 compared with 1972's first three quarters.

Deposits increased 8.7 per cent to \$2,148,481.089 on Sept. 30 compared with \$1,976,045, 981 recorded at the end of the third quarter of 1972. Loans at First National's 135 statewide offices rose to \$1,325,647,037, up 7.7 per cent from the \$1,230,457,688 tallied on the same date in 1972. Resources were \$2,585,161,543, up from \$2,335,485,430 last year.

Income before securities transactions for nine months amounted to \$13,247,156, or \$2.48 per share, up 28 per cent from \$10,351,883 or \$1.95 per share, compared with 1972. Net income was \$12,961,407, or \$2.44 per share.

Chairman Ralph J. Voss said the good showing in earnings was a combination of several things—heavy loan

demand, increased occupancy of the tenant space in First National Tower and the absence of the moving costs which had an adverse effect on earnings at this time last year.

He indicated the First National Center space is 86 per cent taken and occupancy level is expanding every month, materially aiding bank profits.

The Heppner branch reported deposits of \$8,463,753 and loans of \$8,525,765 as of Sept. 30. Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$7,800,203 in deposits and \$6,283,170 in loans.

Heards off to Russia

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heard are in Montreal, Canada, today on the first leg of a flight to Moscow and Leningrad.

The former Gazette-Times owners left Heppner Saturday. They will leave Kennedy International Airport, New York, Sunday for Moscow, where they will remain until Oct. 17. They will spend Oct. 17-23 in Leningrad, return to New York on Oct. 23, after which they will visit their son, Don Heard, in Huntsville, Ala., before returning to Heppner, Oct. 31.

They are on a tour sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women.



Cry your eyes out, deer hunters! This picture, taken in 1925, shows a dozen deer taken around Hunter's Camp in the Heppner area. Each weighed more than 200 pounds. The two largest weighed 237 and 236 pounds. The hunters, left to right, are: Harley Matteson, Lyle Matteson, Lawrence Matteson, Eldon Cave, Loreo Matteson, Ed Bennett and Austin Devins.—Picture courtesy Mrs. Lyle Matteson.

Hearing on nuclear site at Boardman

On Oct. 20 the Atomic Energy Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will conduct a preliminary site review of the proposed Boardman nuclear plant in Boardman.

Portland General Electric Co. proposes construction of the plant near Carty Reservoir, adjacent to the Boardman Bombing Range.

The session will be held at Riverside High School, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., and is open to the public. The committee will hear presentations by PGE and the AEC's regulatory staff.

Persons may submit either written statements or indicate

they wish to make oral ones. However, they are required to submit 25 copies of their written statement to the AEC in Washington no later than Oct. 12. Oral statements maybe made, but such requests must accompany the written statement. Any comments must be based upon the document entitled "The Evaluation of Aircraft Hazards at the Boardman Nuclear Plant Site." No questions unrelated to the aircraft aspects of the proposed nuclear plant will be considered.

Questions at the session will be asked by members of the committee and its consultants only.

New office opens here

Pete Meyers, John Day real estate broker, plans to open an office in Heppner about Oct. 15.

He has leased the building next to Heppner Cleaners and is remodeling it. He is also looking for a home to buy or lease.

Meyers plans to deal in homes, farms, ranches, acreage and commercial properties. "I feel that Heppner is on the verge of tremendous growth," he said, "and I want in on the ground floor."

Meyers has an office in John Day, the Grant County Realty, which he has operated for the past five years. He is a former member of the city planning commission at John Day.

He would also like to employ two real estate salesmen, preferably from this area.

Japan exchange open to 4-H

All 4-H members ages 12-18 are eligible to apply to participate in the cultural exchange coordination by the Labo Foundation of Japan and the Oregon Extension Service, according to Birdine Tullis, Extension program assistant.

The exchange next summer is approximately four weeks long beginning the latter part of July. It will include three weeks stay with a Japanese host family, plus about 10 days group activities in Japan.

All expenses must be paid by exchangee. The approximate cost of the trip will be

\$725, which includes round trip air fare.

There will be one responsible adult for each 10 exchangees.

Morrow County families hosted Japanese teenagers this summer. Several 4-H members have indicated interest in traveling to Japan to complete the exchange.

Applications are available at the Extension Office, Heppner, Box 397, or by calling 676-9642.

Applications are due in the Extension Office by Oct. 26.

Last rites Tuesday for Ethel M. Adams

Funeral services were held here Tuesday for Mrs. Floyd N. Adams, 73, of Lake Oswego, who died Oct. 7 in Portland.

Mrs. Adams once taught school in Hardman, until her marriage to Floyd N. Adams, Sept. 6, 1921, in Portland.

They operated a 5,000-acre ranch, an original homestead filed by Mr. Adams' father at what was then the town of Yellow Dog. Rock Creek ran through the center of the ranch, and in early days the ranch barn was used both as a livery stable and a stagecoach stop. Mr. Adams died April 15, 1943 in Hardman, and Mrs. Adams taught elementary school in Heppner for two years before moving to Lake Oswego in 1959. She lived several years on Baltimore Street in Heppner.

Mrs. Adams was a member of the Heppner Soroptimist Club, American Legion Auxiliary and an active member of the Episcopal Church.

She was born Ethel May Clark in Duluth, Minn., in May, 1900, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Clark Sr.

SON BORN TO THE MICHAEL HOWELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Howell of Heppner are the parents of a son, Shawn Michael, born Oct. 1 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

He joins a sister, Kristin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howell, Fruitland, Ida., and Mr. and Mrs. Buel Clement, New Plymouth, Ida.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Howell, Caldwell, Ida., and Mr. and Mrs. Holden Clement, Council, Ida.

UNUSUAL MOVIE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"Maranatha," hailed as an outstanding Christian film, will be shown Sunday evening, Oct. 14, 7:30 o'clock, at the Heppner Christian Church.

The production is billed as "A film about Jesus people produced by Jesus people." It includes the testimony of a former drug addict as to how God had touched his soul. The public is invited to see this motion picture.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reo J. Russell Sr., Lexington, were his son, Wendell Russell, and Johnnie Triplett, both of Portland. They did some hunting, with-out success.

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New law says gun, lights do not mix

Oregon State Police are urging all hunters to make a special effort to acquaint themselves with changes and additions to the Fish and Game Code enacted by the 1973 Legislature.

Bill 2359. This new law makes it unlawful to cast an artificial light either from a motor vehicle or from within 500 feet of a motor vehicle upon any game, mammal or livestock when a person has in his possession a weapon capable of killing the animal.

Hazel Hamlin returned to Heppner Oct. 3 after undergoing surgery at Pendleton Community Hospital. She was hospitalized for 10 days. Mrs. R.S. Herlinger, Bend, stayed with her mother-in-law for several days to aid Mrs. Hamlin during her convalescence.

Jake, Dave, and John Haynes of Molalla were weekend hunting guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray.

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