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Oregon's oldest twins celebrated their 88th birthday, Feb. 5, Heppner. Mary Bailey and her sister Maggie Reynolds were born Feb. 5, 1888 in Waushara County, WI.

In 1906 Maggie and Mary along with their brothers, sisters and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock boarded the Great Northern Railroad train for the Silverton area.

Maggie married Tom Reynolds and settled in the Molalla area. They raised five sons, Herbert, Ephrata, WA; Bob, Anderson, CA; Charles, Oregon City, OR; Tom, Grants Pass, OR; Dick, Seattle, WA; and three daughters, Elsie Freil, Astoria, OR; Kate Stenfors, Portland, OR; and Margaret Raymond, Champog. Bob Reynolds carried on the tradition of twins when his wife gave birth to two sets of twins in one year. The first set of twins were born in January and the second set were born

on Thanksgiving Day. Maggie is now living with her niece, Ethel Bowers, Gleneden Beach, OR. She suffered a stroke a few years ago and is presently confined to a wheel chair.

Mary, the youngest of the twins (by 25 minutes), married N.D. Bailey, who was a carpenter by trade, working in the Silverton area. They raised 11 children, Arlo, Scappoose; Harold, Kelso; Nelson, West Linn; Francis, Tigard; Earl, Ukiah, CA; Albert, Redmond; Margaret Stott, Olympia, WA; Elizabeth Johnson, Prineville; Ethel Bowers, Gleneden Beach; Dora Parsons, King City; and Maude Hughes, Heppner, OR.

In 1925 Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were told Eastern Oregon wheat farmers needed trucks to haul their sacked wheat. N.D. sold their car and purchased a truck to haul wheat during the summer. One day

he appeared at the warehouse wearing overalls and was asked if he knew anything about construction, especially building. His true trade was soon discovered and he was kept busy during the entire season. The following year he moved his family to Heppner.

After N.D.'s death about 10 years ago, Mary has managed to keep busy with her church work for the United Methodist Church.

She has been installed as Noble Grand in the San Souci Lodge for the past two years.

During her spare time she makes quilts. To date she has made over 50 quilts, including both crib and regular size.

Mary said, "I have over 100 living descendants." She has 28 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Oregon's oldest twins have one living brother, Will Sherlock, San Padiow, CA; and three sisters, Fern Hodges, Grants Pass; Vilva Husbands, Portland; and Mabel Halveron, Longview, WA. Mabel celebrated her 92 birthday Feb. 8.

Maude Hughes, Ethel Bowers, Margaret Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson were at Mary's home to help with the celebration. They also received many phone calls from well wishers and many of the neighbors stopped in to wish the twins many happy returns of the day.

LOCAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

An Oregon Department of Revenue representative will be in Heppner Thursday, Feb. 26 to assist local government officials and members of the public responsible for preparing budgets for district operations.

Information about new legislation governing preparation of these budgets as well as suggestions to make the budget preparation process easier and the finished budget more understandable will be on the agenda.

Dwight Butt of the revenue department's local budget staff will conduct the workshop starting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday in the Courtroom, Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

The public is invited.

Police have busy weekend

Heppner City Police had a busy weekend as did other law officers in the county.

Arrested was Roger Louis Givens, LaGrande and charged with criminal activities in drugs. He is presently free on \$5,000 bail, however, he is to appear before the grand jury.

Gary Givens, Gregory Hovis and Robert Stuevoss pled guilty in justice court to charges of criminal activities in drugs, smoking marijuana with less than one ounce in their possession. They were each fined \$100 and released to the custody of their parents.

Four juveniles were arrested by Heppner Police and charged with minors in possession of alcoholic beverages. They are scheduled to appear in juvenile court.

Arrested Sunday morning was Robert Lee Schuman, Heppner. He was charged with harassment of a police officer. He appeared in justice court and was fined \$250.

Later Justice of the Peace Dee Gribble suspended \$200 of his fine with the stipulation he attend sessions at the Mental Health Clinic.

Delbert McLachlan, Heppner was arrested and charged with furnishing liquor to minors. He pleaded guilty in

justice court and was fined \$100.

Marvin Felix Patrick, Pendleton, was arrested by City Police and charged with hit and run and driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He pleaded guilty in justice court Tuesday and was fined a total of \$460. Justice of the Peace Dee Gribble revoked his drivers license as he refused to submit to a breathalyzer test. Judge Gribble issued Patrick a temporary license to drive his vehicle to Pendleton.

Burt Jones and George Arnold Partick were arrested by City Police and charged with disorderly conduct. They both pled guilty in justice court and were each fined \$27.

Rebecca Flowerdew, Echo, was charged with tampering with drug records. According to reports she tried to have a prescription filled containing a high amount of morphine. The druggist became suspicious and called the physician in Pendleton for verification and the doctor denied issuing the prescription.

She appeared in justice court and is free on her own recognizance. She is scheduled to appear before the grand jury.

Weatherford files for county judge

Monday, Feb. 9, W.W. "Bill" Weatherford, Heppner, filed for the position of Morrow County Judge. Like the incumbent, he is a Democrat. He gave the Gazette-Times this statement:

"Although I was born in Gilliam County, I have been pleased to live in this county for over 30 years. It has been good to me and my family. I am proud of the friends I have here."

"My training includes careful family instruction in wheat and livestock ranching. After grade school in Arlington, I went to high school in Marshfield, WI, where my brother Marion was teaching. I went on to Oregon State where I studied pre-law, but dropped out during the great depression. I also read law for some time under Circuit Judge Parker, but needed to be earning, turned to construction work and vocational teaching until after World War II, during which time I worked and taught for the Kaiser Shipbuilding Corp. Then I settled in Morrow County. Later I took several fine short courses at Washington State University.

"I have run for the judgeship, chairman of the county court before and came quite close six years ago. I feel I owe it to the people who supported me then and to myself to run now when I feel certain that I can be of good service to my county in this period of development.

"President Harry Truman, whom I admire, said, "The buck stops here." I feel in the county the buck stops at the desk of the chairman of the county court. I intend to see that citizens questions are answered and their wishes carefully considered."

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Some of the losses are concerned with meter testing programs. Other factors were new distribution line improvements, additional capacitors, larger transformer capacities, large substation capacities, additional substation locations, load balancing and other factors.

The standard system loss for rural electric systems at the 1972 usage level was 8.75 per cent and it was 8.5 per cent for the usage of 1975. The Columbia Basin Electric line loss percentage rate was nearly 25 per cent less than the national norm.

The Morrow County School Board will hold its regular February board meeting Monday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Heppner Elementary School.

The districts architect, Mr. Bob Smith, will be present to discuss the building program of the district.

The board is expected to consider calling for bids for the construction of classrooms and shops and improvements which were provided for in the September bond issue.

In other matters, the board will consider changes in the free and reduced price lunch schedule of the district, additional fire protection for school buildings and a plan for the rental of school district owned musical instruments.

A request for purchase of district owned property will also be discussed.

Following the business session, an executive session will be held for the purpose of reviewing contracts for certificated personnel.

Heppner critical areas project to begin soon

Bob Adelman, Soil Conservation Service was the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce, Monday.

Adelman spoke of the Heppner Critical Area Treatment Project which provides for land stabilization and sediment control for the local areas. The entire project covers 106 square miles and includes major drainage of Willow, Hinton and Balm Fork Creeks. The project is divided into five phases with the first phase of the project expected to start this spring. The first four phases of the project consist of diversion ditches and silt dams with the final phase of the project aimed at the stabilization of the channels.

The initial phase of the project consists of 324,000 square feet of diversion ditches and 89 erosion control dams. It covers an area of 36 square miles and includes 16 landowners.

Cost sharing assistance is provided at the rate of 75 per cent by the Columbia Blue Mountain RC & D Project, 10 per cent by the Heppner Water Control District and the landowners paying the remaining 15 per cent.

Prior to his speech Adelman showed the members slides of the major changes now taking place within the state to prevent soil erosion.

All life depends on free flowing water combined with the proper treatment of today's water sheds as an insurance of the future. The water cycle has no beginning or end as the rain and snow are evaporated to fall again. The amount of snow helps the farmer and cattleman and during the runoff the remaining water finds its way into creeks, streams and rivers.

With the constant building there is more need for controlled planning and evaluation as the land needs protection from erosion and floods. Presently the range land and the forests are needed to produce materials for the expansion program. Although water seems over abundant, it is not. A cloud burst in Central Oregon released one and one-half inches of rain within a 10 minute



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period. This amount of water carried great amounts of soil to the various creeks robbing the land of the precious soil.

In the Shobe Canyon area, farmers have been working endlessly toward alleviating this problem.

In some portions of Eastern Oregon the range land was in bad shape and the farmers working with the Bureau of Land Management revegetated the land. This work was started in 1962 and is still continuing today.

While Oregon produces enough timber to build thousands of homes annually the logging methods used are of vital concern to the government. In some cases horse logging is required to protect the soil and reduce logging erosion. A federal law states

that once timber is removed from the forests, reforestation must be initiated within three years. Genetics is also being studied in an effort to produce faster growing trees.

Any soil loss is detrimental to the farmers, however, now a new burden may soon be facing the farmers in the way of federal and state regulations affecting sedimentation. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act has given the Environmental Protection Agency the responsibility of providing guidance to states for sedimentation control and meeting water quality control standards. If this happens the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District could play an important role between state and local agencies.

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Babe Ruth team

A meeting to discuss the formation of a Babe Ruth team will be held at Beecher's Cafe, Ione, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.

Parents of interested youngsters wishing to play on the team are asked to attend the meeting. A representative from Hermiston will be present to answer questions regarding the rules and regulations and membership.

Any person wishing to coach, manage or sponsor the team is also asked to attend.

Fair theme chosen

The theme for this year's Morrow County Fair and Rodeo was chosen by the Fair Committee at their regular meeting at Boardman, Feb. 4. There were 25 entries submitted. The committee was very happy to have so many participants.

The winning entry "We've Come a Long Way" was submitted by Gladys Van Winkle, Lexington. This theme will be used throughout the fair, rodeo, parade and decorations.

Work is being done on the premium books this month. Most of the judges have been selected.

Newly appointed Fair Board members are Mrs. Sullivan, Boardman and Phyllis Piper, Lexington. One more new member is yet to be appointed.

The Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce appointed Jim Wishart as the new parade chairman.

12 motor carriers fined by PUC

Twelve motor carriers have been assessed penalties totaling \$1,575 by Oregon Public Commissioner Charles Davis, for operating in Oregon without proper authority.

The fines announced by Commissioner Davis are:

R. Stadel and Sons, Inc., Silverton, \$25 for one violation; Big "K" Excavating, Eastside, \$100 for ten violations; Deschutes Valley Farms, Inc., Culver, \$100 for ten violations; William E. Walsh, Portland, \$400 for thirteen

violations; Ernest Jorgensen, Irrigon, \$50 for three violations; Scharf Brothers, Amity, \$25 for two violations; Ronald Oertwich, Gresham, \$100 for ten violations; James M. Hagar, Heppner, \$25 for one violation; Robert G. Blair, Klamath Falls, \$500 for 74 violations; Wesley John Chamberlain, Springfield, \$100 for eight violations; Myrick, Inc., Estacada, \$100 for fifteen violations; and Go Lines Inc., Reno, NV, \$50 for eight violations.



Broken fence along Butter Creek.