

Hugh Noble — from saddle leather to shoe leather

Hugh Noble's cowboy boots, at first glance, may not look too much different from any other pair in Heppner but they are unique—he made them himself.

Noble set up a small shoe repair business in Dean's Second Hand Store in January and has been quietly plying his trade there ever since. He doesn't offer custom made boots such as he makes for himself and his family, though.

"It's too hard to compete with the shoe stores," he said, estimating that the hand-crafted boots would cost about \$150 with the labor and materials involved.

A former 'buckaroo' on ranches all over Eastern Oregon, Noble learned the boot making and shoe repairing trade six years ago in Lakeview from his late brother Charles. He decided to take up the leather craft after a tumble with a horse left him with a broken back.

Hugh Noble taps on a new sole.

Noble lived in Paisley for about five years before coming here, running a tavern and working on the PX ranch. A leg injury laid him up, and he decided to settle in Heppner after visiting relatives here. "I like the people and it's not near as cold in the winter as in that Lakeview country," Noble explained.

Noble, tapping away at a new sole on an old boot, said he could repair any kind of shoe "if it's not too far gone."



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Don and Chris Springer are the parents of a girl born March 5 at the Hood River Hospital. The baby who weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces at birth has been named Katrina Dawn. She is the Springers' first child.

Grandparents are Mrs. Iris Morley, Kinzua, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Springer of Hood River. Great-grandparents are Nelson Harper, Avondale, Penn. D.J. Morley, Shadyvalley, Tenn.; Mrs. Springer, Hood River; and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg, Heppner.

Raymond and Deena Reid and daughters went to Hermiton Friday night to visit

with the Pete Peterson family. Saturday Ray and Deena joined Shirley Peterson, Mark

Peterson and Sam Huston in a trip to LaGrande where the two boys competed in the Free Style Wrestling Qualifications. Mark placed second in his weight class, making him eligible to compete in the state meet.

Iris Morley was in Hood River Wednesday to welcome her daughter and granddaughter home from the hospital. Iris was back home in Kinzua Sunday evening complete with pictures of the chubby, dark-haired baby.

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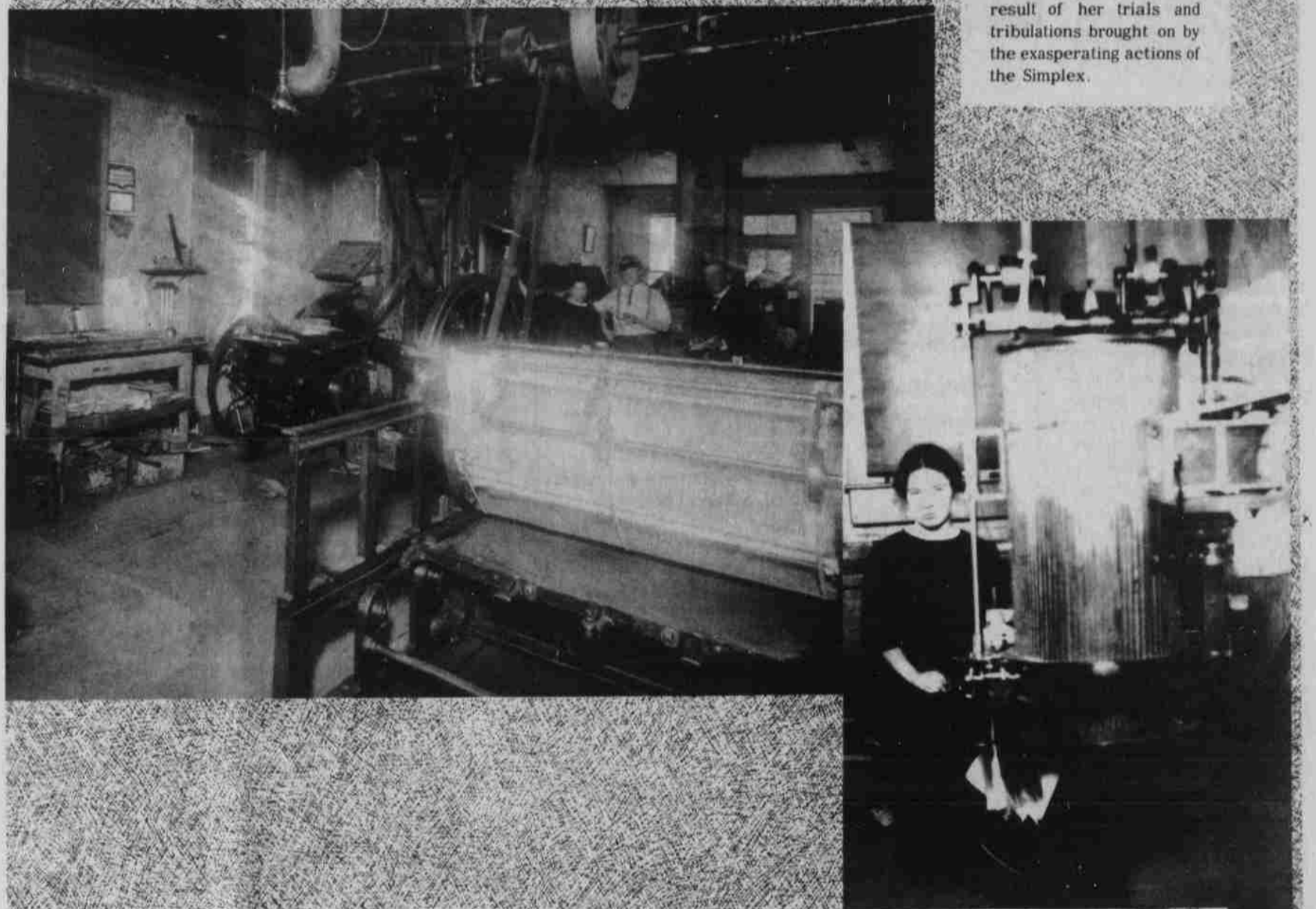
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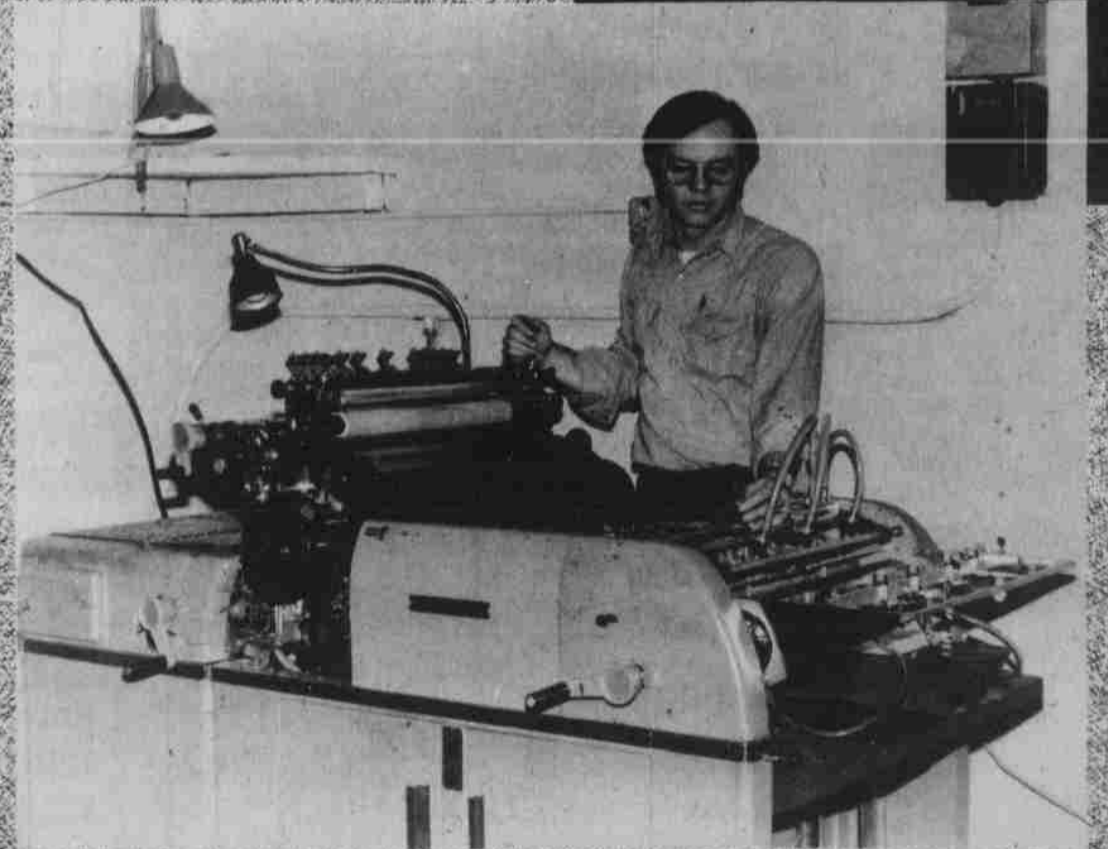
When the two pictures below were taken in 1912, shortly after the consolidation of the Heppner Gazette and the Heppner Times, we had been printing and publishing for 29 years. In the top photo, Vawter Crawford and his son, Spencer, and daughter, Janet, pose behind the veteran Campbell press. In the photo to the right, Janet (Mrs. LeRoy Jones) poses with the firm's Simplex Typesetting machine. While considered innovative at the

time, it's said that Janet's somber expression was the result of her trials and tribulations brought on by the exasperating actions of the Simplex.



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