

## Farm-City Banquet awards are given

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Following Isley's dinner talk, awards were presented to Charlie Daly, Cattleman of the Year; Kenneth Smouse, Conservation Man of the Year; Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. O'Donnell, for business improvement; Wesley J. "Bud" Englert, for business improvement.

The O'Donnells constructed a new building on Main Street in Heppner this past year for their business, Morrow County Abstract & Title Company. The new building—located next to the Bank of Eastern Oregon—also houses

the law firm of Abrams, Kuhn & Spicer.

Englert built a high pressure, covered car wash early this year on Lynden

Way—next to Green Feed & Seed. The Heppner man also owns and operates Black Mt. Repair and is part owner in Heppner Family Savings—a

new grocery store located on Main Street.

The door prize—two pear-shaped rubies donated by Peterson's Jewelers—was won by Dr. and Mrs. Lee Hazen.

## Irrigon men charged in gunrunning scheme

Raymond Sowell, 43, a former Irrigon police officer, and Rodney Collins, 43, owner of C & H Market and an Irrigon city council member were arrested last week at the Portland-Hillsboro Airport, where they were allegedly attempting to illegally export a plane-load of arms and ammunition to Mexico.

Customs agents and personnel from the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms conducted an intensive investigation that led to the arrests.

A total of 131 firearms, ranging from pistols to M-15 automatic rifles, plus 20,000 rounds of ammunition were seized during the arrests, federal authorities said.

Sowell managed the sporting goods section of Collins' C & H Market, and was an unsuccessful candidate for a seat on Irrigon's city council during the November election. Collins had served on the city council for the past two years, but recently moved outside the city limits, forcing him to relinquish his position.

Sowell, who served as Irrigon's police officer before being replaced by a CETA-paid employee, reportedly has been serving as acting police officer for the town when the CETA-funded officer was found ineligible to receive the federal funding. Sowell reportedly did not make patrols, but responded to requests and complaints by citizens.



**The Gazette-Times camera caught a thoughtful Ryan Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller of Heppner, mailing his Christmas wish list to Santa. Special mail boxes have been set in place at the Heppner, Lexington and Ione post offices for letters going to Santa by the Lions Club of Heppner. If youngsters include their name and phone number--Santa will give them a call Monday or Tuesday Dec. 18-19 in the evening hours. The Santa Hot Line is sponsored by the Lions Club.**

## VIEWPOINT LETTERS

### Krebs declares amnesty


Editor:

All is forgiven.

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Glen Krebs

I even have trouble spelling my name sometimes.



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## Sifting through the TIMES



The Spanish influenza epidemic, thought to be on the decline in Morrow County, flared up with a vengeance this week 60 years ago.

As a result, Heppner City Council ordered all public meetings canceled to check the spreading of the disease—which then had a relatively high mortality rate.

The Council had intended to order all church services closed, at the urging of Dr. N.E. Winnard, city physician, but Father P.J. O'Rourke convinced the city fathers to allow regular worship hours to continue.

Willie Whitney, who recently arrived from Ireland to work at the Hinton Creek ranch of John Kilkenny, died of the disease during this week in 1918. Kilkenny had also contracted the flu, and was suffering through its symptoms with hundreds of other unlucky county residents, including Sheriff McDuffig and John Sheridan of Heppner; the Percy Hughes, W.E. Straight, and Wasco Vincent families of Lena, and Skinner Creek sheepman Jerm O'Connor.

"Charley Barlow of Heppner met with a little excitement Sunday afternoon," the Gazette-Times reported 50 years ago this week, "when his car turned turtle with him. The accident happened near the grandstand at the rodeo grounds, and the car went over as Charley attempted to pass another machine on the highway and was forced onto the soft shoulder. Mr. Barlow escaped injury."

During the same week in 1928, R.W. Turner of Heppner was fulfilling a long-time ambition—making a tour of the Holy Land.

Stops on Turner's pilgrimage included New York, Gibraltar, Algiers, Nice, Monte Carlo, Athens, Constantinople, Alexandria and Jerusalem. The tour lasted three months.

Twenty-five years ago this week, Jeff Carter, manager of the Heppner J.C. Penney Store, was named new president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

During the same week in 1953, Mrs. Lee Scrivner of Heppner won \$500 in a promotional contest held by the Portland Oregonian.

Thirty years ago this week, Kinzua's basketball and volleyball teams had a hard time making the journey home from a successful road trip to Mount Vernon.

After beating Mount Vernon 48-24 in basketball and 21-25 in volleyball, the teams were heading back along the John Day Valley when a cloudburst struck.

The highway washed out about five miles from Spray. Several carloads of Kinzua fans and parents doubled back to Heppner and returned by way of Rhea Creek and Condon, finally making it home by 7 a.m. Others simply spent the night in Spray.

Ten years ago this week, Heppner City Council met in special session to present retiring Mayor W.C. Rosewall with an engraved gavel and to give thanks for Rosewall's 13 years of service as the city's chief executive.

Rosewall was active in efforts to improve the city's sewer and water systems, to create a city park, build a new swimming pool, and build a new fire hall. He was replaced as mayor by Bill Collins. Current Mayor Jerry Sweeney was a councilman at the time.

During the same week in 1968, Heppner attorney Herman Winter was elected a director of the Oregon District Attorneys Association.

While Winter was in Portland convening with other officials in the state organization, Orville Cutsforth was nursing a bruised and swollen jaw received when a falling tree nicked him while cutting timber at Penland Prairie—soon to become Penland Lake.

## OBITUARIES

### Carl F. Bergstrom

Carl F. Bergstrom, 86, Ione, died in Heppner, Friday, Dec. 8.

He was born Oct. 14, 1892, at Gooseberry, south of Ione, the son of Erik and Carrie Olson Bergstrom. Morrow County pioneers. He attended Gooseberry grade school, Heppner High School and the Benke-Walker School of Business in Portland.

A well known wheat and cattle farmer in the Gooseberry area, Mr. Bergstrom was an ardent fisherman, hunter and sports enthusiast. He was a member of Rhea Creek Grange, Ione Masonic Lodge AF & AM, the Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358, the Oregon Cattleman's Association and a lifetime member of the Oregon Wheat League and Valby Lutheran Church.

His wife, Esther Anderson Bergstrom preceded him in death in 1966, as did one son in 1926.

Funeral services were held

Monday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m. at Valby Lutheran Church, with the Rev. John Maas officiating. Carl and Betty Marquardt sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Beautiful Saviour," accompanied by Rikka Tews at the organ. Casket bearers were Rudy Bergstrom, Gerald Bergstrom, Donald Peterson, Louis Carlson, Herbert Peterson and Robert Peterson.

Concluding services and vault interment were Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 2 p.m. at Rose City Cemetery, Portland. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bergstrom is survived by four sons, Arthur of Portland; Norman, Roseburg; Roland, Ione; and Walter, Lodi, Calif.; a daughter, Dorothy Stefani, Ione; two brothers, Oscar, of Portland and William of Ione; sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Valby Memorial Fund.

### Leonard Hiram Rill

Leonard Hiram Rill, 79, Heppner, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the Eightmile area, the victim of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Rill was born Nov. 29, 1899, at Hall Town, Missouri, the son of Louis and Laura Good Rill.

He had lived in the area for 58 years and operated a wheat and cattle ranch in the Eightmile district.

On Dec. 30, 1921, he was married to Ninon Houston in Heppner.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War I, a member of the Heppner Christian Church and the Rhea Creek Grange.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m., at the First Christian Church, Heppner, with the Rev. Edwin

### Effie Estelle Johnson

Effie Estelle Johnson, 81, a resident of The Dalles for the past five years, died in the hospital there on Thursday, Nov. 23.

She was born in Shenandoah, Pa., Jan. 13, 1897. Before moving to The Dalles she was a longtime resident of San Pedro, California and of Heppner, where she was very active in the United Methodist Church and in several social

groups. Survivors include a son, William H. Johnson, The Dalles, two grandsons, Chris and John Johnson, both The Dalles, and a brother Albert Harms, Sun City, Calif.

Graveside services were held at Green Hills Cemetery in San Pedro. Memorials in Mrs. Johnson's name may be made to any charity of the donor's choice.

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### Ailene Darland

Ailene Darland, 74, Salome, Arizona, died Friday, Dec. 8, at Wickenburg Community Hospital, Wickenburg, Ariz.

A resident of Salome for 18 years, she was a former telephone operator and a homemaker.

She was born in Heppner, August 25, 1904, the daughter of John and Jennie Sprouls and spent most of her life in the Council, Idaho area.

Funeral services were Tues-

day, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Wickenburg, with Pastor W.W. Hutchison officiating.

Mrs. Darland is survived by her husband, Lambert Darland, Salome; a son, Jack A.

Darland, Baker; a brother, Crockett Sprouls, Condon; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and several cousins, including Alva Jones of Heppner.