

The Official Newspaper of the
City of Heppner and the
County of Morrow

**The Heppner
GAZETTE-TIMES**
Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper.
U.S.F.S. 240-420

Published every Thursday and entered as second-class matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Second-class postage paid at Heppner, Oregon.
Office at 147 West Willow Street, Telephone (503) 676-9228.
Address communications to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836.
\$8.00 in Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler & Gilliam counties;
\$10.00 elsewhere.

David and April Hilton Sykes, Publishers

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Emergency situation

To the editor:
Oregon's timber industry faces an emergency situation. High interest rates and the collapse of the housing industry have left companies who purchased high priced federal timber with lots of timber on the stump, but no place to sell it. That leaves people without jobs, counties without revenue from Forest Service and BLM receipts, and communities without a major portion of their economic base.

These are the hardest times we've faced since the Depression. Something must be done, and whatever it is, the goal must be putting people back to work.

That seems obvious, but many suggested approaches to the crisis don't accomplish that. It doesn't help to keep companies afloat if they're going to continue to be plagued by frequent lay-offs. Nor does it help to force companies to keep people working if doing so will force the company into bankruptcy. There has to be a middle ground where companies can put people to work, and stay in business.

That's why I introduced legislation allowing timber companies to terminate existing timber harvest contracts with the Forest Service, as long as the companies re-bid timber under terms that require a prompt harvest.

To make the harvest of timber worthwhile in this emergency situation we have to do something that will lower stumpage prices to a competitive level in today's market. Timber companies can't afford to harvest today at the prices they bid years ago; those prices were driven sky-high by speculation and log exports. Re-opening bids on terminated contracts and requiring prompt harvesting will eliminate speculation and create the competition that will lower prices. This will mean renewed activity in our timber industry—creating jobs

for loggers, millworkers and treepplanters.

There are many who believe a contract is a contract and the timber companies should be held to them. I know that was my first reaction to the idea of changing or terminating the contracts. But consider the consequences. Forcing companies to default on contracts or go bankrupt won't provide jobs and it will leave only a decimated industry dominated by the largest national and multi-national companies.

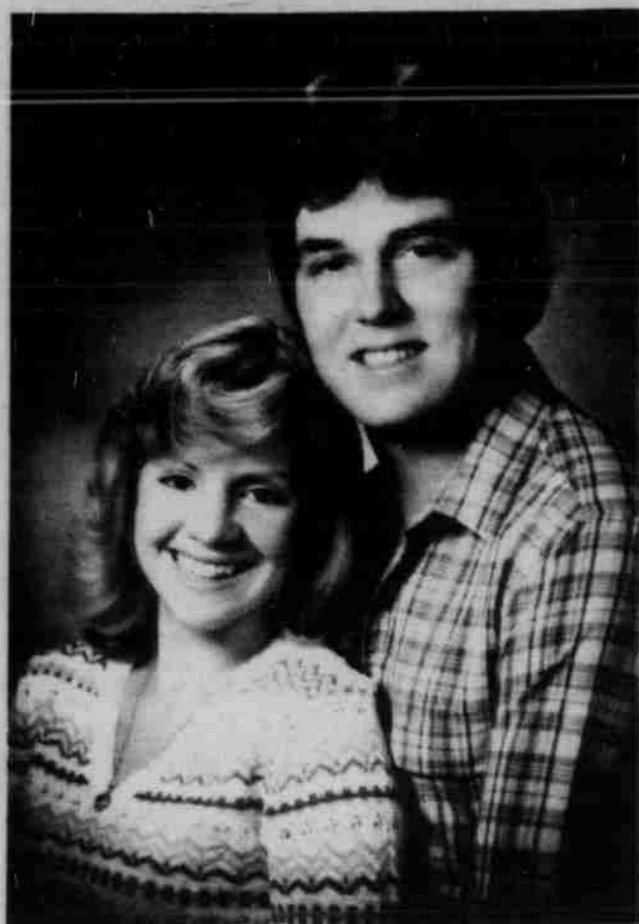
That hardline policy is rapidly becoming an option of the past anyway. The Forest Service is already granting extensions and many in the industry want their policy liberalized even further. But extensions that allow a company to defer the harvest, for as long as three years in some cases, won't provide jobs either.

That's why it seems to me that termination under the provisions of my legislation is a better approach. My proposal allows the timber companies to re-bid timber at more competitive rates, as long as the timber company agrees to harvest and process the timber soon—putting people back to work right away.

Congressman Les AuCoin has another proposal and the Governor's panel has its own recommendations. We must work together in Oregon to find the emergency solution that is best for the whole industry and the people who depend upon it for jobs. Toward that end, I'll bring the Forests Subcommittee, which I chair, to Roseburg, the hardest hit area in Oregon, to see the situation first hand and hear what can be done. The Forest Subcommittee hearing will be Thursday, December 3 in Roseburg at City Hall, 900 S.E. Douglas Street.

Sincerely,
Jim Weaver
Member of Congress

Engagements Guhlke—Gochnauer



Mr. and Mrs. John Gochnauer, Davenport, Washington, have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lynne, to Todd Guhlke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crayton Guhlke, also of Davenport.

Lynne was graduated from Heppner High School and is attending Eastern Washington University. Todd was graduated from Davenport High School and Spokane Community College. He is employed in Davenport. The couple will be married March 20 at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport.

Wedding Smith—Huddleston



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith

Michael Smith and Patricia Huddleston, both of Heppner, were united in marriage on Nov. 28 in an afternoon ceremony at the Heppner Elks Lodge with the Rev. Mike Sheridan officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Huddleston, all of Heppner. Attendants for the bride were Susan Gray of Kennewick, Washington, as maid of honor, Judy Wright, sister of the groom, Heppner and Callie Evonuk of Salem, sister of the bride.

Best man was Lennie Hanna of Heppner. Ushers were Ken Wright, brother-in-law of the groom and Jerry Healy, both of Heppner.

Wedding music was provided by Geneva Matthews of Heppner who sang and accompanied herself on the guitar. A reception followed the ceremony at the lodge.

The couple is at home in Heppner where Mike is employed by Kinzua Corp. and Patty is employed by Dr. Morgan, a dentist in Umatilla.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The following patients were released during the past week from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner:

Vernon Gilman, Heppner - admitted Nov. 27, released Nov. 30;

Vivian Elder, Heppner - admitted Nov. 29, released Dec. 3;

Lorena Jones, Heppner - admitted Nov. 30, released Dec. 1;

David Winters, Heppner - admitted Dec. 1, released Dec. 5;

Clyde Cox, Heppner - admitted Dec. 1, released Dec. 5;

Rosalie Moe, Heppner - admitted Dec. 2, released Dec. 8;

Jacqueline Bergstrom, Ione - admitted Dec. 3, released Dec. 7;

Rachel Dick, Heppner - admitted Dec. 3, released Dec. 4;

Cathy Ann Peck, admitted Dec. 4, released Dec. 7; and

Lori Pemberton, McNary - admitted Dec. 6, released Dec. 6.

Patients still receiving care at the hospital as of Tuesday, Dec. 8 include:

Hellen Stevens, Heppner - admitted Dec. 3 and

Alvin Bunch, Heppner - admitted Dec. 3.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Ione Schools

Thursday, Dec. 10 - fish-wich, coleslaw, hot rolls, fruit and milk.

Friday, Dec. 11 - tomato soup, turkey and peanut butter sandwiches, pickles, crackers, dessert and milk.

Monday, Dec. 14 - pork and noodles, hot rolls, buttered peas, applesauce and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - stew, hot rolls, pineapple-cottage

cheese salad and milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 16 - chili burgers, cheese sticks, dessert and milk.

Heppner Elementary School

Friday, Dec. 11 - chili beans, corn bread with honey, vegetable salad, fresh fruit and milk.

Monday, Dec. 14 - Weiner wraps, French fries, vegies, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - spaghetti casserole, frozen peas, fruit salad and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - tuna a la king, cabbage salad, Harvard beets, fruit and milk.

Heppner High School

Monday, Dec. 14 - macaroni and cheese, broccoli or spinach, rolls, apricots or salad bar and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - burritos, green beans, cheese and celery sticks, apple crisp and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Christmas Dinner.

Thursday, Dec. 17 - cooks choice

Friday, Dec. 18 - sandwiches, French fries, salad, dessert and milk.

HEALTH DEPT.

Friday, Dec. 11 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Neighborhood Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 3 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic and immunizations, Irrigon County Offices, 1 to 4 p.m.

Anniversaries Steagalls celebrate 50th



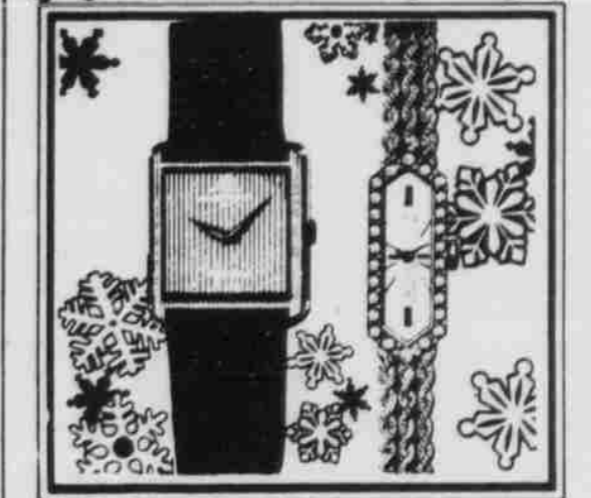
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall of Lexington recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Heppner on November 28, 1931.

To celebrate the occasion their children and spouses hosted a family Thanksgiving dinner at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner. All seven of their children, nineteen of their twenty grandchildren and their four great-grandchildren were present. Six of Mr. Steagall's ten brothers and sisters and all three of Mrs. Steagall's sisters were present. Eighty-nine relatives gathered to enjoy the day. Special guests were Fr. John O'Brien, Heppner and Monsignor Raymond Beard, Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Steagall have lived their entire married life in one house in Lexington. The Steagalls' children are June Crowell, Ione; Bob, Lexington; Bill, Pendleton; Deanna Brandhagen, Pendleton; Pat Dougherty, Heppner; Barbara Leyva, Wilbur, Washington; and Jim of Portland.

Jewelry...



the Christmas gift of love

A jewelry gift embodies the spirit of love at Christmas as nothing else can and a professional jeweler has the kind of selection that enables you to make a perfect choice. Visit us today and let us help you make this Christmas the most memorable one for every name on your list.

Peterson's Jewellers
Heppner 676-9200

BIRTHS

Joseph Nathan Peck - A son, Joseph Nathan was born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Peck, Lexington on Friday, Dec. 4 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 1/2 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray V. Gilham, Pendleton and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peck, Lexington.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Johnson, Pendleton, Mrs. Clarence Urey of Salem and Mrs. George N. Peck, Pendleton. Joseph joins sisters Rachel, Jennifer and Hilary and brother Kevin at home.

Jeffrey Niles Sneddon - A son, Jeffrey Niles was born Nov. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sneddon of Owatonna, Minnesota.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller of Harbor (formerly of Heppner) and Mr. and Mrs. Blair Sneddon of Florence.

Great-grandparents are Effie Wellman of Baker, Rhoda Sneddon, Florence and Emma Goodwin of Walla Walla, Wash.

Jeffrey joins a sister Genny at home.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Wednesday, Dec. 9 - Morrow County Court, Morrow Co. Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10 - Port of Morrow Commission, Port Office, Nelson Square, Boardman, 1 p.m. Lexington Fire Dept., City Hall, Lexington, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14 - Heppner Planning Commission, Heppner City Hall, 7:30 p.m. Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m. Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 21 - Morrow County School Board, District Office, Lexington, 7:30 p.m. Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m. Heppner Fire Dept., Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m. Ione Planning Comm., City Hall, Ione, 7:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts, Troop 661
& Cub Scouts, Pack 661 Proudly Present
Their Old Fashioned
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

In Heppner:
Behind Les Schwab's Tire Service

In Lexington:
At City Hall

Prices **\$2.50 to \$7.00**
please pay at money box

This ad Sponsored by **Ron McDonald Chevrolet Inc.** 676-9921

AUTO PARTS

HEPPNER AUTO PARTS
234 N. Main Heppner
676-9123

ELECTROLYSIS

ANNA SCHWARZIN PH:
Certified Electrologist 676-9248
Unwanted Hair Removed Permanently—Eyebrow Arching—
Facial Hair—Bikini Lines **Open Tues. & Wed. 9-5**
365 Linden Way Heppner, OR
Other times by appt.

FLOOR COVERING

M & R FLOOR COVERING
Linden Way Carpet, Linoleum,
676-9418 Ceramic Tile, Kitchen
Heppner Cabinets, Counter Tops

FURNITURE

CASE FURNITURE Heppner
Carpet, Linoleum, Counter Tops Installed
Beauty Rest Mattresses, Fabrics and
Accessories, Sherwin Williams Paint

INSURANCE

TURNER VAN MARGER & BRYANT INSURANCE
For all your Insurance needs
Telephone 676-9123
LINDEN WAY HEPPNER, OR

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

MEDICAL CENTER PHARMACY
Free Mailing Service on Prescriptions Hospital Supplies
Mon - Fri, 9-6 p.m. Sat, 9-1 p.m.
Located in the Medical Center
1100 Southgate, Pendleton 276-1531

MONUMENTS

676-9600 **SWEENEY MORTUARY** 676-9226
Cemetery Grave Markers,
Granite, Marble, Bronze
Serving Ione, Lexington & Heppner

OIL PRODUCTS

Chevron DEVIN OIL CO. INC. 676-9633
CHEVRON PRODUCTS

PETTYJOHN OIL COMPANY

Mobil Farm Chemicals Serving 3 Counties
Petroleum Products Phone: 422-7254

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Cash Registers Typewriters Shop Overhauls
Furniture Electric & Electronic Yearly Maintenance
Reconditioned Equipment Calculators Contracts Factory Trained Technician
Copiers Low Rates Pick Up & Delivery

HEMISTON OFFICE EQUIPMENT CENTER, INC. 567-0147
510 N. FIRST HEMISTON, OREGON

PRINTING

PRINTING SERVICES FOR YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS 147 Willow
HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES 676-9228