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### Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following business during the past week.

On August 13, the Heppner Fire Dept. responded to a grass fire on the hill across the road from the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The fire was extinguished.

On August 14, a Boardman ambulance, the Hermiston office of the Oregon State Police, and the Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to an accident with injuries at milepost 174 on Interstate 84. Three patients were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

On August 15, the Lexington Fire Department responded to a log truck on fire. The log truck allegedly ran into an overhead power line. Columbia Basin Electric Co-op was also at the scene.

Also on August 15, the Boardman Police Department responded to a motorcycle on fire at the Wilson Road Trailer Court.

In a third August 15 incident, Wilfred Ray Parker, 31, Heppner, was arrested on a charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. He was released on his own recognizance.

On August 17, the Heppner Police responded to an accident at the corner of May and Chase streets. Kathleen Hisler and Lillian Sweek were driving the vehicles involved. No citations were issued.

In a second August 17 incident, the Heppner Police Department responded to an accident when a car driven by Tracie L. Bunch was backing from a parking spot and allegedly hit another car. No citations were issued.

On August 18, a Boardman ambulance responded to U & I, Inc. One male subject who had allegedly inhaled fumes was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

In a second August 18 incident, a Boardman ambulance transported one male with an injury from a residence in Boardman to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

On August 20, Rodney L. Burchthol, 36, Mosier was arrested by the Morrow County Sheriff's Office on charges of Escape III and was issued a citation for Failure to Display a Driver's License.

### Justice Court Report

The Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following business during the past week.

John Lee Stuart, Boardman-Exceeding the Maximum Speed (60 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$13 fine.

Gary Tim Tullis, Ione-No Motorcycle Endorsement, \$31 bail forfeited.

William Edward Wilson, Heppner-Leaking-Sifting Load to wit: chips, \$15 fine.

Ronnie Lynn Widel, Pilot Rock-Leaking-Sifting Load, \$15 fine.

Johnnie Wade Moyer, Heppner-Failure to Activate Parking Lights on Vehicle While Parked on a Public Roadway, \$15 fine.

Brenda Lee James, Pilot Rock-Criminal Negligence: No Resident Angling License, \$29 fine.

Thomas Claude Huston III, Heppner-Illegal "U" Turn, \$24 fine.

Robert Arthur Skaggs, Heppner-Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, Solid Yellow Line, \$13 fine.

John G. Piening, Ione-Negotiating a Bad Check, \$282 fine, all but \$132 suspended; 30 days in jail suspended with one year probation and the following conditions: 1) make restitution by August 31, 2) no further bad checks, 3) be fingerprinted for the charge.

### Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner admitted and discharged the following patients during the past week:

Majo Hughes, Lexington-admitted August 13, discharged August 15.

Frank Robinson, Lexington-admitted August 14, discharged August 16.

Ronald Jeffreys, Heppner-admitted August 11, discharged August 14, and

Gladys Munkers, Heppner-admitted August 17, discharged August 19.

Hazel Ellis, Ione, was admitted to the Hospital August 16 and was still receiving care at press time Monday.

### Lexington youth wins painting

Dean Munkers, son of Gary and Martha Munkers of Lexington won the painting which the Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Society raffled at the Morrow County Fair.

Proceeds from the raffle, \$231, will go to help support the artist in education program in the county school system. Funds which are raised at the local events are matched with funds available through grant money received by the Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council headquartered at Eastern Oregon State College.

Some funding for the artist in education program is available through the school budget, but other funds are needed. A spokesperson for the local artists said that the club is interested in helping local students have the opportunity to be exposed to professional performing and/or visual artists, and raising funds for the project is the way that they are able to help.

The local artists will raise additional funds by donating another piece of art work to be drawn for at Artfactory.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Unitary tax repeal

To the editor:  
I am writing in response to Rep. Delna Jones' letter, that appeared in the "Hillsboro Argus," about the Oregon Legislatures repeal of the unitary method of taxation on multinational corporations.

This is something that should have been done years ago, perhaps Oregon would not be in such a desperate state as we find it today. Ms. Jones statement that "this will show the world that Oregon is really open for business" makes me chuckle. This effort is only a drop in the bucket at trying to revive Oregon from this deep depression.

There are many more things that are needed to revive the State.

Ridding us of LCDC is a primary one along with all the taxes that most people do not realize are on the books.

What Oregon needs is a real turnaround in political and economic thought. Please remember voters that you can write in candidates on the ballot and also remember that the libertarians will be having a write in campaign this year, watch for it.

Yours in liberty,  
(s) Herman A. Kachold  
Vice-Chairman Libertarian Party of Oregon  
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### Obituaries

#### Duff McKittrick

Duff McKittrick, 71, Bellevue, died early Sunday, Aug. 12 at Blaine County Medical Center of a long illness. His hospital stay was brief, since he had been cared for at home by his family, as long as it was possible.

Duff was born April 11, 1913, in Bowman, N.D. He received his schooling near Bowman, then moved to Oregon in 1929. He worked there as a cowboy and logger and also spent time rodeoing.

He was married to Kate Adams on Dec. 25, 1934, in Heppner, Ore. They made their home in Oregon until 1946, when they moved to Bellevue to establish a home and where they have since lived. Kate and Duff would have celebrated their Golden Wedding Day in December 1984.

In the Bellevue area, he worked as a contract hay hauler and a custom hayer for ranchers near Bellevue. Duff McKittrick had the reputation of being a fine and fair person in all his business dealings. He had a wide circle of friends with whom he enjoyed chatting over a cup of coffee. He was a member of the Old-Time Cowboys Association and traveled often through the years to attend rodeos and chat over old times with other old-timers.

Duff is survived by his wife, Kate, at their home in Bellevue; a son, Roger (Todd) McKittrick, Rebo, Nev.; a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Vicki)

Aldinger, Bellevue; two grandsons, Crist and Joshua Aldinger, Bellevue; two brothers, Walter McKittrick, Hermiston, Ore., and Boyd McKittrick, Bowman, N.D.; three sisters, Ella Mae Knutson and Isabelle Shinaburger, both of Bison S.D., and June Lewis, Sturgis, S.D.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Last rites were held at the Bellevue Elementary School Multi-purpose Room on Aug. 15, with the Rev. Tim Baker officiating.

Music for the service included the prelude and postlude on piano by Roberta McKercher. Vocal selections included "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "The Red River Valley" and "Whispering Hope" by Paul and Bill Smith, who accompanied themselves on their own instruments.

Casket bearers included Dan Brown, Robert Struthers, Scott Shears, Dale Ewerson, Lloyd and Ed Cameron.

Interment was in Bellevue Cemetery under the direction of Wood River Chapel.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City or to the Home Health Care Service, which is available through Blaine County Medical Center, Box 972, Hailey, ID. 83333.

#### Mary Opal Holeman

Mary Opal Holeman, 92, formerly of Yakima, Washington, died August 6, 1984 in Madison Eden House Nursing Home.

She was born April 1, 1892, in Ione, to John H. and Cynthia Ann (Hale) Cochran.

After graduating from Walla Walla Business College in 1912, she was commissioned to operate the White Swan Post Office for three years. Because the Yakima Indian Agency had its headquarters at nearby Fort Simcoe, White Swan was considered a key post office at that time.

On May 26, 1915, she married Rheuben Homes Holeman in Ione, where they lived until moving to Yakima in 1921. They operated the Fairbanks Avenue Grocery until Mr. Holeman's retirement in 1953.

Mrs. Holeman was the first PTA president of Garfield Grade School and served on the local election board for 30 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Yakima for 63 years. She sang in the church choir.

Mrs. Holeman was a descendant of pioneer stock. All four of her grandparents, as children, spent six months crossing the plains from Iowa and Indiana to the Oregon territory in 1850 and 1851 where the families settled in Linn County. Her great-grandfather, the Rev. William Sperry, organized Baptist Churches in western Oregon in the 1850's. Her grandparents, Milton and Mary Ellen Sperry Hale moved from Linn County to Ione, in 1871. Mary Hale was largely responsible for organizing four eastern Oregon Baptist Churches, including the one in Ione, over 100 years ago.

Survivors include a son, H. Archie Holeman of New York; two nephews, Robert B. Cochran of Glead, who was raised in the Holeman home, John O. Reese of Yakima; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R. Holmes Holeman on Sept. 4, 1961; a daughter, Marjory Ann Wimer on July 10, 1961 and by a son, Marion Holeman in 1925.

### Sifting

through the

### Times

10 Years Ago

Thursday, August 22, 1974

The Willow Creek Dam project had been approved by the U.S. Senate and was before the House of Representatives.

Preliminary inspection of the proposed site for a day care center in Heppner had shown that the building would be licensable and the proposed facility was expected to begin operation in 45 days.

25 Years Ago

Thursday, August 20, 1959

Dick Ruhl of Heppner and Laddie Henderson of Lexington were on the east football squad which was to play against the west team Aug. 21 at the East-West Shrine All Star game in Pendleton.

Queen Sharon Cutsforth received her official white Stetson Crown from Heppner Mayor W.C. Collins officially beginning the two weeks of fair and rodeo activities.

50 Years Ago

Thursday, August 23, 1934

The two-day north Morrow Fair featuring products of north Morrow County was scheduled to begin at Boardman Friday, Aug. 24.

C.E. Green, engineer of the State Health department quelled rumors that Heppner drinking water was unsafe by bringing test results into the Gazette-Times office which showed the water to test "A" or "safe for drinking purposes."

Vernon Leathers and his KOIN studio band of Portland were scheduled to provide music for the three evenings of the Rodeo.

Because Morrow County was classified as an emergency drouth area, the government was scheduled to begin a cattle buying program in the area immediately. "The object of the drouth relief cattle purchase is to remove from drouth areas the cattle for which there is insufficient food and to utilize these purchased cattle for relief purposes either as canned beef or as subsistence herds. Consideration in the development of this program are the preservation of animals or herds of high producing quality, to relieve some of the financial load now carried by both borrower and lender, and to perform those tasks quickly, efficiently and economically," said the Gazette-Times.



### The Ancients claimed

that the god Vishnu searched the depths of the sea for a pearl to adorn his daughter on her wedding day. Since pearls were considered carriers of love, happiness and good fortune, this was indeed an appropriate gift.

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