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**Obituary**

**Robert Stephen Thompson**  
Robert Stephen Thompson, a retired Heppner rancher, died Saturday, December 31, 1989.

Mr. Thompson was born October 7, 1910, in Heppner, to Sophrona Brown Thompson and Robert A. Thompson. He received his early schooling in Heppner and attended Oregon State University. He earned a B.S. degree in agriculture in 1933 and was employed by the Farm Security Administration. He married Gwendolyn Evans the same year. His ranching career began in Heppner in 1941.

In 1953 he was named the Morrow County Cattleman of the Year. He was an early director of the Northwest Livestock Production Credit Association and later joined the staff as a loan officer representing Eastern Oregon and Washington with headquarters in Pendleton.

He was a York Rite Mason and belonged to Heppner Chapter 26, Umatilla Council No. 6, Cryptic Masons and Pendleton Commandery No. 7 Knights Templar. He also belonged to the Pendleton Shrine Club and was a member of Al Kader Temple of Portland. He was a life member of Heppner B.P.O.E. 358 and Pendleton B.P.O.E. 288; a charter member of the National Cattlemen's Association; a member of Oregon Cattlemen's Association; a life member of Oregon Wheat Growers League and a member of Oregon Woolgrowers. He belonged to Rotary Club and the First Christian Church of Heppner.

Surviving family members include his wife, Gwen, of Wilsonville; son Terry Thompson, of Heppner; daughters, Judith Schneider of Oak Grove and Janet Bliss of Beaverton; sister, Kathryn Webb of Walla Walla, WA, and seven grandchildren.

A private memorial burial service for the family was held at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Health Sciences University American Parkinson's Disease Information and Referral Center, Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, or Oregon State University's E.R. Jackman Foundation. These may be made through Stehn's Milwaukie Funeral Home, 2906 S.E. Harrison, Milwaukie, OR 97222 or directly to the association.

**Heppner Police Report**

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

- January 1: 4:04 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief; 4:23 p.m.-officer requested for Security Check.
- January 2: 11:38 p.m.-report of Barking Dog.
- January 4: 4:30 p.m.-report of Criminal Mischief; 10:21 p.m.-officer requested for Security Check.
- January 5: 9:03 a.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's office; 9:45 a.m.-assist Columbia Basin; 1:18 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's office; 2:06 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's office; 4:30 p.m.-Motorist Assist.
- January 6: 8:44 p.m.-assist Citizen; 11:36 p.m.-report of Shed Blown over by High Wind; 9:39 p.m.-citation issued Wrong Way on One Way Street; 9:47 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's office.
- January 7: 8:24 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's office.

**Justice Court Report**

The Justice Court department at the courthouse annex in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

- Silas J. Williams, 56, Warm Springs-Failure to Validate Elk Tag, \$57 bail forfeited;
- Robert Joseph Hulbert, 33, Salem-No Lights on Trailer, \$38 bail forfeited;
- Edgar Ralph Murty, 72, Lexington-Failure to Flag Tow Rope, \$9 fine;
- David Charles Porter, 28, Lexington-Driving Without Headlights, \$20 fine; Vehicle License Expired, \$37 fine;
- Brad Allen Smith, 30, Dayville-No Side Marker Lights, \$20 fine;
- Floyd Wayne Papineau, 61, Lexington-Driving Without Headlights, \$20 fine;
- Billy Davis Ayers, 58, Heppner-Driving Without Headlights, \$27 fine;
- Linus Robert Ulmen, 59, Pasco, WA-Open Container (beer), \$49 fine;
- Robert Raymond Ashbeck, 18, Echo-Hunting Geese Prohibited Method-rifle, \$59 fine;
- Jason Scott Mahen, 18, Heppner-Hunting Geese Prohibited Method-rifle, \$59 fine;
- Orvin Joseph Kemperer, 69, Cove-Overwidth, \$20 fine;
- Ferrel Chester Spore, 51, Gresham-Illegal "U" Turn, \$38 bail forfeited;
- Lee Patrick Patterson, 37, Yakima, WA-No PUC Permit, \$57 bail forfeited, Exposed Fabric on Two Tires, \$92 bail forfeited.

**D.A.'s Report**

The following activity was reported in Morrow County Circuit Court January 5, 1990, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace:

- David Usher, 27, Boardman, pled guilty to Assault in the Fourth Degree before Circuit Judge Pro-Tem Ralph Currie. A related charge of First Degree criminal Mistreatment was dismissed. Judge Currie imposed but suspended six months in the county jail, and the defendant was placed on 15 months probation to include mental health evaluation and treatment as directed;
- Miguel Gutierrez, 18, Irrigon, entered not guilty pleas to burglary and theft charges in circuit court;
- Mark Stanley, 29, Irrigon, entered not guilty pleas to charges of delivery and possession of a controlled substance in circuit court;
- Marietta Gallagher, Irrigon, entered not guilty pleas to charges of witness tampering, coercion and criminal conspiracy in circuit court.

**It's A Close Call**

I like the "local preference."

I like the idea that doing business locally is good for the community not only long term, but in the short run as well. But most of all, it's good for me. I like shopping with folks I know, and who know me. I think I'm going to get a straight answer when I ask about something because the local merchant knows that if he leads me astray, he'll have to look me in the eye when I come back.

The more of my business that I do locally, the stronger my local merchant becomes. The better selection he is able to provide. That better selection is more likely to be the things I use and ask the local merchant to provide. And I know that it's a lot easier to get satisfaction from a local merchant, my neighbor, on those rare occasions when I buy a defective piece of merchandise.

As a case in point, I have promoted economic growth in the Boardman area, hoping to develop a broader retail merchandise selection. "You can't even buy a clean pair of socks in Boardman," I have complained. Well, that is no longer true. Anticipating the market for clean socks, a local merchant now stocks them and I have to find a new item to complain about. (Some say the sock inventory went in just to shut me up.)

Even on those occasions when I do go out of town, I buy the travel gasoline locally for all the above reasons.

My own local preference has limits.

I don't do business with one or two local businesses, having been repeatedly stung without satisfaction. Bad businessmen are bad businessmen no matter where they are located and they do not deserve patronage at all. It may well be that they feel the same about me.

The other limit is price. I am not above buying something outside the local business area when the total cost is significantly less. The key words are "total" and "significant."

It doesn't make a lot of sense to spend \$5 on gas and two hours of driving time to go to Tri-Cities to save twenty cents on a loaf of bread.

Nor am I inclined to avoid the local merchant to save one or two percent of the total cost.

But all of this applies to me and my money. If I was spending your money, I'd probably be inclined to anticipate your feelings on local preference and on the bounds of the limits.

The school board is considering a policy change in regards to investing our tax money. The present policy requires "local preference" even though there might be other investments outside the local area that would yield more. The first reading of this policy change passed on a split vote. I can surely understand why.

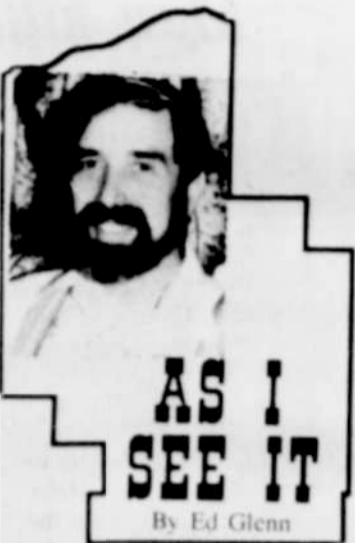
It's a close call.

The increased investment income outside the local area might only amount to \$20-25,000 a year. That might be considered insignificant in a \$6.5 million budget. On the other hand, the local preference rule favors local branches of state-wide and multi-state-wide banks that might not be considered "local."

Maybe all taxpayers in the district do not favor the local preference rule like I do and maybe it isn't even appropriate when you're talking about taxpayer money.

But having this amount of money on deposit is pretty significant to a local bank. Having several, strong, competitive local banks can have an important impact on the community. The potential for good arising from local deposit might be far more valuable than the small difference in interest income.

All things considered, it's a close call.



By Ed Glenn

**Letters to the Editor**

**Christmas gifts appreciated**

To the Editor:

The staff at Morrow/Gilliam/Wheeler Branch of Children's Services Division would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the people of Morrow County. This Christmas was even more organized and impressive than last year for the fourteen children living in foster homes in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties.

Each of the fourteen children in care received five to six really nice gifts that were brand new and specific for his or her needs, wants and desires.

The foster parents were very appreciative and they all remarked about the quality of the gifts.

A special thank you goes to the workers and supervisors at the Lamb Weston plant, who donated many gifts (wrapped and labeled) to children in foster care. One worker hand made some wooden toys that were of top quality craftsmanship. Nona Strawderman at Lamb Weston coordinated the safety committee's donations this year. What a hard worker.

Oregon Free Materials provided the foster kids with new Kermit the frog and Mickey Mouse "Rocker Boppers," through donations from Worlds of Wonder Stores.

The Caring Tree at Boardman Inland Empire Bank supplied one to two really nice gifts for each child, compliments of their patrons who cook each child's initials off the tree.

A very special thank you goes to Nadine O'Brien and all her elves at the Heppner Neighborhood Center as they nearly out did themselves this year. Many last minute requests were met with a cheery voice and "May I help you?" They even furnished Christmas tree decorations for a single mom with a baby on a limited income.

Leroy Roundy came in the office in early November to see how many stocking caps he needed to knit this year. He made seven large, seven medium and one baby cap. By the end of November he had the caps finished and ready to be added to the Christmas packages.

Last but not at all least, to all you "Fairy Godmothers and God-fathers" out there. You are very special people.

It is really inspiring to see the true meaning of Christmas expressed through the people of Morrow County. Because

of your giving hearts, the children living in substitute care had an "awesome" Christmas of 1989. You are appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Kim Carnine, Branch Manager  
(s) Sue Warren  
Human Resources Assistant and  
The staff of Children's Services  
Division

**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

Counting down until Town and Country week. Larry Mills and Fred Lundin report that all signals are go for a successful "Into The 90's With Pride and Cooperation" week of activities. Be sure to get your banquet tickets at the Extension Office, Morrow County Grain Growers, banks and other local businesses.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, noon-Chamber luncheon tickets will be \$5. each at the door. A delicious ham dinner will be served to you. Excellent company provided, with installation of officers and speaker Joe Burns, Hermiston will be on the agenda. Non-chamber members are welcome. Please RSVP to Claudia 676-5349 evenings by Friday, January 12.

Be sure to include Thursday and Friday meetings and festivities on your weekly schedule. There's something for everyone. It's a great week to get reacquainted with your friends and neighbors. The awards committee reports that all selections have been made, so be on hand to congratulate the Morrow County recipients. Thanks to all who make this week possible. I hate to miss the finale.

Dues notices are being mailed out today. Welcome to Ed Glenn, a brand new member, and Ray French, the first to renew. It's great to have dues in hand before notices go out. We encourage membership from all over our county.

See you Tuesday.

Thought for the week: "When people don't measure up to your standards, unless you know their life as well as your own, maybe you should throw away your measuring tape."

**Sheriff's Report**

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

- January 1: Morrow County deputy investigated an animal problem in Boardman.
- January 2: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance for a male with unknown injuries.
- January 3: Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Boardman Police department at the Nomad in Boardman.
- Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Jack Edward Johannbroer, 25, Boardman for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; No Operators License and Driving Uninsured. He was released on his own recognizance.
- Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and Boardman fire department to the Boardman Chip Reload, for a 32 year old male with unknown injuries. He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.
- Morrow County deputy responded to assist Boardman Police department and a local business with a civil problem.
- January 4: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the ambulance to an Arlington residence for a 28 year old female with an unknown illness. No transport was made.
- Morrow County deputies were called to the Irrigon area for a complaint of dispute. No action was taken.
- January 6: Morrow County dispatched the Heppner Fire department to a chip fire at Kinzua mill.
- January 8: Boardman fire department was dispatched to Frontier Trailer Court for nonextinguished fire in fireplace following wind and tree damage to a home.

**In Memoriam**

The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON Thursday, January 11th, 1990 at 8:00 p.m. HEPPNER ELKS LODGE**

For the following Brothers who passed away this past year.

Willard A. Blake	Frank Connor
Bert Corbin	Gaylord Davis
Herb Ekstrom Sr.	Beecher Emert
Darl E. Hudson	Dr. Wallace Wolff
Harold Scritsmier	Allen Hughes

D.S. "Doc" Rice

Family, friends and the general public are invited to attend the services.

(Ladies Night Dinner - Thurs. 11th - 6:30 p.m.)

**Heppner Elks**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet"

**Happy Birthday Melissa Cutsforth**

First baby born in the '80's  
A decade old!

**The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem**  
(After Hours)  
5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Clem went on and on. "Gee Grazelda, that was quite a wind storm we had, wasn't it?" The fellers down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron said it was about the worst wind storm they had ever seen. It sounded like that wind was gonna take the roof right off the house. If we ever have a wind like that again, I don't know what we'll do. Blah, Blah, Blah."

Grazelda sighed under her breath. "Good Lord have mercy. Talk about a wind storm!"

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Rutabagas or Turnips	25¢ lb.	Bounty Paper Towel	79¢ ea.
Broccoli	59¢ lb.	Banquet Fried 28oz Chicken	\$2.00 ea.
Large Oranges	37¢ lb.	Western Family Cut Green 16oz Beans	2 for 88¢
Rib Steak	\$2.00 lb.	Western Family Whole Kernel Cream Style 17oz Corn	2 for 88¢
Smoked Ham Hocks	\$1.20 lb.	Imperial 1 lb Margarine	59¢ ea.
Bulk German Sausage	\$2.00 lb.	S & W 39oz Coffee	\$5.00 ea.

Prices Good January 11th - 15th

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