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## Ione honors those who serve



Relatives of Ione and Lexington service people are honored at ceremony Monday



Color Guard and Ione townspeople honor our military on Memorial Day Monday

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### Stories of the Flood



Mr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Lipsett and child

Taken from the San Francisco Call June 18, 1903 edition:

The fearful disaster at Heppner, Oregon reaches far and wide, carrying sorrow to numerous hearts miles away from the scene. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lipsett, of 238 North Seventh street in this city, received a dispatch from Heppner stating that his only son, Wallace W. Lipsett, and the latter's wife and only child, 14 months of age, had perished in the flood. Mr. Lipsett started for Heppner today to perform the mournful duty of burial.

When the bodies were found, the child was clasped in his father's arms and the lifeless mother was only a short distance away.

Wallace Lipsett was brought up in Gilroy, where he was graduated from the Grammar School. The family removed to San Jose, and here he was graduated from the Business College. Later he was with the United States topographic survey on the steamer Albatross up north, and three years ago he was married to Miss Adam Farnsworth, of San Francisco. Later, his wife's uncle secured him a position as head bookkeeper of the Morrow County Wool and Grain Company at Heppner, and, although only 31 years old, he was to have become soon the general manager and secretary of the company. Mrs. Lipsett recently spent several weeks here visiting her husband's parents, and she returned to her home in Heppner only a short time ago. Their tragic ending has brought sorrow not only to their parents but to many friends here and elsewhere.

### Collaboration to bring about Heritage Plaza



Oregon Army National Guardsmen come to work on Heritage Park under the direction of Sergeant Jim Gresham.

Years of hard work and determination, along with many volunteer hours, and help of government funding is now turning the former Union Oil Co. (UOC) bulk plant area into Heppner's Heritage Plaza. The City of Heppner purchased the half-acre property from UOC for the appraised value of \$100. However, before purchase could begin, UOC had to clean up the property so that it would pass DEQ inspections. The property has received a "clean bill of health," according to Mayor Bob Jepsen. Jepsen also said that this process took about eight years.

Once the land received a NFA (no further action necessary) approval from the DEQ is only took about 6 months to purchase the land.

Plans are that the Plaza will be a link from the

north part of town to uptown. It will also be used in cooperation with the Ag Museum for exhibits. Concert slabs had been laid that will host displays of old farming equipment. Also donated from the Ag Museum is a windmill that will sit in the middle of the Plaza.

Also on display, will be a silhouette sculpture of a shepherd with his dog. Don Monahan donated the money for the sculpture and Mark Bruno of Ione is creating the sculpture.

The Heppner Garden Club has also asked to plant a rose garden in the Plaza. The City gladly accepted and are themselves putting in turf.

Funding for the Plaza came from legislation passed by the Oregon State Legislature to clean up and restore "brownfield" areas in Oregon. A "brownfield" is a "vacant or underutilized commercial or industrial property where environmental, economic and social obstacles hinder use and redevelopment," according to the DEQ. Through this legislation and the Oregon Economic Community Development Department, the City of Heppner received \$16,500 for the project. Along

with the state funds, the Baker-Morrow Partnership donated \$7,500.

Labor has been donated to this project not only from citizen in the area but also from the Oregon Army National Guard. Through a summer training program the Guard conducts, five members were sent to Heppner to help with the form building and concrete laying. The Guardsmen will be here until the project is completed.

The footbridge that crosses Hinton Creek and connects the Plaza to Main Street was donated and put in by the Army Corp of Engineers from The Dalles.

The landscaping for the Plaza was design by Tricia Martin, a college student from the University of Oregon. The original plans were simplified to accommodate time and money, but many of Martin's ideas were kept in tact.

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op is also working to remove the poles and guy wires that are in the area of the Plaza.

Many other people have donated time, lower prices for products and given suggestions to help create a beautiful area in Heppner.

The city of Ione, and especially the Ione American Legion Post #95, honored Americans who have served and are now serving in the military on Monday Memorial Day.

Eugene S. Morgan, who was on board the USS Indianapolis when it was sunk by a Japanese submarine near the end of WWII, was the featured speaker Monday.

Morgan told a harrowing tale of being sunk and then spending many days in the water until he and 300 survivors were rescued. He told of 800 men who died by drowning, sharks and some even went mad spending so much time in the water.

A special wreath was laid at the flag pole that honors Ione's war dead. Also the service personnel and their families from the Ione and Lexington area were honored with Blue Star Service Banners, which have a long tradition of showing that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Those honored by the Ione ceremony were: PFC Dan Scott, Specialist Ritza Scott, Petty Officer Corey Banker, 3rd Class Petty Officer Joseph Baker, Lt. Ryan Halvorsen, Tech Sgt. Ernest Nichols, Major Doug Bristow, E1 Derek Campbell, Sgt. 1st Class Craig Rea, 1st Lt. Andrew Anderson, E4 Ryan Benneto, Airman 1st Class Andrew Stuart, and EF3 Joel Arnsperger.

After the services refreshments were served at the Legion Hall. Later there was a pot luck dinner.

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