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## PERMANENT BUREAU FOR COUNTY STARTED

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED RANCHERS ATTEND MEETINGS AT GRANGE HALL TUESDAY WHERE BUREAU IS ORGANIZED

### V. V. HICKOX IS PRESIDENT

Definite, Well Rounded Program of Activities for Year Adopted—Real Interest Manifested—Start Work At Once.

After several months of strenuous effort on the part of enthusiastic ranchers who believe that ranch conditions in Malheur county can be bettered, Malheur County's Farm Bureau took definite and permanent form at a meeting held at the Boulevard Grange hall on Tuesday.

It was a memorable meeting in the history of the ranchers of the county, and thru out the gathering marked interest was shown by those present as all there were nearly two hundred ranchers there during the day. Some came and remained until after dinner, while others came after the noon hour for the afternoon session. From 11 o'clock until 5 the ranchers were busy, even during the noon hour committees met and formulated reports for the afternoon session.

The women of the Boulevard district headed by Mrs. V. V. Hickox served a dinner at the hall, and three tables of 48 persons at each were necessary, but the women with their limited facilities were equal to the occasion and everyone enjoyed that section of the program.

#### Hickox Made President

The meeting was called to order by V. V. Hickox, who was chairman of the temporary organization. F. M. Northrup of Oregon Slope, chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws committee read the committee's report, which was referred to a committee, with one representative of each community organized into a local bureau, these being Oregon Slope; Riverdale; Nyssa; Adrain; Vale and Cairo. The committee retired and on its return the constitution and by laws were adopted. The members of the committee were:

A committee on nominations and program of work was appointed as follows: V. T. Herrett, Vale, A. R.

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## TRIBUTE OF FRANCE TO BE PAID SUNDAY

Relatives of Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Who Died in the War to Receive Certificates Thru American Legion.

At the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 2:30, four relatives of the young men from this territory who died while in the service will receive the memorial certificates declaring the debt of France to them for their sacrifice of loved ones.

The four memorial certificates will be given to Mrs. Florence Johnson, whose husband, Elbert Johnson, was one of the first Ontario men to fall in the battle in Flanders. The others are Mrs. Ida Linzy, whose son, Harry Oliver, died in the service; P. M. Duggar will receive one for his son, Earl Duggar; and Mrs. Vena Boswell will be given one for her son, Robert J. Boswell.

Ollie B. Ragan, evangelist who is conducting services at the church and who, during the war, was an army chaplain, will confer the certificates.

Ontario Post of the American Legion will be present in a body under the direction of the new president, Elmer Leavitt. Earl Blackaby, secretary of the Post, is arranging for the meeting and has received the certificates to be distributed. In honor of the men who died the Post urges the attendance of as many citizens of the city and country who can be present.

Millard Sage returned last Saturday from McDermitt, where he has been on the Sage ranch.

Attorney C. McGonagill, who has been ill for some time, is out again, tho he hasn't recovered his strength completely.

Tom and Dave Logan of Brougan are in Ontario this week. Tom Logan came down from the upper country when Mrs. Logan became ill with the flu. She is better now, however.

## NEW BAKERY WILL BE HERE IN ONTARIO IN FEW WEEKS

Ontario will have a new bakery, a modern institution with all the latest equipment for the manufacture of dainty culinary articles, breads and pastry. The new institution, the owners of which are not ready to make announcement of their project which will be second to none in this section of the country.

During the past week a quiet investigation of several sites was made and until this is determined no announcement of a definite nature can be made. However, this is just one of the new things to come for Ontario this spring.

## CARIO RANCHERS GET THEIR BUREAU GOING

Small Gathering at Grange Hall Results in Starting Bureau—Many New Members Added Since Then.

Altho there were only a few ranchers present at the meeting at the Grange Hall last Saturday, those who did go were amply repaid by the address they heard delivered by W. W. Deal, state grange master of Idaho.

Mr. Deal gave a graphic history of the growth of farmers' efforts to organize for service from the days of the Farmers' Alliance to the present time, and declared that the Farm Bureau movement was the best yet devised for it had behind it the organized work of the United States Department of Agriculture. The future success of the rancher, he said, was in the improvement of his ranch, that it may produce more and thus bring greater returns. This, he said, was better than merely trying to get better prices.

The bureau organized by electing the following project committees: T. W. Claggett, crop improvement; G. W. Dean, marketing; A. Grange, pest and disease control; V. V. Hickox, community betterments; E. B. Conklin, boys and girls clubs.

Following the meeting Miss Jean Conklin and Miss Hortense Wells served sandwiches, cake and coffee to the gathering.

## CHICKEN RAISERS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF FRAUD

Copies of the Northwest Poultry Journal of recent date carry a story of the frauds that have been alleged to have been perpetrated upon the chicken fanciers who have been "worked" by men claiming to be expert Hoxanizers. These men, claiming to be representatives of the Oregon or Idaho Poultry associations, have sold sheep dip in fancy cans as cures of chicken diseases, have recommended books on poultry raising and in other ways separated poultry men from good hard cash. Ontario has been visited by one recently, and in fact it is said he is still here trying this game. Poultry men should be warned and take their problems up with the County Agent or the officials at O. A. C.

## STEP LADDER BREAKS SENDING STORE MANAGER TO HOSPITAL

Clarence Crouter, manager of the local Alexander store is in the Holy Rosary Hospital suffering from a broken ankle; one of the big plate glass windows at the side of the entrance to the store is being replaced. These two things are the result of breaking of the step ladder upon which Mr. Crouter was standing fixing the transome above the door, Tuesday morning. When the ladder broke it swerved to one side shattering the glass and Mr. Crouter fell upon the tile entrance to the store and broke his ankle. He was taken to the hospital at once and will probably be confined there for a month.

John Gordon is down this week from the upper country looking after local interests.

George Huntington Currey of the Vale Enterprise passed thru Ontario Tuesday enroute to Eugene to attend the newspaper men's conference where he is to appear on the program tomorrow.

L. I. Hirsch left Monday for Chicago for a short business trip. He expects to be back in Ontario next Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. King entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hager, who left this week to make their home at Klamath Falls.

Judge Dalton Biggs returned Tuesday from Burns, where he went to canvass the result of the balloting in the irrigation election.

M. M. Echols is suffering from a relapse of the flu at his room in the Moore hotel.

John W. Cunningham of Portland, who is in charge of the engineering of the Valley Drainage district, spent the week in Ontario.

L. G. Olson made a business trip to Nampa this week where his firm has many large contracts under way.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Atherton left Saturday evening for a short visit to Portland.

## PARISH HOUSE GIVEN CLUB'S ENDORSEMENT

Women of Episcopal Guild Propose to Erect Guild Hall This Summer—Lots Already Owned on Third Street, S. W.

The Commercial club at its meeting last night endorsed the project of the Episcopal Guild of Ontario to erect a Guild Hall, and indicated that the members would assist in the erection of the building.

The matter was brot to the attention of the club by W. W. Wood, who stated that at present there is no place for the high school classes to hold their parties and other activities and that this club house would serve their need and that of any other organization. Messrs. Seligman and Cochran declared such a recreation hall needed and others voiced similar sentiments and the motion to endorse passed unanimously. The Guild now owns three lots on Third street, S. W., on which the proposed hall will be built.

## PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP MISS MORRISEY

Marie Morrisey, who will give a concert in Ontario on March 24 has a special mission in life. Anyone who can sing in the wonderful way Miss Morrisey sings has a mission in life, you think?

But this is a special mission and it may be that somebody in Ontario can help her.

It seems that shortly after the battle of Belleau Wood Miss Morrisey received a message, blood-stained and scrawled in pencil, and enclosed in a letter from a soldier overseas. This soldier said that as he was advancing on Belleau Wood he found a Marine dying in a shell hole. The Marine called him over, gave him this little poem, and told him it was intended for a woman back home, and for him to send it on to Miss Morrisey, whom he had heard sing the "songs of home" so many times, and she would deliver the message. Just at that moment a shell exploded and killed the Marine.

So the soldier sent the message on to Miss Morrisey, and she is still trying to justify the Marine's faith in her and find the woman.

The following is a copy of the poem:

My Girl  
Her eyes aint eyes of violet blue,  
Nor her hair a golden brown,  
But the violet they aint always true,  
Nor is gold the noblest crown.  
She never does the evening teas,  
Nor tries the social whirt,  
But we love some, her and me,  
Me and her—My Girl.  
Her smile aint just a lovin' smile,  
Nor her kiss a moment's bliss,  
But smiles don't make life worth while,  
And bliss aint happiness.  
You dream of auto, trips by sea,  
And diamonds, rubies, beryls,  
But I dream her, and she dreams me,  
And when I'm with with the fever's flush,  
And my thoughts are of the past,  
Her hand brings faith in the death-room's hush,  
And her faith, bet's hope to the last.  
And how I worship her snow-white hair,  
The white of my Mother's curls,  
Gee, love some—her and me,  
Mother—she's my girl.  
A genuine and loving tribute is it not? And so Miss Morrisey is searching everywhere for the mother who is anxiously waiting, as are so many mothers who have sons overseas that will never come back, for this last message from her hero.

Appearing with Miss Morrisey on Thursday night will be Mr. William Reddick, the noted pianist.

Mrs. J. R. Fengler, who arrived here from Fowler, Kas. the latter part of the week, to join her husband, the division lineman of the O. S. L., reported that the central part of Kansas was in the grip of severe wind and snow storms when she left.

Mrs. J. W. Gearhart came down from Drewsey last Monday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Atherton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Platt of Parma were Ontario visitors on Sunday.

Mark and Edgar Rutherford are in Ontario from the upper country, the former having been called by illness in his family here.

Mrs. James G. Smith of Caldwell spent the week and the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lackey.

Clarence Wood of Nampa spent Sunday in Ontario visiting relatives and friends.

## DANCE PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN BY ORCHESTRA

Alumni, Students and Friends of High School to Be Present at Elaborate Program From Friday Evening at Oregon Club.

The Oregon club rooms will be the scene of an elaborate program given by the High School Orchestra in honor of the alumni, students and friends of the school.

The orchestra, which has been working hard all year under the direction of Prof. M. D. Thomas, has been heard at a number of student functions at the High School, this is its initial appearance in so elaborate a program and the young men and women of the club are hard at work on their program.

The club has named as its guests of honor at the dancing party: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Homan, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Weese, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Atken, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Drane and Superintendent of Schools H. P. Lewis.

The following is the personnel of the orchestra, the parts they play and their class:

M. D. Thomas, director, Cornet; Mabel Madden, Piano, 1921; Ralph Oyer, Violin, 1915; Willis Male, Violin, 1922; Pauline Jaquish, Violin, 1924; Frank Dorman, Saxophone, 1920; Ralph Drane, Clarinet, 1923; Richard Adams, Clarinet, 1923; Eldon Madden, Horn, 1920; Jack Peterson, Horn, 1920; Howard Fairford, Cornet, 1921; James Clark, Cornet, 1923; Charles Homan, Drums, 1920.

## POWER COMPANY DENIED ANY INCREASE IN RATES THIS YEAR

According to the Boise papers of Wednesday the Idaho Utilities commission signified that an order would be issued denying the Idaho Power company any increase in its irrigation power rates for the coming season.

The commission indicated that even tho the hearing were continued and an increase permitted that it could not become effective for 120 days and that would practically nullify any benefits which the company could derive from an increase this season.

## TWENTY MEN NOW AT WORK IN LOCAL SHOP

U. S. Manufacturing Plant One of Few Places in Northwest With Supply of Sheet Metal Sufficient for Demand.

Thru the foresight of L. G. Olson of the U. S. Manufacturing company that institution is busily engaged in turning out a great quantity of sheet metal work destined for shipment to points all the way from Lewiston, Idaho, to Jerome.

At the present time there are 29 men engaged at the company's plant here, or on the work it has in hand at Nampa. Here in Ontario great big tanks for the Payette Valley Rex Spray company are being made for shipment to New Plymouth, Fruitland, Wood's Spur and other points. So short has the supply of sheet metal become in this section that Baker and Weiser firms have had to send work to Ontario. Mr. Olson secured a carload of this material at the government sale of supplies at Vancouver Washington some time ago.

## MINIATURE LAND RUSH IS REPORTED FROM OWYHEE

Visitors from the Owyhee section report that there is a miniature rush of settlers to the dry lands above the Succor Creek project, within the proposed Owyhee district. What started the rush can not be learned in Ontario, but the talk development has apparently been circulated in the Gem District of Idaho, for it is from that section that most of the land seekers come.

Parker's Tire shop is the latest business venture in Ontario. It is located in the Fraser building just north of the Idaho Power company's office. Mr. Parker is expecting his equipment any day this week, for it has been in transit from the east for some time.

Seymour Ross of Nyssa, who purchased a ranch on the Valley View road last fall, has completed a handsome residence on the place and moved into it last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keady, who spent the winter in Georgia visiting with Mr. Keady's parents, returned Saturday. They had a delightful time, the South did not appeal to them as a substitute for the Snake river valley.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gallagher went to Boise Tuesday to be present at the annual ball given by the Boise Elks. They had a good time, too, and returned Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Blackaby spent the week end in Nampa the guest of Miss Lois Prinzing.

## LACK ENTRIES STILL FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

So far only ten entries have been made for the First National Bank's Civic Improvement contest. Under the terms of the gift of prizes by the bank it was stipulated that at least 15 entries would be necessary. So far Secretary F. Leslie Body has received the signatures of the following: Al Chance, S. F. Taylor, Jr., Larue Blackaby, L. I. Hirsch, H. M. Browne, W. L. Turner, H. H. Tunney, V. W. Chambers, J. R. Fortner, W. F. Escue, and Mrs. E. M. Graig.

The last day for entry is Monday, March 1, and there should be at least 20 entries for the contest. Those who are thinking of entering should sign the applications at the secretary's office at once.

## DIRECTORS CHOSEN AT ANNUAL ELECTION

L. I. Hirsch, H. H. Tunney, D. M. Taggart, H. B. Cockrum, J. R. Blackaby, E. C. Van Petten and Dr. E. S. Fortner Directors.

With an attendance of nearly 50 the Commercial club last night held its annual meeting when the following directors were chosen for the coming year: L. I. Hirsch, H. H. Tunney, D. M. Taggart, H. B. Cockrum, J. R. Blackaby, C. C. VanPetten and Dr. E. S. Fortner. The vote for Dr. Fortner and Frank Rader was a tie and Mr. Rader withdrew in favor of him. D. M. Taggart, too, sought to withdraw but on being urged to remain on the board did so.

Beside this matter of business the club heard an extensive report from Secretary F. Leslie Body which will be printed in detail next week, showing the club's work during the past year.

Larue Blackaby, treasurer, reported a cash balance of \$1742.00 on hand now, of which \$1000 is the gift of L. I. Hirsch to the club. An auditing committee consisting of Frank Rader, W. F. Homan and H. W. Swagler was appointed to audit the books of the club for the year.

Water System Discussed  
H. H. Tunney reported that the committee to investigate the proposed low pressure, system for irrigation water had received estimates from O. A. Kratz, city engineer, that it would cost \$56,000 to construct the proposed pumping system and laterals from Riverside to the high points in the city from which to distribute the water in open ditches.

Since this could not be done this season in time for irrigation he urged that a temporary plan be used, that of getting water from the Willamette east of town. This, he said, could be done and would furnish ample water for the year. The committee named to handle this matter was continued with power to secure the fund necessary to contract for the water. To do this the number of lots will be assessed at a given sum per lot for the season.

Park Sites Reported  
H. B. Cockrum, chairman of the committee on parks, reported its investigation of the proposed site by the public schools, also in Riverside and for the improvement of the present park near the station. They reported that it would be necessary to buy the sites by the High School, or in Riverside and that the railroad company would object to a playground park near the station. The committee was continued in service.

Watchman for Crossing  
Mayor R. W. Jones reported that the railroad company had informed him that a flag man had been ordered to patrol the Idaho avenue crossing from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The committee on roads was instructed to keep track of the proposed survey for the Old Oregon Trail across Dead Ox Flat and to confer with the residents of that section and Division Engineer R. H. Baldock.

Humphrey Pinney of New York City, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pinney, arrived in Ontario last Friday morning to take a position in the engineering department of the State Highway commission's office here, which is under the direction of Engineer J. H. Joyce.

Mr. Jacob Prinzing came down from Nampa Tuesday to be one of the guests at the session of the Tuesday bridge club which met at the home of Mrs. L. Adam. Mrs. H. C. Whitworth of Weiser was also an out-of-town guest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Amidon of the Boulevard, who spent the winter back in Allegon, Michigan, visiting with Mr. Amidon's mother, have returned to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Oakes have purchased the E. C. VanPetten residence in Riverside which Mr. and Mrs. VanPetten will vacate when their new home which has been started on Second street, S. W., is completed.

The Woman's club meet today at the home of Mrs. L. Adam.

Miss Lavine Smith entertained the members of the Wednesday bridge club at her home on First street, S. W., yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blackaby spent Friday of last week in Boise.

## RANCHERS WILL HAVE DIRECTION OF FUR

COUNTY COURT REQUESTED TO NAME THREE DIRECTORS UNDER NEW LAW, V. V. HICKOX, E. M. DEAN AND V. T. HERRETT NAMED

## BETTER SCHOOLS GIVEN BOOST

Ranchers Suggest Consolidation of School Districts and Transportation of School Children as Desirable for All Concerned.

The Malheur County Fair this year will be under the direction of the ranchers of the county. To comply with a recent law the directors of the fair are appointed by the county court from a list of nominees furnished by the ranchers.

The members of the Farm Bureau on Tuesday nominated V. V. Hickox of Adrain, V. T. Herrett of Vale and E. M. Dean of Nyssa for the positions.

Among the other resolutions offered by the bureau members was that of E. M. Dean, who urged that the roads of the county be districted and be regularly graded by ranchers, so that the roads could be maintained.

The ranchers also urged the consolidation of school districts and the transportation of country children to the consolidated schools, so that they will have the advantages of graded schools.

## SAGE STRING OF HORSES NOW IN TRAINING AT TIA JUANA

Down across the line at Tia Juana, Mexico, a number of ponies familiar to the race track followers at the Malheur County Fair are getting ready for the big races, at the Mexican race track.

Two weeks ago Jack Welsh left McDermitt with his own string including Desert Gold, Cuyana, and Spritely Miss and the following horses of Mr. Sage's; Nevada Girl, Frank Bayne, Disaster Maid III.

Mr. Welsh will train for two weeks or more before starting in any of the races but Mr. Sage expects to hear of winnings before long for at least two of the offerings are good enough for any track.

## REPUBLICANS TO HOLD LOVE FEAST TUESDAY

Following Central Committee Meeting Dinner Will Be Served in Evening and Oratory Expected to Flow Freely.

Republican committeemen from all sections of the county are expected here next Tuesday to attend the meeting of the County Central committee which is to have charge of the campaign this fall.

In the evening following the meeting there is to be a dinner and a committee is busily engaged now in securing speakers for that occasion. One of the speakers whose presence is assured is Mrs. McNath of Portland who is in charge of the woman's organization within the party and it is planned that the committee will be able to perfect a woman's auxiliary for the local county committee, at least that is the plan, for already such a program has been started at meetings in North and South Vale. Ontario women, however, have not signified a marked degree of interest in the campaign as yet, but the local republican committeemen expect the meeting of next week to furnish the impetus to carry the plan forward.

## IDEAL WEATHER FOR EARLY LAMBING EXPERIENCED HERE

That this is the ideal section in which to winter feed sheep is being proven this week in the first reports from sheepmen whose flocks are now lambing near Ontario, Nyssa and Vale. So favorable has been the weather thus far that few of the lambs are being lost and a big crop of them are expected.

Captain Robert M. Duncan of Burns was in town for several days this week. He reports great progress in Harney, where the irrigation election carried by an almost unanimous vote and where the installation of water works and sewerage systems are now being talked of for the near future, and a \$50,000 hospital is in prospect. Ontario will have to step lively to keep ahead of Burns, says Bob.

Ray Duncan of Brouhan is in Ontario this week. Mrs. Duncan has been ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Lackey, for the past week, but is improving.

Clarence C. Defrees was called to Portland Monday by the death of his father, who had been ill there in a hospital for some time.