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TAXPAYERS ACT TO GET FLOOD DAMS

14 Signatories Promise to Work for Organization of District.

ENGINEER VISITS

Government Official Advises Step; Gives Encouraging Report on Prospect; \$300,000 Cost.

Are Willow and Rhea creeks to be relieved in the future of damaging floods such as have taken heavy toll in the past?

They will if the object of action taken this week by 14 prominent taxpayers reaches fruition. The 14 taxpayers, namely Frank S. Parker, J. J. Wightman, W. C. Cox, Fred Hoskins, Grant Olden, J. G. Thomson, Jeff Jones, R. A. Thompson, Henry Cohn, E. E. Rugg, H. J. Biddle, R. H. Lane, W. E. Barnett and James L. Leach, signed a statement to the war department that they would work for the establishment of a flood control district in the territory affected, which district would provide rights-of-way for the construction of two dams, take care of maintenance, and otherwise hold the government harmless from damages in case the government sees fit to construct the dams.

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New Justice of Peace

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City Play Improvements Told by W.S.C. Professor

"Play" was the theme of a Socratic league discussion led by S. E. Notson before the Monday Lions luncheon, which brought a number of suggestions for improvement of recreation facilities of the city. Prof. C. R. Ham, Washington State college, in the city auditing books of the various school districts, suggested building of tennis court and swimming tank as two much needed play assets.

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PIONEER MOTHER PASSES AT IONE

Mrs. Emily McMurray, Native of North Carolina, Dies; Three Children Reside in County.

By MRS. MARGARET BLAKE

Mrs. Emily McMurray passed away at her home in this city on Tuesday morning. Although in poor health for some months she has been able to be about until about ten days ago when she suffered a stroke from which she did not rally. Mrs. McMurray was born in North Carolina on February 18, 1851. She was married to W. G. McMurray in 1869. To their union were born twelve children, ten of whom survive her. With Mr. McMurray a home was made in Uree, North Carolina, until 1917 when they came to Ione. Always cheerful and independent she lived out her years in a spirit that will long be remembered by friends and neighbors. She was a member of the Baptist church.

The sons and daughters who survive Mrs. McMurray are Mrs. Laura Prince, Campobello, South Carolina, A. L. McMurray of Columbus, N. C., Fred McMurray, Hermiston, Laxton McMurray, Ione, Clarence McMurray, Mullen, Idaho, Hugh McMurray, Sharon, Wash., Mrs. I. R. Robison, Mrs. Loren Hale, and Mrs. Ralph Harris, Ione, and Mrs. H. E. West, Clarkston, Wash. She also leaves 21 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. W. W. Head of Cathlamet, Wash., giving the address. Appropriate songs were sung by Mrs. W. G. Roberts, Mrs. Paul Balsiger, Paul G. Balsiger and Edward Keller accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Blake. Pallbearers were E. J. Bristow, Bert Mason, P. J. Linn, E. J. Keller, J. H. Bryson and M. E. Coter. Interment was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mrs. O. G. Bergstrom and sons of Portland are visiting at the Eric Bergstrom farm.

Lou Russell and J. M. Morrell of the Shaver Forwarding company of Portland were business visitors here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stanton (Josephine Woolery) of Portland spent a part of Saturday calling on friends and relatives.

Mrs. Thelma Hall and George Newton of South Bend, Wash., arrived on Friday. They returned home Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Millie Newton and Mrs. Jaimar Koski and daughter, Thelma Jean, who have visited here for some time.

Mrs. Opal Christopherson and James Farley, son of Mrs. Margaret Farley of Willows, were married at Yakima, Wash., last Friday, July 13. They will make their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nicholson, Mrs. Frank Engelman and Mrs. Millie Newton visited friends in Echo on last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Propka and two sons of Tulsa, Oklahoma, have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Holub. Mrs. Holub, a sister of Mrs. Propka, accompanied them to the Willamette valley for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mitchell and daughter, Mrs. Ivy Wetherford, of Grass Range, Montana, arrived on Sunday for a visit with old friends. The Mitchell's used to live on the Feeley farm, leaving here about the time of the Heppner flood. Mr. Mitchell is in the stock raising business in Montana and says that crops there have been poor for the past two years or so.

Miss Evelyn and David Wheeler of Colorado accompanied by Mrs. Chas. M. Wagner of Portland arrived at the A. W. Lundell ranch on Monday. On Wednesday, accompanied by the Lundells they drove to Nampa, Idaho, for a short visit with an uncle of the Wheelers and of Mrs. Lundell.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Lindstedt and children and Mrs. Elizabeth Garfield visited Mrs. Ella Davidson a few days last week, departing for their home in Portland Friday.

Paul Dickey, student pastor of the Congregational church, gave a talk on his work in a South African mission among the Zulus at the Women's Missionary meeting last Thursday afternoon. On Sunday evening he gave an illustrated lecture on the same subject, showing about fifty photographs he had taken of the country and people.

Mrs. Blanche Hummel has returned to Portland after a visit at the Heiker farm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson and Mrs. Elmo McMillan were Pendleton visitors Monday.

Miss Betty Jean Mankin has been visiting at Sunnyside, Wash. Mrs. Wrex Hickok returned to her home in Portland Monday.

R. B. Rice of Lexington was a business visitor here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Koehring (Arlene Balsiger) and children of Indianapolis and Mrs. Elsie Combe are visiting at the P. G. Balsiger home. Mrs. Combe is a sister of Mrs. Balsiger. They expect to be here about six weeks.

Paul Dickey went to Portland Monday to attend a church conference. He will return Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake have moved to Heppner where Mr. Blake is in charge of the Morrow County Grain Growers warehouse.

MINING PROSPECT HELD PROMISING

Metal Discovery Made on Wilson Prairie; Value Set at \$200 Ton.

MARKET AVAILABLE

Nick Leathers and Irl Clary, Hardman, Make Aluminum Find; Idaho Concern Interested.

It's not the lure of gold but of aluminum that is building high the hopes of a group of Morrow county fortune seekers who are staking claims on Wilson prairie, some 17 miles south of Hardman adjacent to the Heppner-Spray road.

Irl Clary and Nick Leathers of Hardman are the prospectors whose reports revealed a promising looking ore, reports G. A. Bleakman, former county commissioner, and Hardman stage operator who himself has staked out a claim in the vicinity of the "find." Assay reports show the ore to be about 75 percent aluminum, with two other metals of value present, and the alleged value is set at \$200 a ton.

The ore was discovered by the Hardman miners three weeks ago, and Clary who formerly worked for a mining company in Idaho, sent samples of the ore to that concern. He received answer from the company that they would give him a report on it by Friday last. However, instead of a written report, three representatives of the mining company called at the "diggings" last week end, and are credited with the statement that if the ore is present in sufficient quantity the company will take the entire output.

Mr. Bleakman, who was a sourdough in Alaska and has had considerable mining experience in this county including an interest in the "Pat Shea" mine—fabled mine which failed to produce operating costs—was not permitting himself to become overly excited from the prospect of immediate wealth, but he did think the prospects were favorable for developing something worth while.

The vein apparently runs north and south across the center of Wilson prairie, he said. A good road leads to the prairie from the Heppner-Spray road, via the Bull Prairie turnoff, making the diggings easy of access, so that should the mine prove of real value there would be little trouble getting out the ore.

Sherman County Editor Named Lynch Successor

Giles L. French, publisher of the Sherman County Journal, Moro, was named representative from the 22nd district to succeed Paul F. Lynch, resigned, at the meeting of county courts of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties at Astoria Monday afternoon.

French was the only nominee and his election was unanimous.

Sherman county was generally conceded the position since it is the only county in the district which did not have a citizen legislator. Morrow county has J. G. Barratt in the senate, Gilliam has E. R. Fatland in the house, and Wheeler has W. H. Steiner in the senate.

French is a republican, and his election marks a decrease in the democratic house majority, since Lynch adhered to the bourbon faith.

The newcomer is a keen student of government affairs, a capable journalist, and well qualified for the position. Having the interests of his district at heart, it is expected he will represent the district with credit.

W. T. Campbell, judge, and Geo. N. Peck and F. S. Parker, commissioners, were all present at the election meeting.

TREES COMING BACK

The park in the rear of the court house presents a refreshing appearance these days since installation of the new well and pumping system has made irrigation possible. The grove of locust trees, which for several years appeared to be dead, has been brought back to life and is fully leaved out. Adding to the appearance is a patch of corn which the warm nights is making to grow exceedingly well. Members of the court justly point with pride to the remarkable improvement. The lawn on the front exposure of the grounds has also taken new lease on life with adequate irrigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matlock and family of The Dalles spent the week end with Mrs. Matlock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Wright. Their daughters, Juanita and Lulu, remained here for a longer visit with their grandparents.

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O. M. Scott was a business visitor in Pendleton Monday.

PLEASANT HEAT OF 103 FELT HERE

Does Not Approach 25-Year Record of 108 in 1928; Wave Has Little Damaging Effect.

Heppner folks basked in comfortable warmth this week, while all around reports came of an intense heat wave over the Pacific Northwest. Even Portland and Willamette valley points were reporting new record high temperatures, while the mercury's peak here of 103 Saturday and Sunday did not approach the 25-year record of 108 reached in 1928.

Len L. Gilliam, official government weather observer, who gives the figures, may be accused by some of pouring ice water on the thermometer. The heat Saturday was sultry and little relief was felt the night, causing those who stayed in town through Sunday's heat to perspire considerably more than usual. Declining temperatures since Sunday dropped into the 80's yesterday, and cooler nights have caused residents to pull covers over them before morning.

The hot weather has speeded up the harvest season by helping to dry up green weeds and thus allowing the ripened grain to be cut sooner than many farmers expected. Some damaging effect may have been had on the later ripening fields, though no general alarm has been sounded. Crops, generally short before the heat wave, are turning out to be of high quality, many reports say.

Harvest has been under way in the north end of the county for two weeks, and many farmers to the south are just starting or are preparing to start their harvest shortly.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

At the meeting Saturday evening Lexington grange went on record as opposing the railroad ruling that 60,000 pounds shall be the minimum load limit to be shipped out in cars. The grange desires that the old rule of loading out 40,000-pound cars be maintained.

Fourteen candidates were given the third and fourth degrees. The grange decided to dedicate the new hall on Saturday afternoon, August 10. Further announcement concerning this will be made later.

The grange will enter a float in the parade at the Heppner Rodeo in August and a committee has been appointed to make arrangements for this.

Chas. Wicklander, deputy state master, was present and organized a juvenile grange. The officers elected were: Master, Eileen Kelly; lecturer, Doris Scott; secretary, Billie Nichols; overseer, Billy Marquardt; steward, Bobby Kelly; chaplain, Erma Scott; treasurer, Colleen Miller; Ceres, Shirley Smouse; Pomona, Eileen Scott; Flora, Mae Jo Marquardt; gatekeeper, Gene Cutsforth; assistant steward, Billy Scott; lady assistant steward Gene Marie Schriever. The youngsters will hold their meetings in the dining room of the hall on the same dates as the subordinate grange.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth and family and Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Graves and daughter were among Lexington people who enjoyed a picnic at Ditch Creek Sunday.

Word reached here last week of the death of Earl Simonton, Jr., at Anaheim, Calif. He was the eldest son of the late Earl Simonton who formerly resided in this community, and was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Saling.

The Lexington Home Economics club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Jessie McCabe with fourteen members and six visitors present. Those present were Pearl Devine, Pearl Gentry, Bertha Dinges, Alda Troedson, Maxine Jeub, Bertha Nelson, Tena Scott, Annie Keene, Elma Scott, Ruth McCabe, Nancy McWaters, Lorena Miller, Trina Parker, Myrtle Schriever, Alta Cutsforth, Beulah Nichols, Frances Troedson, Ellen Nelson and Jessie McCabe. Cakes, fruit salad and punch were served at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at the grange hall on Thursday afternoon, August 8, with Mrs. Devine and Mrs. Nelson as hostesses.

T. W. Cutsforth returned last week from a trip to Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allyn visited relatives in Heppner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tucker and family of Grandview, Wash., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moyer at their Black Horse ranch.

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Ruth Cowins returned to her home in Heppner Saturday after spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Allyn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker and Woodrow and Wilma Tucker mo-

Oddfellows and Rebekahs Hold Public Installation

Oddfellow and Rebekah lodges of Heppner were hosts to the public last night at installation of officers for the ensuing year, with officers of Ione Oddfellows installed at the same time. Following the installation ceremonies a musical program was given, and refreshments of ice cream and cake enjoyed. Providing music were the Lions quartet, F. W. Turner, Dr. R. C. Lawrence, Joseph Belanger and Blaine Isom; cornet solo by Miss Irene Beamer, and piano solo by Miss Marjorie Parker. Local officers installed were:

Oddfellows: Harold Ayers, N. G.; Al Macomber, V. G.; Emmett Ayers, sec.; J. L. Yeager, treas.; Corne Green, warden; Frank Anderson, conductor; Ralph Beamer, R. S. N. G.; Paul Nichols, L. S. N. G.; Piri Howell, I. G.; R. C. Phelps, O. G.; Rev. Joseph Pope, chaplain; Chas. Barlow, R. S. S.; Harry Dinges, L. S. S.; Claude Hill, R. S. V. G.; Joseph Belanger, L. S. V. G.

Rebekahs: Mable Chaffee, N. G.; Anna Graham, P. N. G.; Clara Beamer, V. G.; Hattie Wightman, warden; Verma Hayes, conductor; Alice Rasmus, I. G.; Opal Ayers, O. G.; Ella Benge, R. S. N. G.; Olive Frye, L. S. N. G.; Elizabeth Campbell, chaplain; Tacie Parker, musician; Millie Doolittle, R. S. V. G.; Alice Gentry, L. S. V. G.

Miss Ilene Kenny Leads In Initial Queen Vote

Miss Ilene Kenny, representative of Lexington grange, led the voting for queen of the 1935 Heppner Rodeo at the kick-off queen's dance here Saturday evening. Results of the balloting were Miss Kenny 9300, Miss Maxine McCurdy, Rhea Creek grange, 3300; Miss Aileen Farley, Willows grange, 2700; Miss Camille Stanley, Lena grange, 1300.

Second of the queen's dances will be held at Ione next Saturday night. A series of six dances, with balloting at each dance, is being held to elect the queen, the candidate receiving the most votes to be queen, and the others to be her attendants for the three days of Rodeo, August 22-23-24. The remainder of the schedule is, Rhea Creek, July 27; Lena at Heppner, August 3; Lexington, August 10, and Heppner, August 17.

A large crowd packed the county pavilion at the kick-off, and enjoyed dancing to the music of Kaufman's orchestra of Pendleton.

Turkey Expert to Speak Willows Grange July 27

J. C. Leedy, manager of the Oregon Turkey Growers cooperative, will be a speaker at the Willows grange Saturday night, July 27. Mr. Leedy has been intimately connected with the development of the turkey raising business in Oregon for several years. He was largely instrumental in starting the turkey show at Oakland which has developed into one of the largest shows of its kind in the United States.

One of the most important phases of the turkey business is marketing. This is especially true in areas located some distance from central markets where the bulk of the birds raised must be shipped. The Oregon Turkey Growers' cooperative has a rather remarkable growth since Mr. Leedy assumed active management about two years ago. Mr. Leedy's talk should be of keen interest to everyone in Morrow county who will have any turkeys at all to sell this fall.

NEWLYWEDS VISIT.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Farley, who were married last Thursday at Baker visited over Saturday night at the home of Mr. Farley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Farley, on their way to John Day. While here they were busy receiving the congratulations of their many Heppner friends. Mrs. Farley was formerly Miss Bessie Madden of John Day.

Paul Jones, representative of a wholesale drug company, visited in Heppner Tuesday at the home of his brother, Ralph Jones.

Alex Gibb has recovered sufficiently from his recent accident to return home from the hospital.

John Tucker, Mr. Tucker and Woodrow and Wilma returned Tuesday but Mrs. Tucker remained in Salem for a few weeks, visiting with her father, T. M. Scott.

J. G. Johnson, janitor at the local school, sustained a bad cut on his wrist Tuesday evening when his hand slipped while he was attempting to open a window at the school house. He was taken to Heppner to a physician to have the injury treated.

A special meeting of School District No. 12 has been called for Wednesday afternoon, August 7, for the purpose of voting on the budget, as the budget was rejected at the annual school meeting in June.

Miss Opal Leach returned from Los Angeles the first of the week. She has been visiting relatives and friends there for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Velle Brinkley of Corvallis is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ola Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt and children have returned from a three-weeks' trip to the Willamette valley and the coast.

Mrs. J. F. McMillan and family spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Emma Ashinbust in Sand Hollow.

Charlie Cutler of Athena is visiting at the home of his brother, R. M. Cutler.

URGE ATTENDANCE WALLA WALLA MEET

Farmers Asked to Take Holiday to Meet Secretary Wallace.

EMPHASIZE NEEDS

Hope Held to Impress Secretary With Demand for Export Subsidy, Allotment and AAA.

The importance of Morrow county farmers joining in the mass meeting at Walla Walla next Monday to receive Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, cannot be over emphasized, say Chas. B. Cox, Heppner; Bert Johnson, Ione, and Harvey Miller, Lexington, the committee appointed by Mac Hoke, president of Eastern Oregon Wheat league, to arouse local interest.

Every farmer who can possibly get there should attend, even though it means stopping harvest for the day, to help impress the secretary with the widespread demand for export subsidy on northwest wheat, continuance of the allotment plan and other features of control which have proved beneficial to this section, the committee asserts.

Secretary Wallace is slated to address the Walla Walla meeting at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon in Pioneer park. Visiting farmers who care to do so are invited to participate in lunch served by the city in the park prior to the meeting.

Arrangements are being made to entertain 10,000 visitors, and ample parking space will be found within two blocks from the park, according to announcement following a preliminary meeting in Walla Walla last Saturday.

The Walla Walla stop is the only one to be made by Secretary Wallace between Montana and Seattle, and the opportunity to impress him with the needs of this section should not be overlooked, says Mr. Hoke. It is his first visit to the Inland Empire since he became secretary.

During the 1933-34 season the emergency export corporation disposed of more than 28,000,000 bushels of wheat through Portland, Hoke points out, thereby relieving a critical surplus situation. This last season, because of drought, the AAA discontinued the export plan, despite continued surplus in this district, which resulted in a heavy carryover this July. With the new crop on now, revival of the export plan is vital to the northwest wheat industry, Hoke believes.

"Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the importance of having a large attendance to greet the secretary," said Bert Johnson in speaking for the local committee. "Naturally, if just a handful were to meet the secretary he would not be greatly impressed with the demand which exists here for reestablishment of the emergency export corporation. In this instance, truly, strength lies in numbers; and there is every probability that every wheat raiser will be benefited more by attending the meeting than he would be by staying at home to harvest from four- to ten-bushel wheat."

"If the farmer and the business man who is absolutely dependent on the farmer in this county will consider for a moment what the allotment money has meant to all of us during the last two years, and then try to visualize what it will mean if allotment money is stopped abruptly, the farmer will be willing to stop harvesting his mighty slim crop for one day and go to Walla Walla on July 22, and by his presence there convince the secretary of agriculture that the farmer is in favor of a continuance of the allotment program, subsidized wheat export and the AAA. The farmer must show some interest and some fight in and for the things he wants; otherwise he is whipped without even trying to land a punch. Everyone who can possibly go, should make the trip; do not expect a few to get results when many are needed. The larger the attendance the more consideration will be given demands."

"The farmers should make this a holiday and go to Walla Walla and be at the city park at 1 p. m., July 22. Cars will leave county agent's office at 10 a. m., and will take care of as many as possible."

COUNTY 4-H PICNIC SET.

The Morrow county 4-H club picnic will be held at the H. E. Cool ranch below Ione on Sunday, July 21. Basket lunch will be set at noon, and demonstrations will be held in fitting and showmanship. All 4-H club members, their parents and friends are welcome, and a good time awaits all, announces Mrs. H. E. Cool, local club leader.

Expert Piano Tuning.

Prof. Alfano Ericson, former instructor of music in conservatory, Berlin, Germany, will again be in Heppner about July 24-25. Tuning \$3. No money accepted till work is approved and satisfactory. Leave your name for tuning at Gazette Times office.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mitchell and daughter, Mrs. Ivey Wetherford, of Grassange, Mont., visited with friends in Heppner the first of the week.