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Two Large Trees Provided for Yuletide Cheer

Dads Give Fire Boys \$25 for Job; Improvement Talked.

Two large Christmas trees, attractively lighted, will adorn Heppner's Main street as the result of official action of the city council Monday evening. For their provision the council voted \$25 to be used by the volunteer fire boys in obtaining and placing the trees. One will probably be set at the intersection of May and Main and the other at the intersection of Willow and Main. Lighting will be provided by Pacific Power & Light company.

The city dads thus showed their interest in helping to spread Christmas cheer.

Further consideration of the appearance of the main thoroughfare was given when plans were talked for removing the large wooden barn at the south end of the street. An offer for the building was before them, and another offer for the lot. The building had already been condemned.

In the plan discussed a three-cornered trade is involved. One party would acquire and tear down the building. Another party would acquire the lot, and in return the city would be granted right-of-way thru the second party's property in south Heppner for changing the thoroughfare leading out to the Willow creek road.

The latter project is one which the council and county court have had in mind for some time. The survey for the change has already been made. It contemplates changing the route so that traffic would move straight out Court street, across Willow creek and there turn directly up the creek on the right-hand side. Eliminated would be the necessity of negotiating the devious and narrow course now required to be traveled in getting onto the upper Willow creek road, and the bad traffic hazard caused thereby.

Christmas Talked by Church Council

The newly formed Council of Churches met at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday night to make plans for cooperative action during the Christmas season. Several projects were decided upon which have as their goal the emphasis of the true spirit of Christ and the gospel of good will.

The young people's organizations of the several churches will combine in singing carols during Christmas week at the homes of shut-ins. Christmas baskets of good cheer will be distributed by the church groups to some who otherwise might not be remembered with a personal touch of friendship. A great union meeting on the Sunday before Christmas will feature Christmas music furnished by the choirs and singers of the community. This service will be held in the Christian church on Dec. 20 at 7:30 p. m.

It is probable that such union meetings will become a monthly affair, and a meeting for the week preceding Easter is already being talked.

Appointed representatives present were Mrs. Olive Frye, Mrs. Neva Cochell, Ruth Green, W. O. Dix, M. L. Case, C. W. Barlow, William McCaleb, Jackson Gilliam, R. C. Young and A. L. Kleinfeldt.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Booher, former residents, were visiting relatives and friends here Saturday. They now reside at Twin Falls, Idaho, where Mr. Booher holds a position with Standard Stations, Inc.

District's Solons Show Interest in Agriculture Needs

Most of eastern Oregon's contingent of state legislators were in attendance at the wheat league conference here last week end. Included were Senator Clyde Kiddle of La Grande, Senator Rex Ellis of Pendleton, and Representatives Carl Engdahl of Pendleton, Ernest R. Fatland of Condon and Giles L. French of Moro.

These gentlemen learned first hand the wants of the wheatgrowers for legislation, and at least three of them had definite plans for bills to accomplish the growers' desires.

While in the county Mr. Fatland went over some of the worst blow area, and when he left he had in his pocket the draft for a bill to permit establishment of blow control districts.

Mr. Ellis definitely asserted that he would do all in his power to amend truck and bus legislation to give more consideration to the grower.

Mr. Kiddle expressed sympathy for the need of weed control districts and appeared as the likely sponsor of legislation looking to this end.

All the solons expressed keen sympathetic interest in the needs of agriculture. Mr. Engdahl is himself a wheatgrower. Mr. Kiddle follows dairying. Mr. French wheat-farmed for eight years, and he like Mr. Fatland and Mr. Ellis, is now in business which depends largely upon the well being of agriculture for its success. These men may be expected to do their best for eastern Oregon's basic industries at the coming legislative session.

\$9-ACRE BASE SET FOR 1937 PAYMENTS

New AAA Program Benefits Dependent on Congress; Grower Responsibility Larger.

First definite information on the 1937 federal farm program, released from Washington yesterday, indicates that the base payment will be reduced to \$9 an acre next year from the \$10 this year, with \$3 an acre deducted where practices are not strictly soil-conserving in nature.

The release also stated that more responsibility for conducting the program will be placed on shoulders of growers.

A total of \$500,000,000 is permitted to be paid in 1937 for soil conservation purposes under the controlling act, but Secretary Wallace said benefit payments will depend upon the action of congress which so far has not appropriated the money.

ENJOY FAMILY REUNION.

The home of Mrs. Kathryn Slocum was the scene of a happy family reunion at Thanksgiving time, when all of her children but one, Mary, were present. Those here for the occasion were Mrs. A. B. Newman and son from Sacramento, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kem of Medford; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Slocum of The Dalles; Mrs. E. M. Van Schoiack, Miss Beth Van Schoiack, Mrs. Dick Williamson and son of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Beardsley, Miss Charlotte Beardsley, Paul and Richard Beardsley, Condon; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Slocum and daughter Barbara of Lexington. The last of the visitors departed this week.

TURKEY SHOOT SET.

Heppner Rod and Gun club is sponsoring a turkey shoot at its grounds next Sunday beginning at 9:30 in the morning. The grounds are located six miles below Heppner on the highway.

Mrs. Homer Hayes and baby were taken to Pendleton yesterday to receive medical attention. She has been quite ill the last week.

Taxpayers' Burden Lightened by State and County, 1937

John Day Levy Is Sticker; 16th Deadline Payment Date.

Announced reduction in the amount to be taken from property for the support of state government will save Morrow county taxpayers \$23,169.10, according to figures just released from the office of Earl W. Snell, secretary of state. This includes lowering the amount for state purposes by \$8,487.77, and the amount for elementary schools by \$14,681.33 in this county.

In addition the amount to be taken for county purposes has been lowered by \$13,310, making a total saving in the amount for state and county purposes of \$36,479.10.

Taxpayers whose hearts are lightened at this news will need to look further before figuring their individual saving, however. Along with the news of the reduction in total amount to be raised is the further news that the county's assessed valuation has been leveled off an even 25 percent from \$11,173,196.21 last year to \$8,745,394.51, which means that the millage rate will be somewhat higher than last year.

The court was met with one sticker in making its levy this year when it faced the necessity of raising \$2300 from property within the John Day Irrigation district, most of which lies within Morrow county, to meet claims of holders of district warrants. Had it not been for the necessity of making this levy, the total amount to be raised by taxation on real and personal property within the county would have been largely decreased. As it is, the reduction amounts to 15 percent for county purposes, and decrease for state and elementary school purposes of 50 percent.

And while on the subject of taxation, the sheriff's office has announced that December 15 will be the last day on which payment may be made of 1936 taxes in order to escape interest on unpaid taxes for 1933-34 and prior years.

Olive Maude Sparks Rites Set at Ione

Funeral services for Mrs. Lee Sparks of Ione, who died at The Dalles hospital yesterday, will be held from the Ione Christian church at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Alvin Kleinfeldt, Christian minister of Heppner, officiating. Interment will follow in Masonic cemetery in this city. Mrs. Sparks succumbed to an illness for which she was taken to the hospital on Tuesday last week.

Olive Maude Anderson was born in Gooseberry this county, January 10, 1899, to Charles and Nellie (Akers) Anderson, pioneer residents of that section. She attended the Ione and Gooseberry schools, and on October 6, 1930, was married to Lee Sparks at Heppner. The family home has been on the farm near Ione since. Surviving besides the husband is a daughter, Carolyn Nell, aged 5, and two brothers, Harold and Erwin Anderson, both of Ione, besides many other relatives and a host of friends.

DON BOYER MARRIES.

Donald E. Boyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boyer of Mt. Vernon, former Heppner residents, and Miss Estella Carter, Grant county school superintendent, were married at Canyon City, November 25. They arrived home this week following a wedding journey which included visits to San Francisco and Reno. Mr. Boyer is employed with the Knox store at John Day.

Once in a Lifetime Maybe, But Dry Fall Didn't Hurt

Charlie McElligott, in from the farm in the Ione section Sunday, told a story of an incident in his farming experience, such, he said, as happens about once in a lifetime.

It may have been in the spring of 1916. He went out to look at his fall-sown grain. Not a spear was through the ground, and to all intents and purposes the field looked just like an ordinary field of summerfallow. He told his men they would let it go and disc in a crop the coming fall. Thus dismissing it from his mind with the thought that the seed had been lost, you may imagine his surprise when, on having occasion to visit the field shortly after the Fourth of July, he found the grain waist high.

"We started harvesting about the middle of August, and the grain was still green in the draws. It was one of the best crops in my experience," he said.

It was all told to show what may happen after a dry fall and winter. A steady downpour for two weeks the fore part of June was responsible for making the crop that year.

'BE PREPARED' IS MEMORIAL THEME

Father O'Reilly Cites Life as Transitory; Departed Brothers Honored at Elks' Service.

That life on this earth is but transitory, and that everyone should be prepared for the life everlasting, was the keynote of Father P. J. O'Reilly's oration at the annual lodge of sorrow of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, Sunday afternoon. Honored departed brothers of the past year were D. G. Florence and Ralph M. Corrigan.

Alvin Kleinfeldt, Christian minister, delivered the invocation and benediction. Two solos, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and "Abide With Me," were sung beautifully by Mrs. E. L. Morton, with Mrs. J. O. Turner, accompanist, and "Tenting Tonight" was impressively sung by the school boys' octette, accompanied by their director, Miss Juanita Leathers. Composing the octette were Donald Bennett, Warren Blakeley, Jack O'Hara, Douglas Drake, Richard Hayes, Alan Gibb, Harry O'Donnell, Joe Farley.

Merle Beckett, Hubert Gaily and Harold Buhman composed the memorial committee, and officers in charge of the lodge ceremonies were Jasper V. Crawford, exalted ruler; Bert Mason, esteemed leading knight; Merle Beckett, esteemed loyal knight; Hubert Gaily, acting esteemed lecturing knight; Loyal R. Parker, secretary, and Kenneth Oviatt, esquire.

A goodly attendance of lodge members and friends participated in the services, all singing "Auld Lang Syne" at the close.

IS PENDLETON MAYOR-ELECT.

Cecil L. "Buck" Lieuallen, mayor-elect of Pendleton who will take office the first of the year, was a visitor in the city Sunday. The former Heppner boy who joined Uncle Sam's navy at the time of the world war as a student of H. H. S., and who later gained national fame when as a member of the state police he assisted in the capture of Hickman, child kidnap-murderer, now runs an auto park at Pendleton besides promoting American Legion fight and wrestling cards there. He enjoyed greeting old-time friends while here.

MARRIED AT PENDLETON.

Erb Kirk of this city and Mrs. Frances Chase were married in Pendleton, November 29. On their return home to the Jones ranch on Rhea creek last week end they were given a charivari Saturday night.

E. O. Wheat League Has Successful Two-Day Meet

Nish Named Head; LaGrande Next; Full Program Enjoyed.

Closing its successful two-day conference here Saturday evening Eastern Oregon Wheat league elected Charles Nish of Mikkalo president, James Woodell of La Grande, vice president, and Charles W. Smith, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer. La Grande was chosen as host city for next year's conference.

Committees named for the various counties included A. H. Nelson, Lexington, Morrow county; Emil Shanno, The Dalles, Wasco; A. E. Anderson, Madras, Jefferson; Lloyd Smith Condon, Gilliam; Gilbert Courtright, La Grande, Union; James Hill, Pendleton, Umatilla; Hugh Wilson, Joseph, Wallowa; Fred Epinger, Baker, Baker A. E. Rolfe, Grass Valley, Sherman.

A program replete with education and entertainment preceded the gist of recommendations and resolutions adopted from the committee reports in the closing hours. The 215 registered attendants came from all wheat raising counties of the district as well as points afar, representing all phases of the industry.

Disappointment and sympathetic interest marked the response of Friday evening's banquet crowd of 400 when they were informed that Governor Martin was prevented from attending as guest speaker by an attack of septic sore throat. The banquet moved smoothly under the direction of J. G. Barratt, president Oregon Woolgrowers association, as toastmaster. Dean Wm. A. Schoenfeld, O. S. C., capably represented the governor. Response to toasts were clearly heard by use of Standard Oil courtesy amplifier which carried all words distinctly to every corner of the large Elks hall. Creating most amusement was an averred tap dance by a large gentleman visitor with little Mary Lou Ferguson behind scenes providing

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Growers Give Wants; Full Report Coming

Arbitration of labor disputes to the end that costly strikes such as the one now existing in the Pacific coast maritime industry may be averted; emphatic endorsement of the AAA soil conservation program; encouragement of every means of commercial transportation on the Columbia river without control of Interstate Commerce commission or any other federal agency—these are some of the highlights of the desires of Eastern Oregon Wheat leaguers who held their ninth annual session here last week end.

Voluminous reports touching all phases of the wheat industry were returned by the five major committees. These were received by the Gazette Times this morning, and the complete draft of each will be published one each week for the next five weeks.

GOES TO CALIFORNIA.

Friends in Heppner have received word from E. E. Clark at 120½ 38th Place, Manhattan Beach, Cal., where he went recently and will spend some time in the course of convalescence from his recent severe illness. His progress is reported favorable.

TOWNSEND MEETING SET.

Attention of all Townsend club members is called by Mrs. Alta Brown to a meeting scheduled at the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday evening, Dec. 11. All members and friends are urged to be present.