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All City Officers Retained; Council Fully Organized

Channel Improvement in Spring; Street Work Coming.

All city officers were present at the council meeting Monday evening to receive Mayor Jeff Jones' appointments, which resulted in no changes in personnel of appointive officers. Appointments, all ratified by the council, were: J. O. Rasmus, water superintendent; Vivian Kane, bookkeeper; J. J. Nys, attorney; Homer Hayes, chief of police; Mark Merrill, fire chief.

Standing council committees were named by Mayor Jones as follows:

Ways and means: E. L. Morton, D. A. Wilson, P. W. Mahoney.

Health and police: L. D. Tibbles, D. A. Wilson, E. L. Morton.

Election: R. B. Ferguson, Tibbles, R. C. Phelps.

Licenses: Phelps, Tibbles, Mahoney.

Fire and water: Ferguson, Phelps, Morton.

Streets and public property: Mahoney, Wilson, Ferguson.

Ordinances: Mahoney, Ferguson, Tibbles.

Finance: Wilson, Morton, Phelps.

E. R. Huston and W. O. Dix who were elected to the offices of recorder and treasurer, respectively, complete the roster of officers for the biennium.

Mayor Jones reported on proposed improvements of Willow creek channel through Heppner which has been hanging fire for a year, saying the work will be proceeded with aided by the local CCC soil conservation service when the service starts on the Frank Monahan project just above town in the spring. The work will consist of straightening the channel, clearing out brush, sloping banks and planting them to grass, rip-rapping and such other work as is needed. The mayor's report was based on a conversation with Millard Rodman, conservation service superintendent, Monday afternoon.

Diverting some of the gasoline tax money for use on city streets, as proposed in a resolution presented by League of Oregon Cities, did not meet with favor of the council. The resolution was voted down on the belief that such a step would jeopardize the state highway program to which all the gas tax money is now applied. Another league resolution asking that part of the liquor tax

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BPW Club Members Enjoy Mock Court

Miss Rose Leibbrand, with WPA writer's guild in Morrow county, wrote an original mock trial skit for Business and Professional Women's club, which the members portrayed at their meeting at the Humphreys home Monday evening. Fourteen members enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Leta Humphreys and partook of a covered dish dinner.

Hilarious throughout, the skit entitled "Trial of an Operating Beauty," was used in initiatory ceremonies. Cast in the roles were Miss Humphreys as judge, clad in black cap and gown; Miss Leibbrand, prosecuting attorney who had bought off all the witnesses; Elizabeth Blankenship, sheriff; Josephine Mahoney, defense attorney; Vivian Goad, prisoner; Mary White as Sally Mason, one of the witnesses; Mae Doherty as Flossie Rippee, the other witness.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, president Oregon State Teachers association, discussed the association's legislative program including a measure to provide retirement fund for superannuated teachers, and Lorraine Bothwell gave a paper on "How a Bill Becomes a Law."

PIONEER MOTHER BURIED BY CHAPTER

Nancy Jane Iler, Relative of McKinley, Long Resident, Was Married 61 Years.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon from Masonic hall under auspices of Ruth chapter 32, O. E. S., for Nancy Jane Iler, wife of the late John Iler, who died about 7 o'clock Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William LeTrace, following a prolonged illness complicated by infirmities of old age. Rev. R. C. Young officiated, and the services were largely attended by relatives and friends. Interment was in Masonic cemetery beside the grave of her husband who died in the fall.

Nancy Jane Iler was born in Lodi, Wisconsin, Feb. 13, 1856, and passed away Sunday evening, Jan. 17, 1937, at the age of 80 years, 11 months and 4 days. When she was a little child her parents moved to Kansas where they lived six years. At the age of 17, Nancy with her parents moved to Oregon, thus becoming one of the real Oregon pioneers. Her memory of these early days remained vivid and she often told visitors many interesting stories of pioneer life.

On Sept. 27, 1875, she married John Iler on Gales creek, near Forest Grove, and to this union six children were born, four of whom preceded her in death. Two daughters, Mrs. Neva LeTrace and Mrs. Emma Evans, both of Heppner, remain to mourn her loss. It was to their loving care that her last days were entrusted.

Shortly after their marriage, Mr. Iler came to Morrow county and took up a homestead a few miles from Heppner. With the exception of three years spent at Cloverdale, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Iler lived all of their married life on their homestead or in Heppner.

Mrs. Iler was the daughter of Lester and Sarah Elizabeth (Hopkins) Ray. Besides the members of her own family she is survived by a brother, Robert R. Ray of Vancouver, Wash.

Tribute was paid this pioneer couple in the funeral oration, when Rev. Young said, "When two people have lived together for 61 years the bonds that bind them seem stronger than life or death and it is a rather beautiful thought to think of their reunion on the other side.

"Like Mr. Iler, Mrs. Iler too came from the finest American ancestry. She was a niece of General Bartholomew of Civil war fame and a grand niece of William McKinley, one of our martyred presidents.

"Mrs. Iler was a member of the Episcopal church. She loved her church and all churches. Even though her hearing was very poor she said it was a blessing just to sit in a church service, to partake of holy communion and have fellowship with Christ's people.

"She had been a member of the Eastern Star for 31 years and her chapter members have charge of her final rites. She was a loving mother, a devoted wife, a good neighbor and a true friend. She leaves to mourn her loss her two daughters, nine grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

"The Lord has given, the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

LEAVING FOR BURNS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lucas are leaving Saturday for Burns to take charge of the dining room of the Welcome hotel. For the past several years they have operated the Lucas Place, residence hotel, here. Regrets of their many friends are expressed at their leaving, and best wishes for success in the new field are extended. Mrs. Earle Bryant will continue the residence hotel formerly run by the Lucases.

Adolph Majeske was transacting business in the city this morning from the farm north of Lexington.

Earle Bryant is able to be about again following his recent operation.

Elks Lodge Plans Observance for 40th Anniversary

Program to Honor Pioneer Members; Charter Roll Given.

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, is planning to celebrate its 40th anniversary next Thursday evening, the day after it becomes 4 years of age.

A special program will honor pioneer members of the order, including L. L. Matlock and Frank Roberts, the two charter members remaining on the lodge rolls. A smoker and supper are other events planned for the evening.

C. J. D. Bauman, L. E. Bisbee and Chas. B. Cox, the committee on arrangements, extend a special invitation to all pioneer members of the lodge. J. O. Turner will recite highlights in the lodge history, and the occasion is expected to be one of the shining events on the lodge calendar for the year.

Heppner lodge was instituted January 27, 1897, by Baker lodge. There were 29 charter members, and A. W. Patterson was the first exalted ruler. Those whose names appear as charter members on the lodge records are A. W. Patterson, J. W. Morrow, Phill Cohn, Geo. W. Conser, J. A. Patterson, T. R. Lyons, J. C. Borchers, J. W. Horner, Les Matlock, R. C. Wills, P. O. Borg, E. W. Rhea, Wm. Dunn, Frank Gilliam, E. J. Slocum, H. Dunn, J. J. Harris, Frank W. Roberts, W. E. Brock, W. R. Irwin, E. H. Slocum, Joseph Mueller, E. R. Swinburne, Abe I. Jones, E. L. Matlock, S. W. Spencer, E. L. Freeland, S. P. Garrigues.

In its 40 years the lodge has initiated 999 members.

RECEIVES APPOINTMENT.

Mrs. J. G. Barratt received word this morning of her appointment as delegate from state wool growers auxiliary to national convention of the organization to be held at Albuquerque, N. Mex., in connection with the National Wool Growers association convention, next week. Mr. Barratt, president Oregon Wool Growers association, will represent his organization at the national convention. Mr. and Mrs. Barratt expect to leave tomorrow afternoon for Albuquerque, catching the Portland Rose at Pendleton tomorrow night.

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COLD COMES AGAIN BRINGING ILLNESS

Mercury Hits 10 Below, and County Road Crews Kept Busy By Drifting New Snow.

A renewal of the cold siege came this week when the mercury dropped to a low of 10 degrees below zero Tuesday night. Last week end's thaw was frozen up, and new snow starting Saturday evening and continuing at intervals through Sunday and Monday added some two inches of the beautiful, light consistency.

The snow was accompanied by wind which again drifted heavily on roads and slowed up traffic. County and state road crews got on the job immediately and opened roads as fast as possible. First concern of the county was to again open bus and mail routes. The situation was such that the court had to ignore the many calls of individuals to open roads into farms off the main county roads, announced Judge Bert Johnson.

The new cold snap was accompanied by a wave of sickness which at one time in the week accounted for 81 absences from school. While most of the illness was caused by bad colds, a number of cases of influenza have been reported, and general concern is felt lest the epidemic of flu over the state sweep the city. The freeze-up was also accompanied by another siege of frozen water pipes to inconvenience many people.

President's Ball Plans Progressing

The stage is being well set for the biggest celebration yet staged in Morrow county in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday when all the county will join in a ball at the Elks hall in Heppner Saturday evening, January 30, announces Dr. A. D. McMurdo, general chairman of the event. Tickets are now being placed on sale in all towns of the county. Net proceeds will benefit infantile paralysis sufferers, with 70 percent staying in a local fund.

A feature of the evening will be a cake sale for which all ladies of the community are invited to contribute of their culinary art. In reporting names of the general committee last week, this paper inadvertently omitted the name of Josephine Mahoney, a busy worker for the affair.

AUXILIARY SETS MEETING.

The American Legion auxiliary will hold a sewing and social meeting at the home of Mrs. Anna Bayless, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 26, at 2 o'clock.

Officers of Wool Association



—Courtesy Portland Oregonian.

J. G. Barratt of this city, left, and Walter Holt of Pendleton, right, re-elected president and secretary, respectively, of Oregon Woolgrowers association in closing sessions of the convention at Ontario last week. Barratt is serving his third term as president, and Holt continuing his job of many years. A number of local people attended the convention and assisted with discussion of the many problems vital to the wool industry on which action was taken.

Important Farm Meeting Set 29th At Lexington

Soil Erosion, New Methods in Columbia Basin Slated.

By Joseph Belanger, County Agent.

Wheat farmers from Columbia basin counties in Oregon and Washington will meet on January 29 at Lexington grange hall for an all-day discussion of soil erosion. Attendance at this meeting has been assured from Wasco, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, and Umatilla counties in Oregon, as well as from Douglas county, Washington.

The loss of soil from farm lands has attracted more and more attention during the past few years until it has now assumed the proportions of a major problem. Both wind and water annually take a toll amounting to thousands of dollars from the farms in the Columbia basin. Wheat men now realize that these soil losses can not go on unchecked without throwing vast areas of land permanently out of production. The meeting on the 29th will be one at which farmers will discuss their own individual problems with the idea that by having a frank and open discussion of the situation as it is, individuals may profit by the experience of other men under similar conditions, and may avoid costly mistakes.

A representative of the Production Credit association will discuss the relationship between erosion control and farm credit. An intimate relationship exists between farm credit and soil erosion as every farmer well knows whose farm lies within an area where wind erosion has reached serious proportions.

P. M. Brandt, head of the bureau of animal industries at Oregon State college, and a member of the Oregon State Land Planning board, has been invited to discuss the long-time outlook for land subject to continuous erosion. The planning board has done considerable investigational work in areas where wind blows have caused a great deal of land abandonment.

For the most part, however, the meeting will not be a succession of speeches but one of farmer discussion. Is the moldboard plow a thing of the past? Has the spiked-tooth harrow survived its usefulness? What is the place for the chisel? These and many other questions have been answered by individual farmers in every conceivable way. New farming implements are being advocated by machinery companies. Do these tools have a place in our farming program, and if so, under what conditions? In the very nature of things all of the land in the Columbia basin must become the experiment station to which we must go for reliable information concerning soil conservation methods, and each farmer becomes a co-director of that experiment station.

The ladies of Lexington grange have arranged to serve luncheon at noon.

BACKED FOR HIGH HONOR.

Mrs. Harriet Mahoney of this city was endorsed by the Oregon Wool Growers auxiliary in convention at Ontario last week for national president of the organization. Mrs. Mahoney's candidacy was submitted by the Morrow county unit. She was the first president of the state association.

LIBRARY MEETING SET.

The annual meeting of Heppner Public Library association will be held next Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the library, announces Mrs. Merle Becket, librarian. Election of officers is slated, and anyone who wishes is invited to attend.