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Fatland Tells of Legislation at Lions-BPW Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Roy Entertain; 60 Attend Enjoyable Occasion.

Sixty Business and Professional Womens club members and Lions, their husbands and wives and friends enjoyed 6 o'clock dinner at Hotel Heppner last evening, with Representative E. R. Fatland of Condon as the principal speaker and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Roy, musical artists of Pendleton, the featured entertainment attraction.

Messages of greeting were brought by Ray P. Kinne, Lions president who filled the office of toastmaster, and Miss Mae Doherty, B. P. W. president. The B. P. W. double trio, Josephine Mahoney, Katherine Mitchell, Mae Doherty, Mary White, Phyllis Jane Pollock and Mrs. Alden Blankenship, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Parker, was well received in the singing of two numbers. D. N. McKay, prominent Condon attorney who accompanied Mr. Fatland, was an honored guest. Joseph Belanger, Lions taitwister, assisted in providing several lighter moments.

Mr. Fatland briefly reviewed accomplishments of the legislative session recently ended, emphasizing measures having more bearing on this immediate section. One bill that became law had its origin in Morrow county and was designed to specially benefit it, Mr. Fatland said. That was the bill to permit organization of soil erosion control districts. However, showing that interest in such legislation is more than local, Mr. Fatland said sections of the middle west were studying the legislation with a view to adopting similar laws.

The weed control district bill and the bill to permit voluntary organization of flood control districts, both of which have important local application, became law with Mr. Fatland's support.

Answering criticism that each legislature passes altogether too many laws, the speaker had analyzed all the bills introduced at the last session and gave their classification to show that a comparatively small percentage were new laws. A large proportion were bills to amend existing laws.

He considered the old age assistance legislation as among the most important handled; and believed the session fell down in not doing something to control strikes. He defended labor unions and their importance to the government, but believed the strike situation over the country today emphasizes the fact that they must be responsible to someone. One bill which he helped to work over to make as fair as possible to everyone had only that purpose in view, he said.

But however free to criticize the legislature the public may be, everyone should bear in mind that its members are placed there by vote of the people, and in the final analysis people get the kind of laws their votes at the polls indicate they want, he concluded.

Mr. Roy, tenor soloist, sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Roy, and was warmly received.

LEGION PARTY SLATED.

Local post American Legion and local unit American Legion auxiliary are staging their annual joint party at the Episcopal parish house next Monday evening. All members of both organizations with their wives or husbands are urged to attend. Potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by a varied program.

GAS UP HALF CENT.

Local oil companies received notice Tuesday of a half-cent raise in the price of gasoline.

\$80,000 COMES TO FARMERS ON ALLOTMENTS

Eighty thousand dollars in allotment checks, representing about two thirds of the amount due Morrow county farmers for compliance under the 1936 agricultural adjustment program, arrived at the county agent's office this week, and has been rapidly disbursed. This is the first money so far received in this county for the 1936 program.

Notice is sent each individual immediately his check arrives, and the county agent asks those having checks coming to await this notice, thus preventing complication of work in the office.

Checks this year are being issued here in Oregon, thereby speeding up work of making necessary alterations in applications, completing checking, or other details needed to be cleared up before payments can be made. Because of this fact, little delay is anticipated in receiving the checks still due.

Arrival of the checks this week was accompanied by a noticeable pick-up in business activity.

McNARY, STEIWER BACK OF REQUEST

Wires to Johnson Assure Active Support for Appropriation for Willow Flood Control Survey.

Senators McNary and Steiwer both sent wires to Bert Johnson, county judge, Monday, giving assurance of their support for the Willow creek flood control survey appropriation asked for by the army engineers in reply to resolutions recently transmitted by the county. Their wires follow:

"Washington, D. C., March 22.
"Hon. Bert Johnson,
Heppner, Oregon.

"It was my amendment that went into the flood control bill in connection with survey and I shall ask for adequate appropriation. Regards.
"Chas. L. McNary, USS."

"Washington, D. C., March 22.
"Hon. Bert Johnson, County Judge,
Heppner, Ore.

"Acknowledging your communication March seventeen. Please be assured my active effort behalf appropriation for Morrow County flood control survey. Regards.
"Frederick Steiwer, USS."

Ray Ferguson Named League President

Ray Ferguson was named president of the Wheatland Baseball league at the organization meeting held at Condon Monday evening. He was not present, but as local director gave his proxy to Stewart Hardie of Condon.

With Condon and Fossil the other clubs represented, April 25 was set as the league opening date. Application for franchise from Kinzua was taken under advisement. Word was sent from here that Heppner had not organized and had not decided upon league affiliation for the season. Other minor details of league conduct were discussed at the meeting.

Baseball Meeting Set for Tomorrow

Anyone and everyone interested in baseball is asked to attend the annual organization meeting scheduled to be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the Elks club, announces R. B. Ferguson, assistant manager of the local club and vice-president of last year's Wheatland league organization.

There is no definite plan of organization yet proposed, and it is not known whether the community cares to participate in the Wheatland league again this year, Ferguson said. A meeting of the league was held at Condon Monday evening, but Heppner was not represented.

Tax Collections Exceed Half of Current Year Roll

\$160,000 Taken 1st Period; Improved Tone Seen by Office.

Total tax collections in Morrow county at the end of the first quarter last Saturday amounted to \$160,000, or more than half of the tax to be collected for the year of \$277,073.76, reports the sheriff's office.

Collections for the period so far have not been segregated to determine how much of this was collected on taxes for previous years and how much on the current year's roll, or to show how much of it goes to the various funds. The amount does include many payments for the total year's tax of many firms and individuals including all utility companies paying tax in the county with the exception of two minor companies.

An indication of the better collection for the period this year as compared with last year is seen in the fact that more than 1100 individual receipts were given out this year as against 600 for the similar period last year, the office reported. The number of receipts in itself, however, is not a true criterion for there may have been more payments of single quarter taxes than in the year before, it was said. However, taken along with a considerable increase in the total amount of collections, it does show an improvement in the tax paying situation locally, a barometer of the generally improved conditions reflected on every hand.

Father of Montana Governor Dies; Once Lived Here

George Ayers, son of the late Thomas W. Ayers, early Morrow county judge, and father of Governor Ayers of Montana, recently died at his home in that state.

The deceased was an early resident of this county and lived for many years on Butter creek. Children surviving besides the Montana governor include Mrs. Geo. Fell of Pendleton, Mrs. Lizzie Kirk of Payette, Idaho, and Edgar Ayers, their half-brother, all former residents of this city.

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Shirley Brownson, who taught in the local high school two years ago, to Mr. James Raley was carried in Tuesday's East Oregonian. Both are now residents of Pendleton, Mr. Raley being scion of the old-time Raley family of Pendleton.

Henry Hensley is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Belanger, coming up from Hillsboro.

MORROW FIRST TO ORGANIZE WIND DISTRICT

Order of confirmation of organization proceedings, signed today by Judge Bert Johnson, started in Morrow county the first wind erosion district of its kind in the United States.

Official notice, given in another column, sets out the territory to be administered under the new law recently passed at Salem, and designates it as a Wind Erosion district. Petitions for organization had previously been signed by two-thirds of the property holders within the proposed district, as provided for in the law.

The law, having its origin in this county, was based upon the old voluntary Lexington Wind Erosion district, much of the incorporation articles of which were written into the law.

Under the new set-up, when completed, authority will be vested in the district's officers to take control measures upon any land within the district. Before there was no legal way of forcing anyone to cooperate in wind erosion control who did not want to.

PAVING PROJECT IN HANDS OF PWA

Mayor Jones Encouraged by Prospect of Assistance After Contacting Portland Officials.

Encouragement was felt by Mayor Jones upon return from Portland yesterday that Heppner may be successful in obtaining PWA assistance for its proposed street paving program.

Mayor Jones went to Portland Sunday and presented application for the project in person. He learned that the fate of all projects at present lies with action upon the necessary appropriation by congress. He was assured by C. C. Hockley, assistant state administrator, however, that the lateness of making application would not affect action, as projects are acted upon strictly on the basis of merit and not priority of application.

Before the local application can go through, more forms relative to the city's end of the financing and clearing up matters of right-of-way must be filled out, Mr. Jones said. These will be completed and forwarded to the Portland office in the next few days.

LIBRARY ELECTS.

Elaine Furlong was elected president of Heppner Library association at a special meeting called last Friday afternoon to fill vacancies in various offices. Others elected were Alvin Kleinfeldt, vice-president; Phyllis Pollock, secretary-treasurer, and Irma Blackburn, librarian.

Mrs. J. G. Johnson of Lexington was a business visitor in the city today.

Move Launched To Provide Pool By Summertime

Pledge List Reaches \$550; Water, Site Assured, Lions Say.

That Johnny may find relief from next summer's heat in the cooling waters of the plunge has reached the stage of probability.

Believing time to be the essence of realization of a widespread hope—not only of Johnny but other members of the community family, old and young—Lions grabbed the venerable gentleman by the forelock and this week launched an attempt to have a swimming tank by vacation time.

Starting with a subscription list an hour or so before meeting time Monday, steerers in the service organization had pledges of more than \$400 when the list went forth from the club luncheon for further circulation. The move to finance the venture by this means had reached a total of \$550 by press time today.

The desire for a swimming tank was expressed on every hand by generous pledges, running to as high as \$75 from an individual firm. With prospects of still larger contributions in sight, high hopes are held for swelling the total to the \$2200 said needed for construction of the pool planned—40 x 110 feet, of reinforced concrete. Bath houses, heating and other pool facilities may be provided through staging of benefits of various kinds, the Lions committee believed.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles, chairman of the club's pool committee, said assurance of plenty of water will be given by the city, either through use of overflow water from the city system or putting into commission of the city well in town. If and when the pool is constructed, the management is planned to be turned over to the city dads. The site, by Morrow County Creamery company on lower Main street, has already been provided by city and county.

Those signing to contribute to the pool fund will pay nothing until and unless sufficient funds are pledged and a satisfactory bid for construction can be obtained.

\$60 Raised for Band; Next Concert April 3

Realizing \$60.50 toward payment of their way to the state contest at Corvallis the second week in April, from their initial appearance on Main street last Saturday afternoon, impetus was given success of the concerts to be held at intervals of every two weeks.

A large crowd assembled to greet the 36 bandsters and their leader, Harold Buhman, last Saturday, and many expressions of appreciation were shown other than the money raised through a subscription list circulated previously among business people of the town.

Second of the Saturday afternoon appearances is slated at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 3.

CCC Convicted for Having Stolen Gun

Thos. J. Hayes, local CCC, was sentenced to three months in the county jail on conviction in justice court Tuesday of the charge of concealing stolen property. A o32 Winchester rifle belonging to E. R. Shaffer found in his possession led to the charge.

A second trial, that of Paul G. Coughlin, another CCC, arising from alleged theft of a watch belonging to Ambrose Chapin, resulted in acquittal of the accused. Both cases were tried before a jury in the court of J. O. Hager, justice of the peace, with Frank C. Alfred, district attorney, as prosecutor.

HEPPNER'S CHAMPIONS



Here's the Heppner grade basketball tossers who took the district championship at Arlington two weeks ago, defeating the Arlington Goslins in the title game, 29-12, after beating Rufus and The Dalles. Reading left to right: Hugh Crawford f, Donald Bennett f, Harry O'Donnell g, Douglas Drake c, Norval Osborne g, Jack Morton f, Jack Vaughn f, Joe Farley g.