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Month Drive on Crows, Magpies Starts Sunday

Hunters and Anglers Club Sets Contest; Bounty for Kiddies.

After Sunday, if you see a bunch of skinned up faces among the genetry of the town, don't believe that open war has been declared by all the longer fingernailed halves of the various households. More than likely all such abrasions will have been the result of contact with the protective armor of the thorn bush in the send-off Sunday of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club contest to ferret out the nests of crows and magpies.

Final arrangements to carry on a concerted drive until May 25 against the game bird enemies were completed yesterday when names of two teams to compete in the contest were released by L. E. Bisbee and Chas. B. Cox, the club committee. In addition, children up to 16 years of age are offered cash bounties and prizes for bringing in eggs and legs of the predators.

As long as its money lasts, the club will pay one cent bounty for each crow or magpie egg, and 3 cents for each two legs delivered at the Heppner Garage. Cash will be paid on delivery to any boy or girl 16 years of age or under. Besides the cash bounty, to the boy or girl bringing in the highest value in eggs and legs at the bounty rate, will be given a .410 repeating shotgun. The boy or girl bringing in the next highest value in trophies will receive a .22 rifle, and another .22 rifle will be given the third place competitor. The guns were given by Ben Patterson, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, and Green and Gilliam & Bisbee hardware stores.

The club contestants will compete for a dinner to be given the winning side by the losers after the close of the contest, May 25. Mark Merrill, club president, and J. Logie Richardson will captain the competing teams. Each captain will keep track of his own team's take of eggs and kill of birds, and the two captains will agree upon the nature of the dinner. Contestants on both sides have declared that if they win they want to eat more than bird legs. In scoring the teams' take, each old bird killed will count 10 points, and each young bird and each egg taken will count 5 points. The starting line-up includes 37 members in each team, as follows:

Merrill team: Carl Allyn, L. E. Bisbee, Geo. Bleakman, Luke Bibby, Lloyd Burkenbine, Warren Blakely, Burl Coxen, W. R. Corley, Ed Clark, Earl Eskelson, Jack Ferris, Gene Ferguson, Wm. Greener, Len Gilliam, Herman Green, E. E. Gonty, J. L. Gault, Myron Huston, Robert A. Jones, C. A. Kane, Estes Morton, Ralph Beamer, Earl Bryant, W. Y. Ball, Joe Belanger, W. O. Bayless, Ben Cox, Bill Cox, W. C. Cox, Lester Doolittle, Norman Florence, Howard Furlong, W. E. Francis, Raymond Ferguson, Earl Gilliam, Cornett Green.

Richardson team: Claude Graham, John Hanna, H. E. Happold, Ollie Kincaid, Vivian Kane, Jack Morton, Bert Mason, Lucille McDuffee, Norman Nelson, Kenneth Oviatt, R. C. Phelps, L. H. Rill, H. V. Smouse, F. C. Tolleson, Lowell Turner, Jim Thomson, Jr., Chas. Cox, John Turner, D. A. Wilson, J. J. Wightman, Mike Roberts, P. W. Mahoney, Dr. J. H. McCrady, Ray Oviatt, Ben Patterson, Lotus Robison, Dr. R. M. Rice, Esten Stevens, R. A. Thompson, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Curtis Thomson, Frank Turner, F. Wehmeyer, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Jap Crawford, Chas. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thomson, Jr., motored to Portland Sunday, returning home last evening.

Smouse Heads New Blow Control District

H. V. Smouse of Ione was elected president of the new Morrow County Wind Erosion Control district, and R. B. Rice, secretary, at a meeting of the board of directors following the organization meeting called by the county court at Lexington grange hall Saturday. The meeting held at 10 o'clock was attended by 14 residents of the district who elected Smouse, Rice, Omar Rietmann and William J. Doherty as directors. Smouse and Rietmann were elected for two years and Rice and Doherty for one year. The meeting recommended to the court that each director be named an inspector in lieu of one inspector for the entire district. This would cut travelling expense and give better service as each director would be better qualified than anyone else to judge conditions in his own section, it was stated.

Attending besides those named as directors were Fred Mankin, Fred Fulgham, A. H. Nelson, O. W. Cutsforth, Charles Marquardt, Louis Marquardt, M. J. Fitzpatrick, S. J. Devine, Tom Craig, Alec Lindsay and Frank Saling. Joseph Belanger, county agent, assisted as temporary secretary.

Mrs. Robert Smith Dies in Portland

Mrs. Robert (Lyda J.) Smith, for many years a resident of the Ione section, died at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland last Saturday, following a two-months' illness. Interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park mausoleum in Portland, Monday.

Mrs. Smith was born January 24, 1873, in Shemogue, New Brunswick, Canada. She was married to Robert Smith in 1896, coming to Oregon at that time. Surviving besides the husband, are the children, Dixon, Hugh, Harvey and Bonita of Ione, and Mrs. Dan O'Hara of Kinzua. The family has wheat farmed on a large scale in the Ione section for many years, and Mrs. Smith gained the love and respect of all who knew her. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family.

Plunge Benefit Coming May 7th

A school entertainment, including presentation of two one-act plays, is announced for May 7 as a benefit for the swimming tank fund. The plays, "Uncle Bob's Bride" and "Don't Tell My Wife," are being prepared by the public speaking department under direction of Norbert Peavy, instructor, says Alden Blankenship, superintendent. The Lions quartet has been invited to sing as another feature.

Lending their full support to the venture, Heppner merchants have signified their willingness to contribute a generous list of door prizes, giving added incentive for everyone to attend.

Band Appearance Slated for Saturday

Its first appearance since the state contest at Corvallis two weeks ago will be made by the school band Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock weather permitting, announces Harold Buhman, director.

The band will appear at the principal intersections on Main street in the customary manner, but Mr. Buhman said the usual "passing of the hat" would be skipped.

LEGION HEADS HERE.

Guy Cordon, state commander, Carl Moser, state adjutant, and Ray Duke of Condon, commander of district six, American Legion, were honored guests of Heppner post at a special meeting last night. Commander Cordon spoke to the high school student body at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and commended them for their fine attention. W. M. Lemmon, field representative of the Veterans State Aid commission, was also a guest.

Old Ties Recalled By Costly Fire At Canyon City

Hard Hit Grant Seat Once Served by Local Stage; Heroism Told.

Much of historic Canyon City was erased by fire Monday night. The blaze, first discovered in large wooden-framed Elkhorn hotel, stopping place for early day stage and pony express service from Heppner, was of undetermined origin. Before being subdued by combined fire departments of Canyon, John Day and Prairie City, it had consumed the fraternal hall, the Blue Mountain Eagle newspaper office, telephone office, Pastime pool room, drug store and bakery, Canyon City Mercantile store and an oil station, reports say. Untouched were the Grant county court house and the little log cabin where Joaquin Miller, famous bard, resided in the halcyon gold rush days which gave the little city in the canyon a romantic history not excelled by any pioneer western settlement.

Heppner and Morrow county have a sympathetic interest in the misfortune of the Grant county city. In the day when George Bleakman drove the mail stage from Heppner through Canyon City to Burns, a close friendship between the frontier towns was formed. Though the intervening years have brought less in common, as different mail and trade routes have been established, the old ties are not forgotten. Heppner, too, can sympathize with any city that suffers fire disaster, for it has had its share as many landmarks of the good old days here went the same way.

The independent and progressive spirit that has marked Canyon people throughout the years is evidenced again as plans for rebuilding progress even while the embers smoulder. Heroism midst the flames is told in the telephone operator holding her post almost as the hungry flames lapped her cheeks, and by that veteran newspaperman, Clint P. Haight he who, as state legislator, made the coyotes to howl at Salem—rushing forthwith to John Day town to assist in issuing a fire extra.

The estimated \$150,000 property loss at Canyon City will not include destruction of many historical records of great intrinsic value on which a price may not be placed. Such a fire wreaks much havoc. But as a new and greater Chicago rose from ashes of its memorable fire, so may Canyon City rebuild for the better. That is the hope of Morrow county friends. Certain it is that Canyon people are not the kind to readily admit defeat.

Guard Rail on School Curve at Last Brings Relief

Those who carry the destinies of the school on their shoulders breathed a sigh of relief this week. And no more will teachers and pupils cringe every time an automobile is seen approaching the highway curve at the schoolhouse.

For completed at last is the guard rail which has been sought for several years. State highway workers finished the job this week, and Alden Blankenship, superintendent, conveyed thanks of the school to the district highway supervisor.

COMMUNITY SALE SET.

Lexington grange announces the staging of a community auction sale at its hall, Wednesday, May 5. Everyone is invited to bring anything for sale. Watch Gazette Times next week for particulars.

There will be no meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon, April 27.

Teachers Elected For Coming Year

Alden Blankenship will head the local schools as superintendent again next year, and all of the present staff will be on hand with the exception of Miss Phyllis Jane Pollock, third grade, Miss Dorothea Peterson, home economics, and Randall Grimes, Smith-Hughes, according to announcement of the board.

Miss Pollock has accepted a position in The Dalles, and resignations have been tendered by Miss Peterson and Mr. Grimes. Miss Mary White will be shifted from the sixth to the third grade, leaving the sixth grade vacancy to be filled by a man. The home economics and Smith-Hughes positions are yet to be filled. Re-elected were Miss Neva Neill, first grade; Mrs. Elizabeth Dix, second grade; Miss Mary White, third grade; Miss Mae Doherty, fourth grade; Miss Elta Dale, fifth grade; Miss Juanita Leathers, seventh grade; Harold Buhman, eighth grade and grade principal; Henry Tetz, athletic director; Norbert Peavy, English and mathematics; Miss Kathryn Mitchell, business education and history.

Commencement Set May 21 for Seniors

With Professor W. A. Dahlberg of the University of Oregon speech department slated as speaker, plans are well under way for graduation of a probable 27 seniors of Heppner high school Friday evening, May 21, announces Alden Blankenship, superintendent.

Those expected to make up the list of graduates, barring eventualities as to full compliance with all graduation requirements, are Louise Anderson, Lois Ashbaugh, Dora Bailey, Norma Jean Beckett, Neva Bleakman, Paul Brown, Gerald Cason, Necha Coblantz, Ruth Cowins, Charles Cox, Elsie Crump, Mae Edmondson, Rosanna Farley, Leonard Gilman, Fred Hoskins, Norton King, Wm. McCaleb, Louise McFerrin, Riley Munkers, Kathryn Parker, Marjorie Parker, Andrew Shoun, Donald Turner, Beth Vance, Erma Van Schoiack, Helen Van Schoiack, Ellis Williams.

School Open House Set Tomorrow Night

All patrons and friends of the school are invited by Alden Blankenship, superintendent, to attend the annual open house slated for tomorrow (Friday) evening.

The school buildings will be open at 7 o'clock, and a program will be presented in the gym at 8. Exhibits in all rooms and the program will display many accomplishments of the school year as well as provide pleasurable entertainment. For the benefit of those unable to visit the school building before the program it will be kept open a half hour after the program.

Grade Tracksters Third at Umatilla

Coach Henry Tetz and his four-man team emerged with third place honors at the grade school invitational track meet held at Umatilla Saturday. Local boys competing were Harry O'Donnell, Jack Vaughn, Norval Osborne and Donald Bennett.

Heppner was unable to enter all events with the restricted team, and Coach Tetz feels the showing reflects credit upon the boys participating. Umatilla placed first and Hermiston second. Boadman, Arlington and Irrigon also took part.

STATE OFFICERS VISIT.

Mrs. Blanche Jones, Sherwood, state department president, and Mrs. Mae Waters, Salem, state department vice-president, American Legion auxiliary, were honored guests last evening at a party tendered them by local unit members at the home of Mrs. Alva Jones, president.

Food sale by Methodist ladies, Case Fur. store, Saturday, 1 p. m.

Site for Forest Headquarters Talked by Council

New Garage Permit Granted; Streets, Swimming Tank Up.

Announced probability of an administration unit of the Umatilla National forest being located in Heppner, providing a site is made available, has led to favorable consideration being given the matter by county and city governments. At council meeting Monday evening, Judge Bert Johnson told city dads that the court was favorably inclined toward letting a block of county-owned land in the city go for the purpose provided the city would stand half the cost of what is determined to be a reasonable value for the property.

F. F. Wehmeyer, local ranger, appeared before the council and answered some questions in regard to the matter. The administration unit would include an office, warehouse, service station, four residences and other buildings when completed, and its construction would probably result in permanent establishment of the district administrative headquarters in Heppner. Construction of the unit was originally planned for Rock Springs in the forest, but consideration of building it in Heppner instead is being given because of advantages which its location here would bring. Further consideration of the matter by the council was left in the hands of the committee on streets and public property, including Councilmen Wilson, Morton and Ferguson.

Ed Dick, on application, was granted a permit to construct a one-story garage building of stucco and wire lath construction, at the corner of Main and May streets at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

General sentiment of the council favored holding a special bond election to carry out the proposed street paving program this year in case a PWA grant were not forthcoming. Indication that PWA grants this year would not be made on the same basis as formerly was given in a report from League of Oregon Cities. Latest information from Washington was to the effect that PWA grants would be made on the basis of amount of relief labor used, probably 133 or 115 percent of the amount of such labor, instead of an outright 45 percent of the total cost of the project as previously, the report said. Discussion brought out the fact that the total project could be completed much cheaper at one time, and that it would be economy to vote bonds for the additional over the \$8000 included in this year's budget so that it could all be let in one contract.

Councilman Tibbles told of the proffer of CCC labor in constructing a swimming pool for the city providing its use would be made available to camp enrollees. While some sentiment was expressed against the city administering the pool, if and when it is constructed, it was the opinion of the council that CCC boys would be entitled to use it the same as anyone else on compliance with rules which would govern all pool users. Tibbles further reported that \$1000 had been pledged so far toward the pool's construction, with probability of raising by this method at least another \$1000 of the \$3000 needed. On suggestion that the city stand the last \$1000 of the cost as the lowest figure at which the city could ever hope to have a pool, objection was raised that no money was available in the budget at this time, and it was further suggested that it would be advisable to make sure of an adequate water supply first. Another suggestion was made that the swimming pool matter be presented to the voters if a special election

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