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They Served Well

TWO pioneers who earned the honor and respect of their fellows over the entire county passed to their reward this week. Jesse J. Wells, who first saw the light of day within the confines of what is now Morrow county and who labored here throughout his entire life—26 years of it as county assessor, and Smith P. Devin, who came to Heppner as a lad of 17 and who contributed to the county's upbuilding as farmer and for many years as chief of police of Heppner, will long be remembered for service well performed.

Mr. Wells made an outstanding contribution to better government in Morrow county and in Oregon thru the establishment of a system of records to simplify and facilitate the work of his office. The Wells system was copied by assessors in many other counties. This progressive step is but one of many which signified the conscientious type of service that Mr. Wells gave the county. To him, largely, is due the credit for Morrow county having one of the most efficient assessor's offices in the state.

And as did Mr. Wells in the assessor's office, so did Mr. Devin as chief of police.

The work of the latter, however, touched the life of the community in a different way. Mr. Devin dealt with law violation, and he did so fearlessly. At times he placed his own life in jeopardy for the public welfare. He did this readily and unflinchingly when occasion arose. At times he was arbiter when there was dispute. At times he changed the ways of reckless youth through fatherly advice. At all times he evidenced that measure of horse sense that averts needless trouble, while keeping things on an even keel. But that was not all Mr. Devin did. In his office there was no task too menial or too big but he would attempt it, and accomplish it in a creditable manner. He swept Main street at nights while the city slept, and many never realized how it was kept that way, and when streets were to be graveled, he directed that, too.

These men became tired in public service, and they earned the plaudit, "Well done."

There's no color line now, at least so far as the big-wig pugilists are concerned. Jimmy Braddock was KO'd by Joe Louis in the eighth round at Chicago Tuesday evening, and now the colored lad from De-

Never was big brother so fond of little sister, as was Portland when the Moscow to San Francisco aviators landed at Vancouver this week. Sez Portland to the world, "My little sister and I, WE killed a bar."

And, giving Portland its due for earned laurels, may we congratulate the metropolis's mayor on the more

MAYOR, COUNCILMEN GIVE REASONS FOR ASKING SPECIAL BOND ISSUE

By P. W. MAHONEY

Mayor Jones and members of the city council feel justified in asking the voters of the city of Heppner to approve the bond issue for street improvements in the sum of \$7,000 at the special election, July 14, because in their opinion it will greatly enhance the value of residential and business property in this city as well as lessen the menace to health which is caused through dust rising from our unimproved streets. The cost of the said project is not prohibitive and would not add greatly to any tax which would be levied for the repayment of said bonds together with their interest in future years.

Under the proposed issue the bonds would be issued serially, due after five years at the rate of \$1,000 each year. It is expected and we believe that the bonds will be purchased at an interest rate not to exceed 4%. Using this as a basis for figuring, the total amount the city would have to pay, including interest, would be \$9,520 over a period of twelve years, which, based upon the present assessed value of the city, would mean that for a period of the ensuing twelve years, the taxpayers of this city would pay an additional \$1.20 annually per \$1000 of assessed valuation.

Issuance of these bonds will not

in any way jeopardize the city's financial condition. At the time the city of Heppner established the municipal water system it was in debt \$115,000. Since that date the city's bonded indebtedness has been reduced to \$62,000 and during the time this reduction was made a great many improvements have been made and paid for in full. The following are a few of the improvements:

Construction of concrete reservoir	\$12,000
Paving Main street	9,000
Boring two wells	5,000
Purchase of Rodeo Field	4,500
Metering city	6,500
Installation of steel pipe at well intake	6,000
Improvement of Willow creek road	4,000
Gravelling streets	3,000
Purchase of City Hall	1,500
Bridges	3,000
Replacement of wood pipe line with steel pipe (approximately \$4500 of which was federal grant 18,000)	
Tapping Kelley's spring	1,200

We also desire to call attention of the voters to the fact that we will be unable to use to the fullest advantage the \$8,000 which is now in the street construction fund unless this additional \$7000 is raised through the issuance of bonds.

LIONS COMMITTEE WORKS FOR SITE

Forest Camp Location Here Talked by Club; CCC Boys Present Program Features.

The Lions club discussed the matter of provision of a site for the proposed forest camp at Heppner at its Monday luncheon, and Ray P. Kinne, president, appointed Jap Crawford, M. L. Case and E. L. Morton as a committee to investigate various site proposals and to assist in whatever way possible in providing such site. The committee made report of its findings before the council meeting Monday evening and arranged for a meeting with the county court at 10 o'clock this morning.

A program feature was a talk by William M. Nolan, assistant education adviser of Camp Heppner, CCC, who told how he personally had been benefitted by the Civilian Conservation corps. Having been orphaned as a small boy, his early youth was not well directed. He shipped to sea as a young lad and drifted aimlessly without any definite goal in life. On becoming enrolled with CCC, he found a balance in direction of both mental and physical being, and became better satisfied. Leaving the organization once, he sought private employment again in the maritime industry, but it was just at the time of the major strikes and he was unsuccessful. He reentered the CCC with determination that the opportunity to progress was mainly with the individual and thus set a goal for himself of so much progress each year through study and work. So far, he said, he has been able to realize on his ambitions, and his future course now lies clearly ahead of him.

Another program feature was the singing of two songs by John Barber, another member of the local camp, accompanied by Miss Lucille Moyer who has taken the position of club accompanist. The first song sung by Barber was "The Lonesome Cowboy," the words of which were written by Mrs. Ira McConkie, native Morrow county woman and sister of Glenn Hayes of this city, with musical score by John McLain of New York.

Ellsworth Chaffee of Spokane is visiting at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Chaffee. He was met at Pasco by Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee Sunday.

Bargain in grand piano, also upright; will sell for balance due, terms or cash. G. F. Johnson Music Co., Portland, Ore. 16-18.

Andy Baldwin returned yesterday from a trip to Portland, Canby and Salem.

Potted plants at all times, phone 1332; will deliver. 15tf

EXTENSIVE WORK HEPPNER FOREST DISTRICT TOLD

By F. F. WEHMEYER

Few people realize that the forest service in a community is really one of the business institutions. They just sort of figure it is something vague, way off, and doesn't affect them.

At the present time we have on the Heppner district a road camp using eight or ten employees, an ERA camp using fourteen, a range survey party of seven and a short term organization of twelve. Upwards of fifty men are employed. (Annually, through the summer months.) Part of their wages and part of the supplies used are purchased in our local community.

Approximately 25,000 lambs and a thousand head of beef are fattened and sent to market from the local high mountain ranges.

The short term organization is protecting upwards of thirty million dollars worth of stumpage, which will soon, as we count years, be on its way to market.

A thousand or more hunters patronize our local forest in hunting season. Local merchants profit to some extent thru the purchase of gasoline, supplies and ammunition. As the hunters are about 30% successful, we might add a ton and a half of venison to our resources and a good many buckskin gloves.

A couple of hundred or more local folks pick many gallons of toothsome mountain huckleberries for winter pies. A small item but one that adds pleasure to many a dull winter day as teeth are sunk into juicy, drippy pies made by mother. By the way, the berries have set very nicely and there is every promise of a bumper crop for this year.

Local ranchers avail themselves of the gift of dead timber and haul nearly two thousand cords annually to their homes for winter fuel. Not so big a value in dollars and cents, but think of the return in cosy comfort.

For your pleasure and protection as well as the protection of your resources, several hundred miles of roads and telephone lines have been built and are being maintained.

Many thousand dollars have been put into various improvements such as cabins, towers, fences and water systems. A part of the material going into these improvements was purchased locally.

As every effort is being bent to place the resources of the forest on a sustained yield, it is hoped the people can figure they will always have thirty million dollars worth of stumpage, that we can always ship 25,000 lambs and a thousand head of beef, and that the thousand hunters can always come annually and not go home entirely disgruntled.

Watershed values are something vague, until one comes in direct contact with their worth. The S. C. S. engineers figure that a small portion of the head of one creek brought by ditch into Willow creek has added at least \$25,000 a year in increased crops to the farmers down Willow creek valley.

Its hard to say just what the value

of the business is to local people. We handle many thousands of dollars in the course of a year. Wages, supplies, equipment on one side of the ledger and various forms of receipts on the other. It's my opinion that many of these dollars slide off into local channels of trade and help many home folks keep the big bad wolf from the door.

For Sale—Two month-old poult and White Leghorn pullets, priced reasonably. W. L. Suddarth, Irrigon, Ore. 16-19p.

E. J. Merrill was transacting business in the city Monday from the ranch south of Hardman.

Walter Blackburn and R. C. Bannister went to Pendleton yesterday on business.



Tom, Dick and Harry, and the children of the street Always view our windows to select good things to eat, And when their parent stary for some culinary aid They see the best in pastries that ever a baker made.

Ever notice the children looking long ingly in our windows? But then you can't blame the youngsters, for the reason is apparent. Those tempting pastries are just as appetizing in taste as they are appealing in appearance. We know you will agree with us once you try them.

Heppner Bakery

Dance

SPONSORED BY WILLOWS GRANGE

Sat. June 26

LEACH MEMORIAL HALL

LEXINGTON

Music by TROUBADORS

This dance, originally set for Ione Legion hall, was transferred to Lexington because Ione hall has not received a license.

WE HAVE ON HAND THE FOLLOWING

USED CARS TRUCKS AND MACHINERY

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| 1928 Chevrolet Sport Roadster | 1929 Model A Ford Truck |
| 1928 Chevrolet Coupe | 1932 GMC Truck |
| 1934 Pontiac 4-Door Sedan | 1935 C-30 International Truck |
| 1936 Dodge 4-Door Sedan | 1933 Dodge Truck |
| 1929 Studebaker 4-Door Sedan | 1936 1 1/2 Ton Panel Truck |
| 1931 Willys Knight Sedan | Many other cars and trucks |
| 1929 Marquette Sedan | Also Used MOWERS, RAKES, SWEEP RAKES, TRACTORS |

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