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## Thomas J. Wells Succeeds Father As County Assessor

### Mrs. Sylva Wells to Remain as Deputy In Court Decision

Thomas J. Wells will succeed his father, the late Jesse J. Wells, as Morrow county assessor for the unexpired term according to announcement of the county court yesterday evening after consideration of ten applicants for the position. The court also asked that Mrs. Sylva Wells remain as deputy in the office for the remainder of the term. Mrs. Wells signified her willingness to do this for the good of the office, while saying, "I think I've about served my time."

Wells' appointment was based on the fact of his familiarity with routine of the office and the policies established by his father. The court considered it unwise to change personnel at this time, especially in view of new ownership records which are under way to complete the job of reassessment started last year by the late assessor which resulted in a 25 percent valuation decrease.

In accepting the position, Wells announced that it would be his endeavor as nearly as possible to carry on where his father left off, with no marked changes in policy contemplated. He believed his familiarity with the office by virtue of his several years as deputy under his father has given him a good understanding of the work, and he expects to handle all matters fairly and impartially.

Mrs. Wells, the deputy, has had many years' experience in the office, having helped set up the present system of records as deputy to her brother-in-law when this system, copied in several other counties, was first established. She served as deputy during most of the 26 years the late assessor was in office.

While the court had a hard time deciding from among the many capable applicants, they believed they acted in the best interests of the county by retaining those most familiar with the office until election time.

## Vandals Apprehended In Car Escapade

Vandals who the Thursday evening before pilfered the automobile of Dr. L. D. Tibbles and delayed his reporting on a maternity case by taking his instrument case, were later apprehended and in justice court last Thursday evening received sentence. One, Eggersheim of Camp Heppner, was given over to camp authorities for penalty, while the other, Vinson Perry, former Camp Heppner enrollee, was given thirty days in the county jail. Intoxication was plead as cause for the act.

Perry recently returned from Massachusetts where he went on being discharged from the local camp and had been living at the Wilson cabins. Dr. Tibbles recovered the lost articles from the school grounds where they had been thrown. His shotgun, part of the loot, was thrown through a window into the gymnasium.

### 4-H KITCHEN CLUB NEWS

Members of the 4-H Kitchen club met yesterday. A report was given by each girl on her work the last week. Reports were also given by the committees. Games were played and refreshments served. A good time was reported by all.

Application for marriage license was made at the clerk's office yesterday by Miss Theresa Quigley and Joseph M. Brosnan. The wedding was expected to be an event of about the 11th at The Dalles.

## Pomona Grange to Meet at Irrigon

Morrow County Pomona grange will meet at Irrigon on Sunday, July 11, at 10 a. m. Business will be conducted in the forenoon and a picnic dinner will be served, after which there will be a picnic for the afternoon games and stunts. Chas. Wicklander, state deputy, will talk on picnics and summer grange activities. At 8 p. m. Greenfield grange will confer the 5th degree on a large class of candidates, Irrigon grange furnishing the tableaux.

The July Pomona will see the end of the contest for this year. The speakers will give the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th degree charges of Flora, and the contest will be held just before adjournment at noon time.

Each grange in the county is to furnish a stunt, skit, game or other number for the afternoon amusement and the Pomona members who participated in the skit which was Morrow county's number on the state lecturer's program at the recent state grange meeting will again put on that skit at the Pomona picnic.

All grangers are asked to come, bring your picnic dinner and have a good time.

## TRASHY FALLOW WORTH PROVED

### E. R. Jackman Helps With Survey Showing Success; Some Questions Yet to be Answered

The new system of trashy summerfallow has already proved its worth in Morrow county, according to E. R. Jackman of the state college who is in the county this week working with Joe Belanger, county agent. For years the thoroughness of a man's wheat farming operations has been judged by neighbors largely on the neatness of summerfallow. Under the new system, whereby plowing is done so as to leave as much of the straw as possible on top of the ground, the summerfallow does not look so good, but this method unquestionably stops most of the blowing and also most of the soil losses from washing.

There are a good many things about the operation, however, which have not been fully worked out. Some of the unanswered questions are: How much straw is necessary on the surface to check blowing under the different soil conditions? In the light yielding areas which should be used—a duckfoot, a modified moldboard, or a one-way disk plow? Does the old style double disk do as good a job as the newer implements, and under what conditions can it be used? In the heavy yielding areas where straw yields are high how can the method best be used and at the same time secure a seed bed for fall planting? How does moisture penetrate with this system of fallow as compared with the old system?

The experiment stations in eastern Oregon are doing considerable work with trashy fallow but not all of the above questions can be answered by the work at the stations. The Columbia basin county agents recently requested the state college to make a survey of the trashy fallow fields, hoping to establish answers to some of the above questions, and Jackman is one of the men working on this survey.

Joe Belanger reports that about 40,000 acres are being farmed by the trashy fallow system in Morrow county this year. Farmers in the blow areas in the north end of the county are particularly well satisfied with the method, reporting that there is less soil moving than for several years past.

### PLAN CAKE SALE

The Campfire Girls are giving a cake sale Saturday morning, July 3, to raise more money for their trip to Hidaway. Cakes will be sold at Dix's grocery and at Green's feed store.

The Ambrose Chapin family arrived from Portland this week to spend several days in the city on business.

## Rising Freight Costs Calls for United Farm Action

### Tri-State Transportation Council Outlines New Program

"At the present rate of freight rate increases, it is said that if wheat went to \$2.00 a bushel the increased 'deducts' would soon hold down the purchasing power of the wheat grower to a bare subsistence level," was the viewpoint expressed at recent meetings of wheat growers and farm organization leaders held at Spokane, Lewiston, Dayton and Walla.

At these meetings plans have been formulated to combat the recent and proposed increases in freight rates upon wheat and flour, according to J. J. Edwards of Dayton, Wash., who has been elected chairman of the board of the Tri-State Wheat Transportation council. With a board of fifteen wheat growers, five from Washington, five from Oregon and five from Idaho, the council has been incorporated under the cooperative association laws of Oregon.

"Among the problems which have been discussed at the recent organization meetings and which confront the wheat growers," states Mr. Edwards, "are (1) the proposed inter-coastal steamship rate increase of about ten per cent on wheat and flour—scheduled to have become effective June 1st; (2) modifications as to free transits proposed by railroads and middlewestern mills and markets, with oral argument at Washington, D. C., June 11th; (3) proposed substantial permanent increase in freight rates upon most of the commodities shipped to and from the interior of Washington, Oregon and Idaho—hearing before Commissioner Aitchison at Portland, June 15; (4) the increased rail freight rates upon wheat and flour recently made effective from the south Atlantic and gulf ports into the southeast—scheduled for hearing at Seattle about July 15th; (5) skyrocketing of ship charters needed for transportation of wheat; (6) further increases that railroads threaten upon wheat and flour in the event that various 'make-work' laws and twenty per cent increases in railroad labor wages become effective; (7) the depletion of funds needed by some of the railroads through over-selling to railroads of over-priced equipment and material through greediness of those in control; (8) the Pet-

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## Heppner Young Folks Win Awards at Cove

With the local Young Peoples Fellowship taking the bishop's cup among smaller cities for attendance, fellowship and worship, with the boys' group winning the large wooden cross for the outstanding service group in the district, and with election of Jackson Gilliam and Scott McMurdo of this city as president and vice president, respectively, of the district organization, Heppner received a large share of the laurels given at the Ascension summer school ending at Cove last week.

Returning home Thursday from Cove were Jackson Gilliam, Scott McMurdo, Kemp Dick, Harold Armstrong, Shirley Wilson, Jeanette Blakely, Bethal Blake and Billy Barratt of Heppner, and Mary K. Blake and Betty Jean Mankin of Ione.

Newly elected officers for the eastern Oregon district are Jackson Gilliam, president; Scott McMurdo, vice president; Mary Ellen Runge, Bend, secretary; Jeffrey Boyer, Ontario, treasurer; executive committee, Scott McMurdo, chairman; Tommy Radcliffe of Klamath Falls, Sally Childs of Hood River, Douglas Hay of Lakeview and John Kopp of La Grande.

## Lions Install New Officers; Notson Head

S. E. Notson, though absent because of the illness which has kept him in Portland for several weeks and from which he is reported to be making fair progress, was inducted as president of the Lions club at the Monday noon luncheon. Other officers installed by Ray P. Kinne, retiring president, were Dr. L. D. Tibbles, first vice president; Chas. W. Barlow, second vice president; Capt. W. R. Reynolds, third vice president; Ray P. Kinne, secretary-treasurer; Millard Rodman, taitwister; Joe Belanger, lion tamer; M. L. Case and Dr. A. D. McMurdo, directors.

Messrs. Bell and Lassen from the Pendleton studio of radio station KIJ of Walla Walla were club guests. To their offer of free time on a 13-week community program in event sufficient local advertising were sold to justify, the club voted to cooperate in supplying material for such program. Mr. Lassen also entertained the club with a tap dance. He was credited with being a former dancing instructor in Hollywood with several movie stars as proteges.

The next club meeting was voted to be held on Tuesday because of the Fourth of July holiday falling on Monday.

## CITY SWELTERS FOLLOWING RAINS

### Monday Temperature High at 97; June Rainfall of 3.03 Inches Third Highest in 25 Years.

Heppner citizens felt their first real touch of summer this week when the mercury took a spurt up to 97 degrees Monday afternoon, a jump of 10 degrees from the day before. Relief was felt Tuesday when 84 only was reached, though perspiration started again with yesterday's high of 91. Today is cooler with a light breeze and fleeting clouds helping to stay Old Sol's onslaught.

The heat wave came close on the heels of the June rainy season which contributed all but .01 inch of the 3.03 total for the month. While June was the wettest since 1916, it failed to reach the 25-year record of 1912 by .11 inch. June, 1912, contributed 3.14 inches while June, 1916 was second with 3.12.

The .01 inch fell Tuesday evening, while a trace of moisture was shown in a momentary shower yesterday evening, reported Len L. Gilliam, government weather observer.

Present warm days are not alarming to wheat farmers who expect some ripening weather, and first harvesting operations are expected to start in the lower country near the middle of the month.

## Court Votes Money On CCC Camp Lease

Duplicating action of the city council some time ago, the county court yesterday voted \$100 as its share of the lease money for the land on which the CCC camp is located. The city and county are thereby sharing 50-50 in providing the camp site.

In announcing action of the court, Judge Bert Johnson said considerably more than that much value had been received from the camp by the county in assistance given in opening roads last winter.

### NEW INSTRUCTOR HERE

William G. Bennett, new Smith-Hughes instructor, was in the city this morning to start his work here, going over the ground with Randall Grimes, whom he succeeds. Mr. Grimes had just returned to the city from Harrisburg where he attended the funeral of his father last week. Mr. Bennett taught last year at Arlington. He will be joined later by Mrs. Bennett and baby.

Miss Juanita Phelps returned home Monday after a week's visit in The Dalles at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Feeley.

## Wheat Farmers Discuss Problems At Moro Picnic

### Mill a Bushel Asked to Aid in Transportation Fight

A profitable day was spent at Moro Saturday by more than 300 registered attendants at the Eastern Oregon Wheat league picnic. Messages of interest from educators and farm leaders from the platform in the cool shade of the Moro city park were followed by picnic dinner and inspection trip of the Moro experiment station in the afternoon for the men, and a discussion group led by Mrs. Thomas, home economics specialist from O. S. C., for the ladies.

Appearance of the Moro school band on the street and at the park preceded opening of the morning program. Giles L. French, chairman of the local committee on arrangements, opened the speaking program with a short tribute to the league and its accomplishments, welcoming it to the city of its birth for staging its first picnic, and introducing Charles Nish, league president, who in turn gave a short historical sketch of the league and introduced the guest speakers. Nish gave the names of former league presidents, which included Chas. B. Cox and E. H. Miller of this county.

Speakers introduced included Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, director U. S. agricultural extension service for Oregon; Solon T. White, director of the state department of agriculture; J. B. Adams, past president of the league; Prof. G. R. Hyslop, farm crops specialist from O. S. C., and J. M. Parrish, secretary of the Tri-State Transportation league.

Keynote of the transportation theme, sounded by President Nish in his opening address, was enlarged upon by Parrish who told of the league's purpose as working against unfair differentials which are keeping many markets closed to agriculture, especially wheat, of the eastern portions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Depicting the necessity for action on a larger scale than has been possible by a single organization such as the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, which had pioneered the way, he showed the organization set-up as being headed by growers of established reputation, and asked financial support from every grower to the amount of one mill for every bushel of the 1937 crop. Such financial support is essential to the hope of carrying on a successful campaign, he said.

Importance of a permanent agriculture out of consideration to the farm's "most important crop"—the younger generation—was emphasized by Dean Schoenfeld, thus emphasizing the need for soil conservation practices, weed control and other long-time policies. Something of the benefits received thru the work of the extension service, he said was indicated by the better

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## Have Close Shave In Truck Accident

The Morrow County Creamery company's new motor delivery rig was badly damaged, and its three occupants, Charles Cox, driver, La-Moyne Cox and Howard Cleveland, escaped with minor scratches when the truck left the highway near the J. G. Barratt ranch Monday night and hit the barbed wire fence.

Cox the driver, son of W. C. Cox, creamery proprietor, reported that he was blinded by lights of an approaching car. He swung the truck over into the soft shoulder of the highway, which caused it to take a zigzag course and get out of control. All the boys counted themselves fortunate to escape serious injury.