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Control District, Budget Allowance May Battle Weeds

Interested Farmers Meet With Court, Favor Action

That the county court will proceed to organize the county into a weed control district and make recommendation for an appropriation in the coming budget to combat the increasing number of perennial noxious weeds seemed definitely assured following a meeting of the court with a large number of interested farmers at the courthouse Monday afternoon. This action climaxes a wave of general public sentiment expressed in resolutions of farm and civic organizations for action on the weed situation.

Farmers attending were unanimous in expressing opinion that control measures should be taken. Some believed the district should be organized and full force of the statute applied to make operators of infested farms clean up their weeds. The majority opinion, however, favored organization of the district with the law administered cooperatively. This opinion favored the county court purchasing needed chemicals for resale to farmers at low cost, and helping in control where a situation is beyond the possibility of control by the individual operator.

Bert Johnson, county judge, and Geo. N. Peck, commissioner, the two members of the court present, expressed themselves as favoring the cooperative manner of procedure. Judge Johnson pointed out that attempting to force an operator to eradicate weeds beyond that operator's control would only result in the land reverting to the county in a much worse infested condition, and if the land were ever again to become tenable the county would be up against a much greater expense than by cooperating in a reasonable manner now.

It was brought out that these weeds are a general community menace, and that while one farmer may have weeds beyond his control and another may not, delay in eradication will almost certainly result in more and more farmers joining the class of the first farmer. Delayed control can mean only more weeds, lower crop production, decreased land values, and in the ultimate, as has been the history in some sections where control measures were not taken soon enough, absolute abandonment of the land. White top and Russian knap weed were cited as two leading perennial noxious weed offenders that have made their appearance in the county within the last few years.

E. R. Jackman, farm crops specialist from Oregon State college, and Joseph Belanger, county agent, were present and assisted with the discussion.

Transfer Tum-a-Lum Management Comes

Lee Howell, formerly of Ione and more recently of Pendleton, has succeeded to the management of the local Tum-a-Lum Lumber company office following resignation of Earl Eskelson, manager for several years. Eskelson has announced the purchase of the J. B. Huddleston ranch near Lone Rock.

Howell arrived in the city today and with his family will reside in the residence on lower Gale street formerly occupied by the Eskelsons.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED

The recent marriage of Miss Virginia Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith of Morgan, to Mr. Alvin Miller, has been announced.

MUSTANGS BEAT CONDON IN OPENER

Traditional Rival Trounced
14-0; Van Marter Pounds Across
First Score; Fumble Costly

Heppner's Mustangs proved themselves champion of football over Condon, traditional rival of many years, by edging out a victory of 14 to 0 on the local field last Saturday in the first game of the season.

The Mustangs threatened once in the first half, advancing the ball to the five-yard line, but were denied a score through penalties. By means of successive aerial attacks, Condon came back to place the ball on the one-yard line, when the whistle blew for the half.

During the third quarter, Van Marter was successful in making the first score by means of line plunges and end runs. The conversion was easily made, following a fumbled place kick attempt which was recovered and advanced across the goal line.

In the fourth quarter another fumbled pass from center was recovered and run to the one-yard line, where following a line plunge, another score was chalked up. The conversion was completed with a place kick.

Condon again pounded the Heppner goal while many regulars were on the bench, reaching the three-yard line, but the substitutes proved themselves worthy by driving them back to the fifteen-yard line.

Officials: Referee, Lyle Eddie, Ir-rigon; umpire, Mr. Hummel, Ione; head linesman, Mr. Dixon, Heppner.

CLARENCE BIDDLE DIES, PNEUMONIA

Funeral services for Clarence Nolan Biddle, 41, vice commander of Heppner post, American Legion, and young Willow creek farmer, were held from Case Memorial chapel in this city Sunday afternoon. Mr. Biddle succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at the veterans' hospital in Walla Walla, Friday, having been taken there for treatment the Wednesday previous after a few days' illness.

Services conducted by Rev. R. C. White, Methodist minister, were largely attended by fellow Legionnaires, relatives and friends. Interment was in Masonic cemetery where the Legion post firing squad gave the farewell salute to their comrade.

Clarence Nolan Biddle was born in Gooseberry, this county, January 8, 1896, the son of Marion R. and Jennie E. Biddle, early settlers of that section. He grew to young manhood in that section and attended the Gooseberry school. At the time of the World war he enlisted in the service from Ione, leaving work at the John Olden farm. He was enlisted with the 213th Engineers, headquarters division, at Camp Lewis, Wash., from where he received his discharge at the end of the war.

He married Lela S. Salter at Mik-kalo, Gilliam county, who with four children, Joyce, Billy, Darlene and Eileen, survives. The family home has been made for the last three years on the former Pedro farm, about seven miles below Heppner on Willow creek. Surviving also are two brothers, Otis of Heppner and Orrie of Lafayette, and five sisters, Lela Holmes, Junction City; Zola Brockman, Puget Sound, Wash.; Opal Moe, Carlton, Viola, Portland; Zelma Dimmick, Lafayette. Jason Biddle of Rhea creek is an uncle.

Mr. Biddle assisted in organizing and led the Lexington 4-H calf club since its beginning two years ago and a tribute to the esteem in which he was held by the members was their presence in a body at his funeral. He was a willing worker in all community enterprise. A tribute to his character was paid by the minister in the funeral address, when he said Mr. Biddle was not known to have had an enemy.

Latourell and Pettyjohn Take Dick Building

Former Ford Dealer Connected With Plymouth-Dodge

Charles H. Latourell, for many years proprietor of the Ford garage here and who three years ago transferred his business interests to De Lake, will reenter the local automotive field. He and W. F. Pettyjohn, who for many years operated the Webb ranch on Board creek, yesterday closed a 5-year lease on the new Ed Dick garage building, and also completed negotiations to be Dodge-Plymouth agents here. They expect to open for business October 10, according to announcement this morning.

Recent withdrawal of Milsom-Banister, Ford dealers, from the local field made the Dick building available to the new firm.

With completion of the new deal, Mr. Latourell expects to return his family to Heppner. Mrs. Latourell and Miss Alice have been at DeLake managing the garage and auto camp interests in which the Latourells have been interested.

Mama Cougar Stands Ground; Coyote Poses for Picture

Vic Johnson, Umatilla National forest fire guard, had occasion to regret not having his rifle while riding the sheep driveway in the vicinity of Sunflower flat last week, reports F. F. Wehmeyer, ranger in charge of the local district. Vic met Mama Cougar and her youngsters. The cubs promptly jumped into the brush, but the old female stood her ground. Vic tried to frighten her, but she had little fear of the human voice. Finally, Vic rode around her. As far back as he could see she still crouched and lashed her tail as if defying all the forest guards in Oregon.

Two weeks ago, O. J. Johnson, assistant supervisor of the Pendleton office, Umatilla National forest, got some nice pictures of a coyote at the head of Herrington creek. The animal appeared to be as gentle as a sheep dog, and posed at fifty or sixty feet for his picture. Closer views might have been possible but his gentleness was suspicious. Thought of hydrophobia burned too close and unpleasantly.

TB Clinic Slated at Points Over County

Miss Althea Stoneman, temporary county health nurse, announces tuberculosis clinics to be held at Irrigon, Boardman, Pine City, Lexington on October 6, and at Hardman Heppner and Ione on October 7.

Dr. Odell from the state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, and local doctors will assist, announces Miss Stoneman.

ALL GET BUCK

D. A. Wilson, Gene Ferguson, L. E. Bisbee, Glenn Hayes and Ed Bennett returned home Friday from their annual deer hunt with a buck each. That of Mr. Wilson's was the largest, weighing in at 235 pounds. They hunted in the Desolation country.

IONE WOMAN KILLS BUCK

Mrs. Walter Corley holds the distinction not only of being the first woman at Ione to bring in her buck deer, but was the first hunter of either sex to report with the kill at that place. She returned from the hunt Friday with a forked horn.

BLEAKNEY, PECK TO ATTEND P. I.

Boardman Girl and Lexington
Boy Chosen for Bank Award;
To Attend Free of Charge

Selected as the outstanding 4-H club boy and girl in Morrow county Sept. 25 by a local judging committee, Awilda Claire Bleakney of Boardman and Ellwynn Edgar Peck of Lexington will go to Portland next week as guests of The First National Bank of Portland for three days during the Pacific International Livestock exposition. They were declared winners from this county in the second annual 4-H Club Achievement and Leadership contest sponsored by the Portland institution among 19,000 club members in Oregon.

Two winners from every county in the state are being announced this week through H. C. Seymour, State Club director, in charge of judging and awards. The 72 county winners, together with two from the city of Portland, will convene in Portland October 4, 5 and 6. Increased interest and personal achievement among members have made this year's choice a difficult task, according to the judging committee, composed of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent; Joseph Belanger, Morrow county agent, and E. L. Morton, manager of the local branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

Miss Bleakney, member of Boardman 4-H clubs directed by Mrs. H. Dillon, was announced winner among girls for her work in lamb, calf, pig, baby beef, garden, cooking and sewing clubs.

In recognition of his activity in gardening, poultry and sheep clubs during the past four years, Ellwynn E. Peck was chosen from among boys of this county. He is a member of Lexington 4-H club, of which Burton Peck is leader.

Awards include transportation and all other expenses during the Portland visit which is being arranged by Walter H. Brown, assistant vice president of The First National Bank of Portland. Miss Bertha Singer of the bank staff will act as chaperon with Mr. Brown. The 74 guests will follow a three-day program including attendance at the Pacific International Exposition, sight-seeing tours of Portland, an evening at the Horse Show, special banquets and a dance.

Mr. Morton, manager of the Heppner branch of The First National Bank of Portland, states that every detail of the visit has been arranged by the bank to insure complete comfort and safety of its 4-H club guests. "We consider it a privilege to honor these young people who are already proving themselves exceptional in character and leadership through the fine 4-H movement," he added.

Mayor Jones and Party Greet President

Heppner's party of official greeters left Monday afternoon to be on hand in plenty of time when President Roosevelt made his speech from the platform at Bonneville Tuesday morning. Mayor Jones and party were provided with entrance passes and had the privilege of sitting within 50 feet of the president. Other members of the party included Chas. B. Cox, postmaster, Del Ward and John Wightman.

Creditals arrived this week for J. G. Barratt, president Oregon Wool Growers association, to be a member of the official reception committee as representative of the sheep industry, but his absence in the east where he is making a tour of the marketing end of the livestock industry as guest of Swift and company prevented his helping to receive the president.

Other local people who saw the president and heard him speak at Bonneville include Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones, Harry Duvall and W. O. Bayless.

City Transformed As Surfacing Work is Completed

Improvement by In- dividuals, Tennis Courts Additional

Heppner today sees nearing of completion of its street surfacing program. As the hot oil and rock were speedily thrown into place this week, a transformation in the city has taken place with a contagion of improvement by property holders instilled by the surfacing work.

Advantage was taken on all sides of the opportunity to purchase gravel at low cost for covering of curb approaches, alleys and garage driveways, and in some instances folks stood the cost of oil surfacing in place of loose gravel.

Babler Bros., the surfacing contractors, and Fisher Bros., crusher operators, have been kept on the jump filling individual orders while keeping the street work going full blast, and orders were still coming in when available oil and rock was depleted yesterday. Today Fisher Bros. are delivering the stock piles of rock for the city, and the work will be finished by the end of the week.

A fine spirit of cooperation was shown on every hand by the contractors who did considerable extra work without additional charge. One instance was the building of approaches to the curb at churches on streets being improved.

The city itself ordered some work outside the contract to take advantage of the opportunity to get needed work done at low cost. Included was increasing the paving width from curb to curb on Willow and Center streets in the business district. Property holders and city cooperated in extending the oil surfacing in a few places, also, adding to the extent of the improvement.

Besides the street work, Heppner now boasts three surfaced tennis courts which the street work made possible. Two courts at the school were constructed by order of the school board, and Dr. A. D. McMurdo had the third constructed at his residence for private use.

J. W. Becket Passes at Home in Portland

News of the death of J. W. Becket, Morrow county pioneer, at his home in Portland was received yesterday. At last report word could not be given his sons, Walter and Charles, who with their wives and Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket, are on their way east. They were expected to reach a point in Kansas today.

Mr. Becket was last in Heppner at Rodeo time. Funeral arrangements have not been announced. Word from his son, Major Johnny Becket, with the U. S. marines in Washington D. C., said he left for Portland last night.

One of the early settlers of the Eight Mile district and a leading citizen of the county for many years, Mr. Becket leaves a host of friends here to mourn his loss. This paper will bring Mr. Becket's obituary to its readers next week.

HAS BIGGEST BUCK

Rho Bleakman has the largest buck killed to date registered in the Green Hardware company big buck contest. It weighed 242 pounds. He hunted in a party of five, including his father, G. A. Bleakman, and the party bagged two bucks. Bleakman's animal had five points on one side and six on the other.

LICENSE ISSUED

A marriage license was issued at the clerk's office today to Hazel Louise Padberg of Ione and Terrel Lynn Bengé of this city.