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Forest Camp Move Brings Lions' Aid; Funds Being Asked

State Inspector Tells of Local Street Improvement Work

Additional impetus to the move to procure the site for the proposed forest camp in Heppner was given at the Monday Lions luncheon when F. W. Turner and Spencer Crawford were appointed on a committee to assist in solicitation of \$250 for procuring a privately-owned tract needed to fulfill the forest service desires.

It was reported to the club that the owner of the private tract had placed a deed in escrow awaiting payment of the \$250 for obtaining the last of the needed property to round out the desired site. Arrangements had been previously made with the county court to obtain the balance of the site from tax-foreclosed parcels, with transfer to be made as soon as a few legal technicalities are cleared up. Word from the forest service was that there is good possibility of work starting on the camp this fall if early acquisition of the property can be effected.

That it was necessary to procure the \$250 by popular subscription was reported, as word of the county court and city council was that they had already gone as far as they felt justified in making the site available. The city had already authorized payment of \$250 to the county to obtain the tax-foreclosed property, and the county made a considerable sacrifice in giving this knock-down price.

V. F. Buttervitch, state inspector on the new street work, was a club guest and gave an insight into the nature of the work just completed. He believed that the city had obtained a good job throughout, though the contract had been overrun in order to improve appearance and to meet the demand for added work.

An overrun of 360 yards in base work was encountered through the necessity of bolstering up soft places in the bed which had not been contemplated, and another 500-yard overrun was brought about in the widening of wings and extensions on some streets which was done on request of the city.

The O-11 type of construction used he said was the same as that generally used by the state, calling for the laying of tack coat of oil ahead of the base rock, another coat of oil on the base ahead of the key rock, then another coat of different oil ahead of the seal coat. The dust on top, he said is not expected to become a part of the permanent surface, but is used only to protect the surface while it is curing. Eventually this dust will all work off the surfacing, and in the meantime some alarm may be felt because of the uneven surface which will develop for a time. When the surfacing becomes finally cured and sealed, however, it will have an even, non-skid finish.

Mr. Buttervitch obtained a leave of absence from his work with the state highway department to supervise the local job for Frank Hayes, engineer.

WEDDINGS SUNDAY

Two weddings of interest to many local friends are announced for the coming Sunday. Miss Hazel Padberg of Ione will become the bride of Mr. Terrel Benge of this city, and Miss Vallis Jones of this city will marry Mr. Norman Washburne of Milton in the two ceremonies.

J. Logie Richardson took in the big livestock show while in Portland the end of the week to visit his family, and reports an exceptionally fine show in all departments this year.

MRS. SHURTE LONG WAS EDUCATOR

Former County School Superintendent Passes; Was Pioneer Teacher in Morrow County

Funeral rites were held at Arlington yesterday for Lena Snell Shurte, pioneer eastern Oregon educator who held the position of superintendent of Morrow county schools for many years, and aunt of Earl W. Snell, secretary of state. Mrs. Shurte died at a Portland hospital Monday following a six weeks' illness.

Two sisters, Mrs. Earl Weatherford and Mrs. Lillian Wheelhouse, both of Arlington, survive, besides the nephew who is the state's secretary.

Mrs. Shurte was a pioneer school teacher in both Morrow and Umatilla counties. She succeeded the late S. E. Notson as county school superintendent, serving for 8 years from 1916 to 1924. Following retirement from the office she had resided at Arlington up to the time of her last illness.

Check-Writers Can Save Selves Grief and County Money

The county has been besieged with bad checks in recent months, and much of the trouble can be laid at the doors of persons issuing the checks, says Judge Bert Johnson.

The county's interest in the matter is more than passive, as each month the court is confronted with a considerable traveling expense bill from the sheriff with item after item dubbed "bad check."

Judge Johnson opines check writers can save themselves a lot of grief as well as save the county money by going to their bankers and finding out how to write their checks properly.

Charles W. Reed Passes at Hood River

Charles W. Reed, brother of Mrs. Della M. Corson of Ione, died at Hood River yesterday.

He came to Morrow county in 1884 and located north of Ione in the Four Mile district where he taught the first school held in that vicinity. He lived there for about ten years and then moved to Hood River where he has since resided. He leaves a wife and seven children, besides one brother and two sisters, of whom one is Mrs. Corson, agent for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company at Ione.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 2:30 p. m., at Hood River. He was born at Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 20, 1863, and was aged 73 years. Mrs. Corson is leaving Ione today to attend the funeral.

TB Test Under Way; Dr. Odell in Charge

A series of tuberculosis clinics is under way in the county this week with Dr. J. M. Odell, superintendent of the eastern Oregon tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, in charge; Miss Harriet Brennerstall, consultant on the Oregon Health Association; Miss Althea Stoneman, county nurse, and local doctors assisting. Morrow County Health association is sponsor.

Clinics were held at Boardman and Irrigon yesterday, today Hardman is being visited, and tomorrow Heppner will be host at the school. Tests are given to anyone at a charge of 15c. Reactors will be flourosoped later. The Star theater is showing a tuberculosis film last night and tonight as a part of the campaign.

LICENSE ISSUED

A license to wed was issued this week to Miss Mary Patterson and Mr. LeGrand H. Guild at the clerk's office. Miss Patterson is secretary to J. L. Gault, receiver for local banks, and Mr. Guild is agronomist with the soil conservation service.

City to Consider Street Acceptance After Bond Sale

Engineer Report Favorable; Forest Site Matter Discussed

While general satisfaction was expressed by mayor and councilmen with the apparent quality of the street work just completed, and with the estimable attitude of cooperation shown by Babler Bros., contractors, they were not yet ready to accept the work at Monday evening's meeting. This action will be deferred until after outcome of the advertised sale of bonds set for next Saturday evening.

V. F. Buttervitch, state inspector who supervised the work for Frank Hayes, engineer, gave a satisfactory report on the work. Hayes was also present. The contract calls for maintenance by the contractors for several months, and they will make any repairs needed after an inspection has been made in the spring.

While the council stands ready to turn over its \$250 to the county to make a site available for location of the proposed forest camp, city legal opinion frowned upon appointing a trustee to receive the property for turning over to the government lest such action might leave the city responsible for standing cost of clearing up flaws in title. The city itself cannot accept deed to property for other than municipal purposes, the city attorney advised. The county, on the other hand, must sell the property to someone under the foreclosure law, and the trustee method was suggested as a possible way out.

Closing half of August street from the rear of the properties of Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Dr. L. D. Tibbles, which has been agreed to by them, was also deferred in the forest site action. The closed portion of August street would also be thrown into the site. Street closing action, however, requires the petition of all adjoining property holders, and present status of ownership complicates the situation, the attorney believed.

In connection with the removal of the Slocum buildings at Main and Center streets, it was reported that L. D. Neill had made arrangements with the owners to remove them for the material and that work of razing would start soon.

FFA Judging Team Places at Exposition

Heppner chapter FFA judging team tied for fourth place in Jersey judging in the northwest and placed eleventh among Oregon teams at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland last week end. Boys making the trip with W. S. Bennett, instructor, were Wilbur Worden, Johnny Hays, Bob Davidson and Leland Edmondson. They went down Friday and remained over Sunday.

Another year's experience and the local boys hope to be among the leaders. This week, Marvin Casebeer, chapter president, was elected as a delegate to the national convention to be held at Kansas City, Mo. This year is the tenth anniversary of the Future Farmers of America.

INSTALLS LUNCH COUNTER

H. T. O'Donnell is installing a new lunch counter of Japanese garden effect in the space recently vacated by Mark Merrill at his pastime. He was in Portland this week purchasing equipment. The carpenter work is nearing completion and he expects to have everything in readiness for opening within a short time.

Miss Frances Rugg was in the city Tuesday while visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rugg, on Rhea creek, having come from Forest Grove where she has held a position for some time.

J. W. BECKET CAME TO COUNTY IN 1886

Funeral Rites Held at Portland; Elected Commissioner 1896; Retired to City in 1906

Morrow county relatives and friends joined in paying tribute at funeral rites in Portland yesterday for J. W. Becket, pioneer wheat farmer of the Eight Mile section who died at his home in the city Wednesday last week. Funeral rites were held from Rose & Son funeral chapel yesterday afternoon followed by interment in Rose City cemetery beside the grave of Mrs. Becket who died four years ago.

John William Becket was born in Jeffersonville, Indiana, April 5, 1854, the son of Cornelius and Sarilda (Clark) Becket, natives of the same state. As a child three years of age he accompanied his parents to Illinois, where 11 years of his life was spent before going to Missouri in 1869. He remained in Missouri until 1880, when he first came to Oregon. Locating at Weston, he followed carpentering and teaming for five years, at the end of which time he took the homestead near Eight Mile center in this county which was the nucleus of his successful wheat farming operations for many years.

It was while farming in Missouri that Mr. Becket married Miss Catherine Stall whose home was in Cass county, that state, on January 1, 1876. Eight children were born to this union, three being daughters; one daughter and three sons are living. From the time of their marriage, Mrs. Becket was his constant companion and helpmate until her death four years ago.

Mr. Becket was elected county commissioner in 1896 and served in that capacity for two years. He once ran for sheriff on the republican ticket and was defeated by a few votes.

Mr. and Mrs. Becket retired from the farm in 1906 when they moved to Portland to make their home, and where each resided until the time of death. Annual pilgrimages were made back to the county, however, where Mr. Becket maintained a keen interest in affairs.

As Mr. Becket's father was a cooper and carpenter by trade, so he, also, followed the art of carpentering. In his young manhood it was part of his source of livelihood, but in later life it became more of a hobby. Mr. Becket received much enjoyment in making a large cabinet clock for each of his children after his retirement from the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Becket and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becket and daughter Florence were recalled from a trip east to attend funeral services, and Johnny Becket came from Washington, D. C., where he is stationed as a major with the U. S. Marines. Son John is a member of the mythical all-time all-star University of Oregon football team, where he reached the apex of his glorious football career in 1916. The sons Walter and Charley are farmers in Eight Mile, whose operations include land formerly farmed by their father. These sons and one daughter, Mary, survive.

Oddfellows Meet Here On 13th; at Ione 14th

In reporting the joint meetings of Oddfellows to be held at Heppner and Ione, this paper inadvertently got the dates for the two meetings switched last week. The meeting for Heppner and Hardman lodges will be at Heppner next Wednesday, the 13th, and the meeting for Lexington, Ione and Morgan lodges will be at Ione the following evening, Oct. 14th.

Howard K. Zimmerman, grand master, will be present at each of the meetings to make an official visitation and to bring a message said to be of interest to all Oddfellows. Attendance of all members of the order is urged by Wm. A. Morand, grand secretary, in making the announcement.

Morrow Farmers Add Voices for More Crop Control

Delegation Attends Senate Sub-Committee Spokane Hearing

Five Morrow county farmers with E. Harvey Miller as spokesman joined representative farmers from eastern Washington, eastern Oregon, Idaho and Nevada in voicing approval of continued federal crop control legislation in a hearing before the senate sub-committee on agriculture at Spokane, Saturday.

Senators McGill of Kansas, Pope of Idaho, Frazier of North Dakota and Ellender of Louisiana conducted the hearing and led discussion of the bill now before congress which is patterned after the measure proposed by the Farm Bureau. Peter Zimmerman, representing the grange, and Mac Hoke, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation, were among noted farm leaders in attendance.

The hearing was one of a series of many being held in all agricultural regions of the country.

The Morrow county delegation, including Mr. Miller, George N. Peck, A. H. Nelson, Henry Smouse, Frank Saling, met before the hearing and named Mr. Miller spokesman for this county.

A very definite majority of the farmers attending expressed themselves as favoring some measure of continued federal control of crop production, said Mr. Miller.

In the daily press this week, President Roosevelt was reported to have stated the possibility of calling a special session of congress for dealing with crop control legislation, need for which was said to have been brought forcibly to his attention on his recent western trip.

Many Local People In Church Play Sunday

"Prisoner at the Bar," widely heralded "murder trial" with a cast including 21 prominent local citizens, will be presented at the Church of Christ next Sunday night at 7:30 under the sponsorship of local protestant churches.

With Hayward H. Johnson of Portland as the prisoner who under influence of liquor has "killed" his wife and left three motherless children, the temperance play deals with the story of a returned soldier, influenced by wet repeal propaganda and trapped by the modern liquor sales system. Admission will be free, with voluntary offering.

Included in the cast are Marvin Dixon, judge; J. O. Turner, prosecuting attorney; C. J. D. Bauman, defense attorney; Dariene Wise, prisoner's little daughter; Homer Hayes, sheriff; M. L. Case, finger print expert; C. W. Barlow, court clerk; Rose Leibbrand, star witness; E. R. Huston, court bailiff; summoned on jury, C. N. Jones, L. W. Briggs, W. O. Dix, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mrs. E. L. Morton, Mrs. Claude Cox, Alex Green, Clara Beamer, Leta Humphreys, Mrs. John Wightman, John Anglin.

A general invitation is extended to the public to attend.

PIERCES TO SPEAK

Morrow County Pomona grange will meet at the hall at Lena Saturday, Oct. 9, with a business meeting called in the morning, lunch at noon and program in the afternoon to which the public is invited. Walter M. Pierce, representative in congress, and Mrs. Pierce will be speakers. Fifth degree will be conferred upon candidates in the evening by Rhea Creek grange.

Dr. R. M. Rice is confined at home by illness.