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City Finances Seen Encouraging As Year Starts

Cleated Vehicles Kept from Streets; Site Action Taken

Though the city of Heppner closed the year with a depleted treasury and a small amount still owing on recent street improvements, city dads felt encouraged over the general situation which confronted them as the treasurer made his quarterly and annual reports Monday evening. Delinquent water accounts had reached the lowest point in several years, and there was probability that turn-overs from last quarter tax collections would more than offset the amount owing on streets.

Fine collections were reported to have been augmented by \$60 as the amount assessed against operators of pin ball machines.

The council passed an ordinance prohibiting the driving of cleated trucks, tractors or other heavy machinery that might do damage on city streets, and authorized the marshal to enforce it strictly.

Passed to third reading, which may be made at the mid-month meeting, was an ordinance to vacate the west 120 feet of August street. This action was taken on petition of adjoining property holders, and notification by the city attorney that due notice had been given and no objections offered. If vacated the closed portion will be included in the proposed forest camp site.

On opening bids for the purchase of a new pick-up for use of the watermaster's office, the several bids were left in the hands of Councilmen E. L. Morton and D. A. Wilson for investigation and recommendation at the next meeting.

On application of William Bennett, Smith-Hughes instructor, the council granted rental of part of the rear of the city building for use of School District No. 1 as a shop at rental of \$15 a month, the privilege to extend until the end of the school year.

P. W. Mahoney served as chairman of the council in the absence of Mayor Jeff Jones who was unable to be present though reported as improving at home following his recent operation in Portland. All councilmen and other city officers were present at the year's first meeting.

Pomona Grange at Cecil Next Saturday

Morrow County Pomona grange will meet with Willows grange at Cecil next Saturday, with a business meeting in the forenoon and program in the afternoon to which the public is invited. The afternoon program is expected to begin about 1:30.

W. J. Wilcox, manager of the Oregon Grange Wholesale, will be a speaker as will Joseph Belanger, county agent, who will talk on county-wide subjects. Various other numbers are also scheduled. Supper will be served in the evening. Officers of Pomona and some of the subordinate granges will be installed. Fifth degree work will be conferred in the evening.

IONE DEFEATS HEPPNER

Ione's flashy hoopers beat a holiday pick-up team from Heppner on the Ione maple court Wednesday evening last week, 39-49. Marvin Ransier for Ione and La Verne Van Marter for Heppner each looped 20 markers. Playing with the locals were Len Gilman and Harlan McCurdy, Pacific U. athletes, and Don Turner from U. of O. Spud and Jimmy Furlong and Herman Green also played with the locals. Jim Webb flashed for the Ione team, and others on the squad were the three Pettyjohns, Ellis, Earl and Lee, Fred Hoskins, Jr., and Louis Halvorsen. Two games were attempted, but the second was called off as the boys tired.

Juanita Leathers, C. Carmichael Wed

Many Morrow county friends were pleasantly surprised with the announcement of the marriage of Miss Juanita Leathers to Mr. Clarence Carmichael at Vancouver, Wash., the evening of December 30. The ceremony was quietly performed at his residence by Rev. A. H. Kunzman, in the presence of Mrs. Joy Tower, sister of the bride, and Mr. Herbert Lewis, who accompanied them. Mrs. Carmichael, who is seventh grade teacher in the local schools, wore navy blue frock with matching accessories and corsage of talisman roses.

At a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's mother in Portland the next morning guests included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tower of Vancouver, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Leathers of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marino of Seattle.

Mrs. Carmichael has taught in the local schools for several years, having charge of the grade school music in addition to her work in the seventh grade. Her girlhood days were spent at Hardman.

Mr. Carmichael, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carmichael, Lexington pioneers, has been a lifelong resident of that place where he is now employed with Jackson Implement company. Both young people have a host of friends over the county who felicitate their marriage.

Their home is being made at Heppner until the end of the school year when they expect to move their residence to Lexington.

G. A. Bleakman First Candidate in Field

First rumblings of the coming primaries were heard this week when G. A. Bleakman announced his candidacy for county commissioner as a republican. The candidacy of Mr. Bleakman, former county commissioner, is accompanied by the statement that he yielded to the urging of friends in the Hardman community where he resided many years and which he serves as stage operator.

Mr. Bleakman, in his announcement, asks the support of republican voters, asserting, "... my former experience in the office will enable me to give you the very best of service." The term of George N. Peck, now serving as senior commissioner, is due to expire with the coming elections. Mr. Peck has made no statement as to future intentions.

MAYOR COMES HOME

Mayor Jeff Jones and Mrs. Jones arrived home last Friday from Portland, coming up with their son, Alva, who drove down for them. While in the city Mr. Jones underwent an operation and his condition is reported to be improving though he has not resumed the activity shown before the illness which took him to the city. Alvin Hendrickson, Mayor and Mrs. Jones' grandson who had spent two weeks here, accompanied his uncle to Portland and from there went on with his mother, Mrs. Ellis Hendrickson, to their home at San Leandro, Cal.

GETS POSTOFFICE POST

James Driscoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Driscoll, was named this week as clerk in the local post-office, succeeding Kenneth Oviatt. James had been clerking for some time at the W. O. Dix grocery and his place there is being filled by Richard Hamrick.

ENROLLING CCC'S

Mrs. Clara Beamer, county relief manager, announces that enrollment of CCC applicants is being taken at her office. Any young man aged 17 to 23 years inclusive who is out of employment is eligible to apply.

TO MEET CONDON

An FFA smoker between Condon and Heppner will be held at Condon, Wednesday, the 18th. This will be the first smoker with Condon this year, though three have been held before.

Last Quarter 1937 Wettest of Record; Year's Total 15.74

Gooseberry, Local Figures Given Since 1910; 1912 is High

The last quarter of 1937 is the wettest last quarter year ever known in Morrow county. G. A. Bleakman made that assertion after a residence of more than 50 years, and V. L. Carlson, government weather observer in Gooseberry, verified it from his experience.

Though Mr. Carlson has been keeping official records for his district the last seven years only, his personal observation and checking of figures with those of Len L. Gilliam, observer at Heppner, are given for verification. Total precipitation, Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1937, was given at 5.22 inches.

Mr. Carlson combined his figures with those of Mr. Gilliam to give a complete record by years and ten- and 20-year averages since 1910. Checking his figures with those of Mr. Gilliam in the time both men have been keeping official records shows precipitation at Gooseberry and Heppner to be nearly the same.

In the figures given, 1912 had the most moisture, 18.64 inches. Next was 1916 with 17.40 inches. Third was 1920 with 16.62, and fourth was 1922 with 15.86, closely followed by 1937 with 15.74. The ten-year average, 1910-1919, was 14 inches; ten-year average, 1920-1929, 12.19; 20-year average, 1910-1929, 13 inches, 8-year average, 1930-1937, 11.21 in.

Precipitation by years is given as follows:

1910, 8.74; 1911, 12.16; 1912, 18.64;
1913, 15.29; 1914, 10.77; 1915, 14.25;
1916, 17.40; 1917, 14.62; 1918, 15.22;
1919, 12.78. Ten-year av. 14.
1920, 16.62; 1921, 12.63; 1922, 10.65;
1923, 15.86; 1924, 10.33; 1925, 11.56;
1926, 12.84; 1927, 13.11; 1928, 8.20;
1929, 11.11. Ten-year av. 12.19. 20-
year av., 13.
1930, 10.54; 1931, 11.49; 1932, 9.92;
1933, 12.65; 1934, 10.73; 1935, 9.04;
1936, 9.58; 1937, 15.74. 8-year av.
11.21.

Mrs. Quaid Buys Monahan Ranches

Mrs. Pauline Quaid of Portland this week purchased the Frank Monahan ranch just southwest of Heppner on Willow creek and the place belonging to him on Rhea creek that was operated by his son James Monahan. After the purchase Mrs. Quaid granted Mr. Monahan a lease on the Willow creek farm, and the other place was rented to T. W. Rippee.

While in the city the first of the week, Mrs. Quaid also announced renting the old Shobe place south of town to Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Kenneth Blake.

CARS IN ACCIDENTS

Jack Glavey and Walter Eubanks were victims of car accidents this week. Each driving alone had the experience of the car turning over with him, and each escaped injury though the cars were damaged and required towing in. Glavey was coming toward Heppner from the Rhea creek farm Tuesday night when his car overturned on the curve where the stock pass intersects the highway. Eubanks' car skidded and overturned on the slippery pavement at the H. O. Bauman farm this morning while on his way to Heppner from the Ione home. Deputy Sheriff Elbert Cox, driving by the Eubanks' wreck this morning became so engrossed in it that he drove into the ditch before getting his pick-up stopped, and assistance was required to get his car on the road again.

Food sale by Woolgrowers auxiliary will be held at the P. P. & L. store beginning at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Case-Evans Rites Held at Church

The Methodist Episcopal church in this city was the scene of a charming wedding ceremony at high noon Sunday when the pastor, Rev. R. C. Young, united in marriage Miss Winifred Helen Case and Robert Dean Evans of Weiser, Idaho. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Case of this city, and teaches at Annex, across the Snake river from Weiser.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a frock of wine colored, satin back, pebbly crepe, hat to match with overhanging veil, brown accessories, and corsage of talisman rosebuds. Mrs. Gustaf Nikander, her sister, as matron of honor, wore rust colored frock with black accessories and corsage of American beauty rosebuds.

Gustaf Nikander was best man, and Mrs. Neva Cochell played the wedding march. Organ music preceding the march was played by Mrs. W. O. Dix while little Patsy O'Hara lighted the candles.

Blue and grey crepe paper adorned the pulpit, small scintillating stars gleamed from the ceiling and gold lace draped the altar. The ceremony was read before an arch in matching blue and grey hung with silver bells. White and gold giant chrysanthemums in profusion graced many well placed baskets, and scores of white and gold tapers were set on the pulpit railing and organ.

A wedding dinner at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony was attended by the bride and bridegroom, the parents of the bride, Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf Nikander and Mrs. Neva Cochell.

The young couple left immediately for Weiser to make their home, Mr. Evans being interested in a hardware store there. Mrs. Evans expected to teach for the remainder of the school year.

County Operates Within Year's Budget

The county court started its New Year's meeting yesterday with payment of bills and had not yet got around to appointments and other first of the year business. However, before it was a neatly typewritten balance sheet showing them that in 1937 they had operated comfortably within budgetary requirements.

Of budget items under direct control of the court totalling \$93,651, warrants had been issued to the sum of \$89,665.73, leaving a balance of \$3,985.27. Items not appropriated by the court, but expenditure of which is under its jurisdiction totalled \$13,012.69, against which warrants totalling \$3,064.40 were issued, leaving a balance of \$9,042.29. This amount includes the special levy for rodent bounty voted by the people with a balance of \$5,786.72.

The county operated throughout the year on a cash basis, meeting all bond and interest payments, and a cash balance in the hands of the treasurer made prospects bright for 1938.

ARE OSTA DELEGATES

Harold Buhman of Heppner, Wm. D. Campbell of Lexington and Geo. A. Corwin of Boardman were official Morrow county delegates who attended sessions of the Oregon State Teachers association annual meeting in Portland last week. Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, completed her year as association president by presiding over the sessions.

FIRE SALE CONTINUES—All winter apparel 1-3 off, some below cost. Curran's Ready-to-Wear.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baldwin this week moved their home from Salem to Heppner.

GAME CHANGED

The Arlington-Heppner high basketball game announced elsewhere in this issue for the local court Saturday night will be played at Arlington instead by last minute arrangement just before going to press.

Mrs. Rodgers Tells OSTA Convention Highlights to Lions

3500 Attendants Put Her at Ease In Presiding Chair

How it feels to preside over an assemblage of 3500 persons was told by Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, before the Lions Monday luncheon. She had the experience in Portland last week end as president of Oregon State Teachers association at its annual meeting. The assemblage took place in the Lincoln high school auditorium.

"I was pretty scared the first day," Mrs. Rodgers said, "but the sympathetic attitude of the assemblage made the task really a pleasure. I feel that I have been privileged as a person may expect only once in a lifetime, and am deeply grateful to those who made it possible for me to fill the position."

The moment of greatest joy came when she was presented a basket of flowers on the stage by Harold Buhman in behalf of Morrow county teachers.

"It was the most beautiful basket of flowers I ever saw, and my heart beat with pride for Mr. Buhman who made the presentation so beautifully."

Mrs. Rodgers took pride in the fact that Oregon State Teachers association is recognized nationally as a leading social organization. This year's annual meeting attracted several speakers of nationally recognized authority, among whom she found Miss Florence Hale, editor of "The Grade Teacher" and speaker in every state of the union, to be a very friendly and neighborly person, whose first impression eased all qualms of awe and misgiving suffered before meeting her.

Another little human interest story was brought from the convention. It touched Robin Maaske. Dr. Harl R. Douglas, program speaker, was to take Mr. Maaske back to South Carolina with him, each to accept a new position in that state. Maaske, Mrs. Rodgers recalled, first came to Oregon from Nebraska as a chautauqua program director. He was so taken with Oregon that he immediately applied for a teaching position here through a teachers' agency. The position he obtained was at Irignon. He started the school band there, composed entirely of 4-H club members, which was, Mrs. Rodgers believed, the first 4-H club band in the United States.

The general theme of the convention was "Democracy in Education," and its interpretation was given in the opening address by Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of higher education in Oregon. Dr. Hunter stressed the need for curriculum changes aimed to better adapt each individual student to take his place in the world.

That a real spirit of democracy really exists in the field of American education is evidenced by teachers taking the lead in working for such curriculum changes. Dr. Douglas spoke on this subject and a special committee of the association made a comprehensive report on it that will serve as a worthwhile guide to all school administrators, she believed.

Changes in curriculum was one of three major reports of special committees. Another touched teacher tenure and teacher retirement. A new bill looking to the elevation of the social and professional standards of the profession through these channels will be introduced before the next session of the legislature and should be studied with sympathetic interest by all who have the welfare of the school at heart, Mrs. Rodgers said.

The third important report was on school finances. It was made in three parts, one of which was the contri-

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