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## Battleship Oregon Fund Raising On; Progress Reported

### Blankenship Tells Lions of State Educators' Meeting

The campaign in Morrow county to "Save the Battleship Oregon" was well under way in all schools of the county, A. H. Blankenship, superintendent of local schools and member of the Lions club cooperative committee, told club members at the Monday luncheon. Good response was had in the local schools with all those contributing a dime having their names inscribed on an honor roll. M. L. Case, second member of the club committee, appeared before the high school last Friday and told of his experiences in the Spanish-American war as an Oregon volunteer at which time he boarded the "Oregon" while she was in Manila bay. His story was intently received.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, in charge of the county campaign, had not received reports from the outside up to this morning, but said the campaign was making good progress.

Having attended a state meeting of school superintendents at Salem last week end, Mr. Blankenship brought Lions a report of that event. Inspiring talks were heard from Governor Martin, Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, and other leading men of the state. Of interest was the report that junior high school work is being advocated for smaller cities of the state.

Junior high schools incorporate the work of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades to make a less severe break between grade and high school subjects than that encountered under the single high school system, said Mr. Blankenship, and the larger cities having junior high school systems believe the improvements should be applied to smaller school systems.

He was interested in noting the amount of money that has been recently expended in Salem for improvement of school plants. A new grade school building just completed cost \$250,000. Wings on the junior high school building to house gymnasium and auditorium, and other additions to the educational equipment of the city have brought total expenditures to near the million dollar mark. While Salem is much larger than Heppner, Mr. Blankenship said he couldn't help but compare Heppner's situation with a school plant the total value of which is \$60,000.

Ray P. Kinne reported being in Portland the end of the week and seeing Nelson Eddy, movie and opera star, as he entered the elevator at his hotel. Mr. Kinne said Eddy was soon followed by a group of lady autograph seekers.

Joseph Belanger, county agent, reported attending a four-day home-makers' conference in Corvallis last week to which he was accompanied by Mrs. Walter Becket and Mrs. H. V. Smouse.

## Heppner and Condon FFA Mix Tomorrow

There will be an FFA smoker between Heppner and Condon, the old rivals, in the Heppner gym at 8:00 tomorrow evening. Admission will be, adults 35c, high school 25c, grade school 15c.

It is bound to be good, so let's see a large turnout, say the promoters.

### NURSE WORKER VISITS

Miss Brennenstahl, state field supervisor of county nurses, is a visitor in the city today making arrangements for a short-time institution of county health work here beginning the middle of April.

R. U. Cambers, lumberman with the U. S. Forest service, was a caller in Heppner Saturday.

## Ione Ends Season Next Wednesday

Ione's town basketball team expect to wind up their strenuous season on their home floor next Wednesday evening against Hermiston. Last night they played Vaughn's Grocery at Pendleton as a preliminary to the Albany college-Domestic Laundry fracas, and tonight are playing at Adams against the team of which Henry Tetz, former local coach, is a part.

Minus the high-scoring Marvin Ransier, the Ione boys lost to the General Finance team from Salem, 40-26. Louis Halvorsen succeeded Ransier in leading his team's scoring with 9 points. Other players with scores were Hoskins 2, Van Marter 5, Lee Pettyjohn 4, Earl Pettyjohn 4, Dorr Mason and Alton Pettyjohn 2. Scoring for General Finance were George Scales 8, Averill 16, Steelhammer 4, Couzen 8, Ron Gemmell 4. Manager Fred Hoskins reported the Ione team had played 15 games up to last night of which it had won ten.

## Henry Scherzinger Passes at Home Here

Henry Scherzinger, pioneer Rhea creek farmer, died at his home on Center street about 3 o'clock this morning. Mr. Scherzinger retired from the farm a good many years ago and the family home has since been made in the residence originally constructed by the late Judge Dutton. Though in poor health for several years, Mr. Scherzinger was able to be about up to the time of death. He is survived by his widow, formerly Lottie Shipley, and daughter, Mrs. Rachel Stearns of Newberg.

Funeral arrangements, in charge of Phelps Funeral home, have not been announced though temporary plans call for burial Sunday with Heppner lodge 69, A. F. & A. M., of which Mr. Scherzinger was long a member, officiating.

## Jeanette Turner Weds Alaska Man

Miss Jeanette Turner and Mr. Raymond Huddleston surprised their many friends here when they were quietly married at Stevenson, Wash., on Wednesday of last week. Returning to Heppner Friday, they were charivariated by a group of friends, and on Saturday evening received a still larger group at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Turnes. Mrs. W. O. Bayless and Mrs. J. O. Turner, aunts of the bride, poured and served during the evening.

Mr. Huddleston, brother of Mrs. Fred Parrish, has been visiting here for several weeks from his home at Valdez, Alaska, where he has been located on road construction work as manager of his division under his uncle, district government road supervisor. Mr. Huddleston is the second son of Ray Huddleston and was reared at Lone Rock. He graduated from Grant high school, Portland, and took three years' work at University of Oregon before going to Alaska.

Mrs. Huddleston, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Turner of this city, is a graduate of Heppner high school and University of Oregon, class of 1935. At the university she was an honor student in music and became affiliated with Phi Mu Epsilon, national honor sorority in music. She taught at Boardman and Colton before going to Rufus the last year.

Mr. Huddleston will sail for Alaska February 26 while Mrs. Huddleston will complete her year's work at Rufus before joining him at Valdez where they will make their home.

### TO EXPLAIN POWER

J. D. Ross, administrator, will explain the Bonneville power set-up to all interested at his headquarters, 707 Failing Bldg., Portland, at 2 p. m., Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah C. White was a visitor in the city this morning from Lexington.

## Developments in Erosion Control Told at Meeting

### Extension Workers, Local Men Bring Late Information

By LE GRAND H. GUILD,  
Camp Agronomist

To the casual passer-by the grange hall probably took on the aspects of a smoker as some 150 farmers gathered to wrestle with the age old problem of soil erosion and fertility. County Agent Joe Belanger was umpire, the audience passed judgment, and after the dust settled, a close decision was given to water erosion.

Henry Smouse, chairman, called the meeting to order and a few minutes were devoted to the election of officers. Mr. Smouse was reinstalled to the chairmanship for the one-year term. Two-year terms for the board of directors will not expire until next year. Business routine was quickly dispatched and the county agent acquainted the group with a brief history of the voluntary control district formed in 1935 at Lexington, followed by the Erosion Control Districts law passed in 1937. He appropriately dubbed the farms of this area as "The Columbia Basin's Erosion Experiment Stations." Slide pictures of practices and implements used here bore out the truth of this statement.

Arthur King, Oregon's SCS state coordinator, was introduced as first speaker of the day. He paved the way for topics of discussion, and for a background pointed out general conditions as they now exist. Agriculture, he said, is comparatively young in the United States, dating back approximately 150 years. During this period, 600,000,000 acres have been diverted from their native or virgin condition and devoted to various forms of crop production. The nature of this development was to crop the land as long as productivity was good and then move farther on to where new lands lay. This practice is known as exploitation and has resulted in one-sixth of the total acreage being ruined and lost, another sixth is seriously eroded, and one third is in a state of low production.

The day has passed when new farms can be moved to, Mr. King went on to say. Permanency must be maintained. The government is assisting through educational programs and demonstrations. It is inevitable, he predicted, there will be a rise in cost of production in order to maintain soil fertility. He gave the startling facts that from two to five times more soil plant nutrients are lost due to erosion than is removed from the land in the form of marketable crops.

Mr. King summarized the problem here as one of eliminating waste by erosion control and the production of wheat without soil loss leaks.

Next on the program was the introduction of Sam Sloan of the SCS, regional agronomist for the three Pacific northwest states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Mr. Sloan explained that erosion is not a new problem. It has existed ever since the soil itself. European countries have all had their erosion problems and programs. The digging up of old cities in deserts tells a story of populations once supported there. Improper use of these arid areas reduced them to deserts and, like a cancer, they spread and invaded more humid areas. Mr. Sloan recommended that everyone should read "Deserts On the March" by Stewart Chase.

Geologic and accelerated erosion were distinguished. Geologic erosion is natural and the soil is built up by nature as fast as natural processes destroy it. This process is slow as may be ascertained from the (Continued on Page Seven)

## Heppner Loses Again To Hermiston Team

Last Friday evening, playing without the services of Douglas Drake, high-scoring center, the Heppner Mustangs lost to the strong Hermiston Bulldogs by a score of 44 to 23. Letting up on their defense during the first half, Heppner allowed the Bulldogs to build up a heavy lead which was mainly responsible for the outcome of the game. The half time score was 9-26. By use of a strong zone defense in the second half, the Mustangs showed remarkable improvement in holding the Bulldogs to 18 points, while they themselves made 14. Keller, Hermiston forward, was high point man with 22 points, while Coxen led Heppner with 8.

A preliminary game between the Hermiston-Heppner B squads was taken by Hermiston by the score of 17-22. The first half was a series of ups and downs, ending with a score of 5-7, Hermiston's favor. The last half increased Hermiston's lead, due to the sharp-shooting of Ripley. Blake and Hayes were high for Heppner with 4 points apiece.

## ELKS TO CELEBRATE THREE BIG EVENTS

### Anniversaries of Order and Local Lodge, Washington's Birthday to be Honored Saturday

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks expects to stage one of the larger social events in its history when it presents its annual Washington's birthday celebration next Saturday, for the event will also fete the 70th anniversary of the order and the 41st anniversary of the local lodge. A special invitation has been extended to all old-time members to make the occasion a real homecoming for all lodge members.

The special afternoon lodge meeting at 2:30 will be featured by initiation with Pendleton degree team officiating, followed by a buffet lunch. Entertainment for the ladies, beginning also at 2:30, will take place at Masonic hall while the lodge is in session. Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, chairman of this part of the day's activities, adds her invitation for the attendance of all Elks ladies.

The day will be concluded with the annual ball in the evening presided over by Billy Darby's 8-piece band from Portland.

## Get-Together Dance Scheduled at Camp

The CCC boys are proud of their camps and their relationship with the nearby communities. They are just normal, healthy boys a long way from their parents and home life and they miss their social contacts, so they try to compensate for it by making themselves part of the community in which their camps are located, is the word from the Leaders' club of Company 297 at Camp SCS-2, Heppner, in announcing a dance to be held on Friday evening, Feb. 18, in the camp mess hall.

Working in conjunction with the Leaders' club to cement the friendly relationship existing between the boys and the community are a number of distinguished patrons and patronesses of Heppner: Hon. Jeff Jones and Mrs. Jeff Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Blankenship, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cox, Sheriff C. J. D. Baman, and Mrs. Josephine Mahoney.

And so—the boys of Company 297 extend a cordial invitation to the "lads and lassies" of Heppner and vicinity to attend this function as a community "get-together." Refreshments will be served and a door prize awarded to a lucky lady. Dancing from 9 until 1.

### MAYOR JONES ILL

Mayor Jeff Jones is confined at home threatened with pneumonia. He ran a temperature of 103 Monday which was reduced Tuesday and he has been resting easier since.

Old-time dance at the Lexington grange hall, Saturday night.

## Farm Economic Conference Set Next Thursday

### Profitable Basis of Operations Aim of State-Wide Service

With all advance preparations completed for the one-day Morrow county farm economic conference in Heppner, Thursday, February 24, a general invitation has been extended to farmers and their wives, as well as to any business men interested, to attend the conference, which will open at 1 o'clock, in the courthouse.

If advance interest is any indication, a large crowd will be on hand during the day to assist in the consideration of important questions facing the agricultural industry of Morrow county, says County Agent Joseph Belanger.

In the light of recent developments—national, state, and county—the farmers and their wives, with the assistance of specialists from Oregon State college extension service, will seek the answers to such questions as: What is the outlook for agriculture in 1938 and over the next few years? In view of the outlook, what crops, numbers and kinds of livestock should be produced in the county? What kind of land use program will conserve soil fertility and prevent erosion? What is the relationship between the farm home and the farm business?

The conference will be opened by E. H. Miller, who is serving as general chairman for the day. Agricultural planning and its effect on Morrow county agriculture will be discussed by County Agent Belanger, H. A. Lindgren, extension animal husbandman, and Miss Joan Patterson, extension specialist in home furnishings, will both speak at the meeting.

The first committee report to be discussed will be that dealing with farm home and rural life. Following this will be a consideration of the facts gathered by the land use committee, after which long-time agricultural planning and its relationship to the present agricultural outlook will be discussed. Discussions of the reports of the committees on crop acreage and on livestock and grazing problems will conclude the day's program.

Those in charge are emphasizing the desirability of general discussion of the facts presented before reports and recommendations are finally adopted.

This conference is just another step in the successful 15-year organized efforts of Oregon farmers, working with the extension service, to keep the state's agricultural industry on a profitable and permanent basis, points out County Agent Belanger.

### GIVEN HOUSEWARMING

Lexington Home Economics club gave its president, Mrs. Alta Cutsforth, a housewarming at her home in Heppner yesterday afternoon. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. Guests included Mrs. J. Rauch, Mrs. Maud Pointer, Mrs. Clair Daugherty, Mrs. Geo. White, Mrs. Oral Scott, Mrs. Merle Kirk, Mrs. Geo. Peck, Mrs. Vester Lane, Mrs. R. B. Rice, Mrs. A. Nelson, Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Mrs. Earl Warner, Mrs. Arthur Hunt, Mrs. Laura Scott, Mrs. Merle Miller, Mrs. Trina Parker, Miss Dona Barnett, Mrs. Harvey Bauman, Mrs. Frank Edmondson, Mrs. Frank Saling, Mrs. Harvey Miller, Mrs. S. G. McMillan, Mrs. S. J. Devine, Mrs. Burton Peck, Mrs. Elmer Hunt, Mrs. M. C. Smith, Mrs. Arnold Pieper, Mrs. James Leach, Mrs. John Ryan, Mrs. W. D. Campbell, Mrs. Louis Marquardt, Mrs. Chas. Marquardt, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Mrs. Myles Martin and Mrs. Wm. Smethurst sent gifts.

J. L. Gault returned home the first of the week from Portland where he spent several days on business.