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Sportsmen's Club Works for Clearing Willow Creek Mouth

Asks Screens, Ladders, Elects Officers at Start of New Year

Cooperation was the theme song of the annual organization meeting of Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club which elected officers and laid plans for the year's activities at the Elks club Monday evening. An enthusiastic year's start was made by the fifty men present, and so crowded was the docket that Jack Parsons, newly-elected president, called a follow-up meeting at the same time and place next Monday evening.

To report at that time will be a committee named to investigate the clearing of the mouth of Willow creek channel and the installation of irrigation ditch screens and dam fish ladders on the lower reaches of the creek, and two other committees on securing of leaders and offering of prizes for the club's annual crow-magpie war.

Parsons succeeded Mark Merrill as president, Howard Bryant stepped into the shoes of his brother Earle as secretary-treasurer, and Tom Wells was named vice-president in the balloting, all being chosen unanimously as the old officers asked to be relieved.

The lower Willow creek work, aimed to assist welcome trout visitors in making their way upstream from the Columbia, gained a major place in the discussion of plans as the club, with 109 members last year voted a resolution favoring enforcement of the screen and ladder law. But the element of cooperation entered strongly into the discussion with members evidencing willingness to contribute of work and money themselves in accomplishing the desired end if a feasible plan of equitable cooperation could be found. They did not feel that the law should be enforced to work undue hardship on anyone.

In launching the annual crow-magpie campaign, also, the will of wheat farmers that red hawks and owls be protected was emphasized. A strong plea was made by Bert Mason and J. O. Kincaid of Ione that these birds more than pay their way in the destruction of mice and other farm enemies. The motion launching the campaign itself stressed the fact that the campaign this year be confined solely to crows and magpies. Defenders of crows also came to light in the discussion when these birds were upheld as making life miserable for big lamb-killing eagles. Therefore, it was the sense of the club that the desires of individual property owners be given every consideration when attack is being made on game bird predators. President Parsons expected to head the Willow creek mouth improvement committee, asking the assistance of Dr. L. D. Tibbles, D. A. Wilson and Harry Tamblin, county engineer. Sought is the possibility of removing the sedimentary deposit at the creek's mouth so that the current into the river will be more clearly defined to attract finny passers-by.

Blaine Isom, Gene Ferguson and Jap Crawford were named on the committee to seek leaders in the crow-magpie contest, and Chas. B. Cox, L. E. Bisbee and Cornett Green were assigned the task of lining up the contest prizes.

Cooperation was further emphasized by talks of Frank Alfred, district attorney; Herbert Sauter, state policeman in charge of game law enforcement locally, and F. F. Wehmeyer, local forest ranger.

Alfred expressed willingness of the district attorneys' office to cooperate in enforcement of the screen and ladder law if it was determined that there was a prevailing senti-

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MACK SMITH GIVES NAME FOR DITCH

Court Recognizes Caretaker's Valuable Services in Resolution; Honored Man Ill

A resolution recently passed by the county court has given the Ditch creek diversion channel into Willow creek the name "Mack Smith" in recognition of Mr. Smith's valuable services as caretaker since the work started. Mr. Smith is now confined in a hospital at The Dalles by illness. The resolution reads:

Whereas, the county started work on the project to divert the waters of Ditch creek to Willow creek about three years ago, Mack Smith was placed in charge of building and maintaining the diversion ditch and has been on that work continuously until his recent illness. The success of this project is due mainly to the ability, perseverance and hard work of Mack Smith;

Therefore, in recognition of the loyal and efficient service rendered by Mack Smith to the people of this county, the court deems it advisable that the diversion ditch be known as and called "The Mack Smith Ditch."

Sheepmen Resolve on Shearing Problems

A six-point program was evolved by eastern Oregon sheepmen as given in a resolution passed at a meeting in Pendleton Saturday, giving the basis for action in the present sheep-shearing strike crisis. The meeting was held under auspices of Oregon Wool Growers association and a number of Morrow county men attended.

First declaring that Oregon wool growers intend to run their own business on a strictly "open shop" basis, the growers further declared: 2. We expect to maintain freedom of the highways, uphold law and order, and protect any man irrespective of non affiliation who shall shear our sheep. 3. We positively reject any suggestion of branding wool bags with the non label as un-American. 4. In spite of the fact that present wool prices are almost 50 percent lower than last year and materially below the cost of production we are paying average shearers from \$15 to \$20 per day and board. 5. Aid of Associated Farmers of Oregon has been offered if necessary to carry out this program. 6. Notice to non-affiliated growers that to concede to demands of North American Sheep Shearers non may mean immediate unionization of heders and ranch labor.

United Drive on For Umatilla Rapids

E. P. Dodd, secretary of Hermiton chamber of commerce, announces that the Inland Empire district is presenting a solid front in supporting a \$25,000,000 appropriation for construction of Umatilla Rapids dam for which Representative Walter M. Pierce has asked.

Asking that organizations and citizens of Morrow county immediately send telegrams and air mail letters to congressmen and senators at Washington in support of the appropriation, he said communities everywhere in the district are doing likewise. All the Oregon delegation should be contacted, he said, including Representatives Pierce, Mott and Honeyman, and Senators McNary and Reames. Action should be taken now while the iron is hot as chances seem favorable for passage of the new \$4,500,000,000 public works appropriation bill.

DONAUGH TO VISIT

Carl G. Donough, democratic candidate for the U. S. senate, will meet with democrats of Heppner at an informal dinner at Heppner hotel at 6:30 this evening.

R. A. TULL HERE

Rennie A. Tull of La Grande, republican candidate for congress, was in the city yesterday afternoon in the interests of his candidacy.

League Start Held Up Week; Locals to Pendleton Sunday

Arlington Out, and Echo to Open at Ione; Schedule Given

After announcement was made in these columns last week that the Blue Mountain league start would be made last Sunday, the powers that be got together and decided that was a week too early. Now the dope is settled. Heppner will meet the Pendleton Bucks at the Round-Up grounds next Sunday afternoon, and with Arlington definitely out of the league contenders, Echo will visit the Ione sand lot at the same time and cross bats with Fred Hoskins' outfit.

With an additional week's practice under their belts, Alva Stone's local balltossers expect to make it rough going for the Bucks.

Mission Indians are the fifth league contenders, and with but five teams entered, one team will draw a bye each Sunday. The complete playing schedule is given as follows: April 24—Heppner-Pendleton at Pendleton; Echo-Ione at Ione.

May 1—Heppner-Indians at Heppner; Ione-Pendleton at Pendleton.

May 8—Heppner-Ione at Ione; Echo-Indians at Mission.

May 15—Echo-Pendleton at Echo; Ione-Indians at Mission.

May 22—Heppner-Echo at Heppner; Indians-Pendleton at Pendleton.

May 29—Heppner-Pendleton at Heppner; Echo-Ione at Echo.

June 5—Heppner-Indians at Mission; Pendleton-Ione at Ione.

June 12—Heppner-Ione at Heppner; Echo-Indians at Echo.

June 19—Echo-Pendleton at Pendleton; Ione-Indians at Ione.

June 26—Heppner-Echo at Echo; Indians-Pendleton at Mission.

Antique Woolens Wanted for Exhibit

Antique woolen articles of all kinds and especially such hand-woven coverlets as may exist in the county are desired by Morrow County unit, Oregon Wool Growers auxiliary, for an exhibit to be staged at the Episcopal parish house April 30. A special feature is expected to be made of the coverlets.

Anyone having such antiques which they care to show may leave them at Gordons, or a phone call to Gordon's or to Mrs. R. I. Thompson will bring a car to pick them up. The showing will be purely for interest, with no prizes. Men as well as ladies are invited to view the exhibit.

HEALTH OFFICERS VISIT

Dr. D. G. Carlyle Thompson from the division of maternal and child health, Oregon State Board of Health, was in the city the first of the week contacting physicians on a program for maternal and child health work in the county. It was hoped to arrange a summer conference of mothers of infants, pre-school children and expectant mothers for the county. Miss Harstad, consultant nurse for maternal and child health work, accompanied him. They were on their way to attend the annual meeting of the Malheur County Health association.

LEGION MEN VISIT

Bob Burlingame, commander of sixth district, American Legion, and Ray Bridgewater of Milton, and Hugh Bowman of Pendleton were visitors at the local post meeting Monday evening. Bridgewater was a shipmate of Loyal R. Parker, local post adjutant, in Uncle Sam's navy at wartime, the two making six Atlantic crossings together.

HEALTH NURSE ARRIVES

Miss Althea Stoneman arrived the end of the week to conduct the office of county health nurse for six weeks.

COMBINED CHOIRS SING CANTATA

Methodist, Episcopal and Christian Churches Unite for Easter Offering, "Bright Easter Morn"

"Bright Easter Morn," a cantata by E. K. Heyser, was sung by the combined choirs of the Methodist, Episcopal and Christian churches at the Christian church last Sunday evening. A capacity audience showed deep appreciation of the singing, and many compliments were given the high quality of the work.

Russell F. McNeill was director and Miss Virginia Dix, pianist. Invocation was given by Rev. R. C. Young. The cantata program follows:

Introduction, "Rejoice, O Daughter of Zion," choir.

Part I, The Week of Suffering: "The Place Named Gethsemane," choir with bass solo by Richard Tullar and soprano and alto duet by Mrs. Neva Cochell and Mrs. Margaret McNeill; "Darkly Rose the Guilty Morning," choir with tenor solo by John Barber; "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," double quartet; "Weeping as They Go," chorus with soprano obligato by Mrs. R. B. Ferguson; "If a Man Die," choir with alto solo by Mrs. Lucy Peterson.

Part II, Easter Morning: "Morning Breaks," quartet, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. McNeill and Mr. Tullar; "He is Not Here," womens voices and choir; "Hail! Bright Easter Morn," choir; "The Trumpet Shall Sound," choir; "Hark! Ten Thousand Voices," duet, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Peterson; "Christ is Risen," closing chorus with solo by Miss Kathryn Parker.

School Open House Set for Tomorrow

This coming Friday all parents and friends are invited to attend the annual open house held in the school building. The various rooms may be visited from 7:15 to 8:15 by anyone wishing to see the work of the students or to visit the teachers. At 8:15 a program will be given in the gymnasium, which consists of a folk dance by the first grade; songs by the second, third, and fourth grades; a play by the fifth grade; songs by the 7th and 8th grade girls; style show by the Home Ec classes; tumbling by boys' gym classes; "Demonstration of Visual Education Apparatus (a colored motion picture of last year's Rodeo) and a film showing the various uses of the equipment. If some people have not had time to visit the rooms before the program, they may do so immediately following it.

Parrish, Schunk Named City Marshals

Fred Parrish and Albert Schunk were appointed on the city police force at Monday evening's council meeting effective May 1 when the resignation of Homer Hayes, present marshal, takes effect. Parrish was named for day service and Schunk for night service.

Hayes' resignation was requested recently, and a petition asking his retention and carrying a large number of signatures of citizens of the community, was in the hands of the council Monday evening when the new appointments were made. P. W. Mahoney, council chairman, asked that all present not holding city office absent themselves when final action was taken.

LOCAL SPEAKER SECOND

Last Tuesday in the state finals of the FFA public speaking contest at Portland, Jack Healy, Heppner high school senior, was awarded 2nd place in competition with 15 other district winners. The coveted 1st place was won by Philip Frakes of Scappoose, who is now eligible to enter the far western elimination contest at Estes Park, Colo., involving entries from 11 states.

* Mayor Jeff Jones has sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to make daily trips up town.

Music Festival, Track Meet Will Usher in the May

All County Schools Come to Heppner for Event, April 29

May will be ushered in with music as schools of the county join in Heppner April 29 for the annual May music festival that evening. In the afternoon boys and girls will vie in athletic contests at Rodeo field.

The day's activities begin at 9 o'clock in the morning when an hour ensemble rehearsal is slated for Heppner and Irrigon bands. At 10, another hour rehearsal will be held for high school girls' glee, high school boys' glee and high school mixed chorus. At 11 o'clock all elementary school pupils taking part will report for rehearsal. The rehearsals will be held in the gymnasium.

At the luncheon hour all children bringing lunches will be served free chocolate in the lunch room of the main building where tables and benches are provided.

May pole dances on the school lawn will take place at 1 o'clock in charge of Mrs. Juanita Carmichael and Miss Helen Ralph, and at 1:30 the athletic events will begin.

Both boys and girls will compete in four divisions, A, B, C and D. Boys' classes are A, 120 pounds-up; B, 100 pounds to 111; C, 75 pounds to 99, and D, under 75 pounds. The girls' classes are A, 115 pounds and up; B, 90 pounds to 114; C, 65 pounds to 89, and D, 64 pounds and under, or under 10 years of age.

Boys' events include 100-yard dash, A and B; 50-yard dash, C and D; baseball throw, all classes; shotput, A and B; high jump, all classes; broad jump, all classes; relay; shuttle relay.

Girls' events include 75-yard dash, A; 50-yard dash, B and C; 40-yard dash, D; baseball throw and relay, all classes.

A special matinee at the Star theater will be held at 4:30. From 6 to 7:30, the dinner hour will be featured by a special 25-cent meal at Hotel Heppner by all who wish it.

The music festival is slated to begin at 7:30. Opening with flag salute led by Boy Scouts and singing of Star Spangled Banner, it will present in order the primary chorus, the upper grade chorus and high school numbers. After the high school mixed chorus will come the combined chorus and audience singing. Ensemble playing of the Heppner and Irrigon bands will close the program. Special numbers will intersperse the program, including Ione rhythm band, Ione interpretative dance, Lexington harmonica band, and Heppner instrumental solo.

A number of committees from the teachers of the county have charge of the various activities of the day.

Band Dinner Set Tomorrow Evening

School band members and parents will join in a dinner at the Christian church tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock to celebrate the band's recent victory in its division of the state contest.

Morrow County Creamery company and Merrill's cafe last week treated the band members to ice cream donated by the creamery and served by the cafe.

2158 VOTERS REGISTERED

With close of registration books Tuesday for the coming primary election, May 20, 2158 voters had signed in Morrow county, with 1371 republicans, 745 democrats and 42 miscellaneous. The registration figures are complete with the exception of Irrigon precinct where final returns from the special registration office had not been made.