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Howard Lane, Long Lexington Merchant, Yields to Illness

Funeral Rites for Life-Long Resident Draw Large Tribute

Howard Lane, 52, native of Morrow county and a leading merchant at Lexington for the last 34 years, died at Portland last Sunday following a prolonged illness. A large concourse of friends and relatives paid tribute to his memory at funeral services held from the Elks hall here Tuesday afternoon with Heppner lodge No. 358, of which he had long been a member, officiating. The floral tribute was profuse. Interment was in Lexington I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Reuben Howard Lane was born at Heppner, June 9, 1886, and his entire life was spent in this county, the life-long home being at Lexington where he was schooled and reared to manhood. As a young man he was numbered among the county's leading athletes, being noted for his running and football playing as well as his horsemanship. He was an expert rider and horse trainer, which ability caused him to be chosen as one of the judges of the Heppner Rodeo for several years.

In 1908, Mr. Lane entered the mercantile and pastime business at Lexington with which he had since been connected. He also engaged in the trucking business since 1921, and for ten years was cattle buyer for a Portland commission house.

Mr. Lane married Eva Fuller, Oct. 2, 1905, in Morrow county, and to this union was born Vivian Fay Lane, who with the mother is deceased. On October 18, 1908, he married Mary Evelyn Fuqua who, with three children, survive. The children are William Vester and Kenneth Dale Lane of Lexington, and Erma Jane (Johnston) of Portland. Also surviving are three half brothers, Ralph and Ray Phillips of Lexington, and Clay Phillips of Kinzua.

Mr. Lane was prominently identified with the civic and social life of Lexington throughout his business career. He served continuously as councilman for 14 years up to the time of the last election, and held membership with the Lexington I. O. O. F. lodge since a young man. His active and fruitful career was first stalled in its progress more than a year ago when he underwent a major operation for the affliction with which he battled to the end. He was returned to Portland a few weeks before his death to receive specialized treatment which proved of no avail.

In the death of Howard Lane, Lexington lost one of its foremost citizens, and Morrow county a colorful son whose life was closely linked with its childhood years.

Union Mission Society Organized for Year

The executive committee of the Union Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. S. H. Shannon last Friday afternoon for election of officers and appointment of committees.

Mrs. Tacie Parker was elected president for the new year, Mrs. Anna Bayless, vice president Mrs. Alex Green, secretary-treasurer. Named on the program committee were Mrs. Lester Doolittle, Josephine Mahoney and Mrs. Gene Lear; on the hostess committee, Mrs. J. O. Hager, Mrs. Lee Howell and Mrs. Chas. B. Cox.

"THE SECOND MILE"

A short play, "The Second Mile," will be given at the regular meeting of the Episcopal Missionary society at the Parish House, Thursday, Jan. 26, at 2:30 p. m. A few musical numbers will also be on the program after which a silver offering will be taken. The public is cordially invited.

Two Games Set Over Week End

The Heppner Mustangs will meet the strong Hermiston Bulldogs on the local floor tomorrow night in the big home game of the year. Hermiston, an A class team, has been making it pretty tough for the other A schools they play, and have been steadily getting stronger. On the other hand, Heppner will be out to avenge an early season defeat. The last few weeks have seen the Mustangs show their ability to come up from behind to win. By defeating a very strong Fossil team on their home court last Saturday night, 26 to 25, the Heppner team showed that they aren't to be taken lightly.

This game will climax "color week" at the local high school. All week the school building and the gym have been gayly decorated with the school colors, and the blackboards and walls have been covered with such slogans as: "Make the bulldogs into frankfurters in four quarters." A free dance will be given after the game by the Pep club.

Next Monday night the Mustangs will meet the Pendleton B basketball team in the second home game in four days. As Pendleton is a very large school, its B team is almost as good as the A team. Earlier in the season Heppner won a hotly contested victory from the Bucks on their home court, 36 to 22.

The Pendleton team will journey over here all hopped up to gain sweet revenge for the defeat they took at the hands of the Mustangs several weeks ago. The Heppner team has come out of an early season slump and will do their best to prove that they are a better bunch of basketball players than those from the Round-Up city.

Coach Knox is attempting to schedule a game between the local town team and the town team from Ione as a preliminary to the high school game.

Legion Making Plans For Early Building

Discussion of plans for financing a building project on the lot owned by Heppner post, American Legion, was the main order of business at the Monday evening meeting of the service organization. The meeting was held in the new club room being fitted up in I. O. O. F. building by Willow lodge No. 66, and saw the largest attendance of members for several months.

Offer of 5000 feet of rough lumber by Wm. Greener, post member, was gratefully accepted by the post, and Commander Henry Peterson appointed a committee, consisting of C. J. D. Bauman, Loyal Parker and Spencer Crawford to investigate various methods of raising money for the purpose of getting the building under way. It is hoped that preliminary work may be started early in the spring.

Ione Townies Top Locals in Close Game

Heppner and Ione townies scored 16 field goals each in an evenly played and spectacular casaba battle on the local court Monday evening, but a difference of two converted free throws gave the visitors a 34-32 edge.

Bosworth of Heppner with 12 tallies led all scorers, with E. Pettyjohn ringing up ten for second honors. On the Heppner squad with scores were Furlong 6, Patton, Shadow, Blake, Driscoll 8, Robinson, Carlson 6, Moore, Bosworth 12. Playing for Ione, with scores, were L. Pettyjohn 7, Finley 7, Thornburg 6, E. Pettyjohn 10, Davidson, Riley Munkers 4.

POMONA COMMITTEES

In the Pomona grange report given in last week's issue, the executive committee should read O. L. Lundell, C. A. Tannehill and O. E. Wright. Mr. Wright was elected to fill three-year term. The legislative committee is Henry Smouse, J. O. Kincaid and O. L. Lundell.

City Repays Swim Tank Loans as New Mayor is Inducted

All City Officers Retained; New Committees Slated

Repayment of the twenty-five \$100 loans to individuals who helped finance construction of the swimming tank was among the first official business transacted by the council as newly elected Mayor G. A. Bleakman took office Monday evening. Mayor Bleakman, in an address of greeting paid tribute to the fruitful efforts of his predecessor in office, Mayor Jeff Jones.

Retention of all city officers was announced by Mayor Bleakman, continuing the services of J. O. Rasmus, watermaster; Albert Schunk, chief of police and fire chief; J. J. Nys, city attorney; Homer Hayes, policeman, and Vivian Kane, bookkeeper.

Standing committees for the year were announced as follows:

Ways and means: E. A. Bennett, P. W. Mahoney, D. A. Wilson.

Fire and water: R. B. Ferguson, R. C. Phelps, E. A. Bennett.

Health and police: L. D. Tibbles, D. A. Wilson, E. A. Bennett.

Streets and public property: P. W. Mahoney, R. C. Phelps, R. B. Ferguson.

Election: R. B. Ferguson, R. C. Phelps, L. D. Tibbles.

Ordinances: P. W. Mahoney, R. B. Ferguson, L. D. Tibbles.

Licenses: R. C. Phelps, P. W. Mahoney, D. A. Wilson.

Finance: D. A. Wilson, E. A. Bennett, R. C. Phelps.

Employment Service Made Available

The county court this week authorized payment of expense money to Alex Manning, manager of the state employment service office at Pendleton, and a representative of the Oregon State Unemployment Insurance agency, that they may make monthly trips to Morrow county to assist those needing the service here. The tentative schedule calls for their visit here at the local relief office on the second Tuesday of each month.

Expenses the court will pay amount to \$7.40 a month, said Judge Bert Johnson. The necessity for such action came because a reduced operating budget failed to provide funds for the visits here which have been made regularly since last August without expense to Morrow county. Before last August the county court had paid \$15 a month to make the service available, the judge said.

Amateur Hour to Be Sponsored by BPW

Sponsorship of an amateur hour for high school and grade students, and continuation of sale of left-over safety car placards, were projects decided upon at the Monday evening meeting of Business and Professional Womens club. The club met at the home of Miss Lulu Hager for pot-luck supper with thirteen members present.

"Budgets and Their Significance" was the theme for an enjoyable program. It was also decided to contact the Lions club to investigate the possibility of holding the annual public relations banquet, a joint affair of the two service clubs in the past.

PUBLIC SALE HELD

Roderick French and Mrs. Rupert Stout held a public sale at the farm on Hinton creek last Saturday afternoon, preparatory to Mr. Stout and family leaving for California where they expect to make their home. V. R. Runnion cried the sale and report indicates that all articles offered brought a fair price.

1938 Moisture Fall Bests 10-Yr. Average

Moisture precipitation of 11.29 inches at Heppner in 1938 was just slightly in excess of the 10-year average, 11.02 inches, reports Len L. Gilliam, government weather observer. April with 2.42 inches was the wettest month of the year, July with .22 the driest. December precipitation of .69 was just an even inch below the figure for December previous. It was among the driest Decembers since 1921. Drier Decembers were shown in 1921, 1927, 1930 and 1932.

Precipitation for 1938 was under that of 1937 with a total of 14.76, but it exceeded all other years for the last ten years with the exception of 1931 and 1933, with totals of 11.49 and 12.65 respectively.

By months, precipitation for 1938 was: January .94, February 1.78, March 1.02, April 2.42, May .28, June 1.21, July .22, August .37, September .51, October 1.10, November .75, December .69.

Totals for the preceding nine years were: 1929 10.11, 1930 10.54, 1931 11.49, 1932 9.92, 1933 12.65, 1934 10.73, 1935 9.47, 1936 9.22, 1937 14.76.

Honor Certificate Awarded County

For exceeding its quota of 350 memberships, Morrow County chapter, American Red Cross, this week received an honor certificate signed by Norman H. Davis, national chapter chairman, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States. The certificate reads:

"This honor certificate is awarded to the Morrow County Chapter for distinguished achievement in the annual roll call for nineteen hundred and thirty-nine."

A letter accompanying the certificate acknowledged receipt of \$189.05, the national chapter's share of the roll call money recently collected in the county.

In acknowledging receipt of the certificate, Russell McNeill, county chapter chairman, expressed commendation to Mrs. B. C. Pinkney, county roll call chairman, and her corps of workers whose efforts resulted in the good showing. Mr. McNeill said also that it appeared Morrow county people do not have to be "sold" on Red Cross support, but merely given the opportunity to join.

Mrs. Rumble's Brother Loses Home by Fire

Mrs. L. G. Rumble this week received a newspaper clipping telling of the loss by fire of the \$20,000 home of her brother, Dr. R. E. Gibson, at Newberry, Mich., on December 30. Starting in the basement, the flames spread from a kindling pile to the coal pile and into the walls of the upper two stories before discovered. The house was a total loss with exception of basement.

Dr. Gibson, who was bedfast, was carried to the home of a neighbor, and Mrs. Gibson, daughter Margaret and son Keith, all escaped without injury. Mrs. Rumble says that Dr. Gibson has been in a hospital most of the time since she last visited at his home three years ago. He was becoming able to get around with crutches. His physicians report permanent improvement in his health.

President's Ball Set for Jan. 28

Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county chairman, this week announced that President Roosevelt's Birthday ball will be held at the Elks hall on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 28, instead of Monday evening, the 30th, the president's natal anniversary. First announcement was for the event to be held on the 30th.

The change is made, explains Dr. McMurdo, as a social event of this nature seems to satisfy the public better if staged on a Saturday rather than a Monday evening.

Premiums Over Loan Value May Be Had by Growers

Two to Five Cents a Bushel Offered on White Wheats

Morrow county wheat growers who have hard white or soft white wheat under government loan will receive premiums ranging from two to five cents a bushel above loan values if they sell at once for export by the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation, according to word received by the county AAA office. The offer also applies to co-operators with the AAA program having wheat that was eligible for the loan.

Purchases are now under way and will be on the basis of "first come, first served," says E. H. Miller, chairman of the county AAA committee. Information received here indicates that this export purchase to relieve northwest storage facilities will take care of less than half of the 12 million bushels of hard and soft white wheat now under loan in the northwest. Purchase will stop as soon as the export requirements have been filled, or by February 4 at the latest.

Premiums for immediate delivery will be paid in cash to growers upon release of the wheat to handlers at country points or terminals. Premiums above loan values are: for No. 1 hard or soft white, 2 cents; No. 2, 3 cents; No. 3, 4 cents; No. 4, 5 cents. Those lots of hard white on which the producers received under the loan need not be accepted by the purchaser under the conditions of the purchase offer.

Owners wishing to sell wheat under this purchase program may do so through the North Pacific Grain Growers or other local dealers. Full information may be obtained at the county AAA office.

The purpose of this purchase program is to relieve the storage situation in the Pacific northwest ahead of the 1939 crop, the state AAA office advises. On December 31, 1938, there were 65 million bushels of wheat on hand in this northwest area. About 25 million bushels of this are held under government loan. Immediate action is necessary if part of this wheat is to be moved into export before the 1939 crop from the southern hemisphere comes on the world market.

The premiums offered for immediate delivery of this wheat are not justified by any world price outlook, officials say, but are merely an inducement to get wheat moving at once. Present domestic prices of wheat are between 20 and 30 cents above the world market. The FSCC is having to pay about 25 cents a bushel to put this soft wheat on the world market at the present time. Unless this wheat is moved at once, the arrival of new crops from the Argentine and Australia may make it impossible for the FSCC to continue such extensive export subsidies.

1938 Game Licenses Exceed Those for 1937

Total game licenses issued in Morrow county for 1938 of \$2544.50 exceeded the total for 1937 by \$300. The 1937 total was \$2244, reports Clerk C. W. Barlow.

Resident hunters licenses numbering 418 accounted for the larger share of the total. Other licenses issued were juvenile hunters 21, non-resident hunters one, resident anglers 89, juvenile anglers 24, non-resident anglers 2, vacation anglers 5, combination 120, certificates for lost licenses 9, elk tags 116.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, and Miss Althea Stoneman, county health nurse, were in Boardman today on official business.