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Royal C. Phelps, Councilman, Given Large Tribute

Mortician Succumbs to Heart Ailment; Buildd Fine Home

Last rites for Royal C. Phelps, councilman starting his third year and mortician at Heppner for ten years, were held from the Elks hall Tuesday afternoon with a large concourse of friends from all parts of the county joining in one of the largest personal and floral tributes ever witnessed here.

Mr. Phelps died at Heppner hospital at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon after fighting a losing battle of several months against angina pectoris. His last serious attack came January 2, and he was hospitalized for two weeks before his passing.

At the final rites, Joel R. Benton of Marshfield, former Christian minister here and close friend of the deceased, eulogized the principles of friendship, justice, charity and fidelity as exemplified by the life of Mr. Phelps. Services at the hall and at the graveside in Masonic cemetery following were conducted by Heppner lodge 358, assisted by Mr. Benton. E. Harvey Miller sang two appropriate songs accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Russell McNeill. Honorary pallbearers were L. E. Bisbee, David Hynd, S. J. Devine, Chas. B. Cox, E. R. Lundell and E. A. Bennett. Active pallbearers were Earl W. Gordon, R. B. Ferguson, Andrew Baldwin, Hubert Gaily, Mark Merrill and William Bucknum.

Attendance overflowed the hall, and the flowers, banked in profusion about the uplifted casket, altar and piano at the front of the hall were additional evidence of esteem held for the deceased.

Royal Casper Phelps was born at Medford, November 16, 1887. His childhood and young manhood were spent in the Willamette valley for 23 years. He came with the family to Heppner in 1900, and the family resided here until July, 1903, when they with Mr. Phelps returned to the valley. Mr. Phelps worked in the Heppner Times office as printer in 1906-07, under E. M. Shutt, going from here to Salem where he held a position as compositor on the Salem Statesman. He continued following the printing trade for a number of years, going to Toppenish, Wash., in 1917 where he was employed in the newspaper office. From 1906 to 1909 he operated a store at Wapato, Wash., and worked in a funeral home. Qualifying as a mortician, he came back to Heppner in September, 1929, and had since practiced his profession here, building with the assistance of Mrs. Phelps, the present beautiful funeral home from an unpretentious beginning. He was elected to the city council two years ago, and his term of office would have run two more years. He took an active part in fostering all moves of community betterment throughout his residence here, and his many acts of kindness were known to all.

Mr. Phelps married Margaret F. Doran at Toppenish, Wash., April 11, 1918. To this union was born a daughter, Juanita Mae, who with Mrs. Phelps survives. He is survived also by two brothers, Nellis S. Phelps of Kelso, Wash., and Lucius Phelps of San Francisco, Cal., a sister, Mrs. Eva Hill of this city, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Effie Phelps of Lebanon, and a foster sister, Iva Wisdom of Baker.

Mr. Phelps was a member of Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, and Willow lodge 66, I. O. O. F.

Mr. and Mrs. Nellis S. Phelps of Kelso came to attend the funeral rites and are visiting here for several days. Other outside members of the family were unable to attend.

Among out-of-town people attending were W. M. Drake of Toppenish, under whom Mr. Phelps learned

Pioneer of Mountain Trails Visits Chief Justice, His Friend

It wasn't a case at law which caused George Cass, pioneer prospector and sheep tender of this city, to call on Chief Justice Rand of the supreme court at Salem recently. It was simply a case of friendship.

Mr. Cass and the chief justice are friends of long standing. Their friendship started many years ago when Mr. Rand was a practicing attorney at Baker and Mr. Cass was following the mountain trails of eastern Oregon seeking the precious yellow metal.

Mr. Cass located a claim for Mr. Rand, and though the latter has since risen to the highest judicial position in the state he gave substantial evidence that the years had not lessened the warmth of affection for his old-time friend.

Henry Howard, 94 Passes at Home of Son

William Henry Howard, 94, resident of Heppner since 1906 and old-time flour miller, died Monday morning at the home of his son, William E. Howard in this city. Funeral rites were held yesterday afternoon from Phelps Funeral home with interment in Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Howard was born May 14, 1844, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and came to Heppner from that state in 1906. Since that time he had been a continuous resident here. He worked for several years as miller for Heppner Flouring mills, was city deliveryman and gardener. He was first married in 1870, and surviving children from that union are William of Heppner; Edith Stephenson, Astoria, Wash.; Harvey, present address unknown; Olive Crawford, Long Beach, Cal.; Flora Kincaid of Pullman, Wash., and Walter of Crow, Ore. His first wife was deceased when he married Mrs. Willingham in Heppner in 1908. She preceded him in death, Nov. 29, 1929. Mr. Howard's friendly character caused him to be known by his many friends as "Dad" Howard.

Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Kincaid with their husbands were here for the final rites.

Ione Wins Twice; Season Record Good

Grunquist and Williams, teachers in the Ione schools, have been leading Ione's town casaba tossers in an enviable record of seven wins and two losses to date. Grunquist was high point man last Thursday evening against Arlington on the Ione floor, scoring 20 points, while Williams took the honors Monday night at Echo with 21 points. Ione won the Arlington game, 44-33, and took Echo to the cleaners, 42-39.

Now Manager Fred Hoskins of Ione desires to bring Pendleton to Heppner to mix with a county all-star team. Among former college stars Hoskins would like to use in the game is Bosworth who works for John Lane in Blackhorse. Hoskins says Bosworth is a go-getter. Hoskins is also in contact with the manager of the colored girls' team from Chicago which has been packing basketball halls in eastern Oregon. Hoskins is trying to arrange a game to be played in the Heppner gym with net proceeds to go to some worthy charitable cause.

DRESS SHOP OPENING SET

Mrs. Ora Bleakman announces the opening of Milady's Dress shop in the Roberts building on Willow street for next Saturday. Mr. Roberts and assistants have been busy for some time remodeling the store space to make attractive quarters for the new business.

the mortuary business; Mr. Ryan, secretary of the state morticians association; Mrs. Zell of the Zell Funeral home, The Dalles; and Ben Calloway of the Calloway Funeral home, The Dalles, who directed the service.

COUNTY TO FETE PRESIDENT AT BALL

Annual Birthday Celebration to be Staged Saturday With Proceeds to Fight Paralysis

Morrow county again joins the nation in recognizing President Roosevelt's natal day. Under the leadership of Dr. A. D. McMurdo people from all over the county will assemble at the Elks hall in Heppner next Saturday evening for a ball in his honor, and will extend felicitations for the anniversary of his birth which falls on Monday, the 30th.

Again this year net proceeds will go in entirety to benefit infantile paralysis sufferers, fifty percent going to the national foundation for fighting infantile paralysis, and fifty percent to remain in a county fund for the same purpose.

Dr. McMurdo announces that no intensified drive for funds is being made over the county this year, but extends a cordial invitation for everyone to attend the ball where all will receive their money's worth in entertainment. The high purpose of the event is testified by the type of national leadership and the warm acclaim given throughout the nation.

A cake auction will again be staged at the ball to augment receipts, and ladies desiring to cooperate in this manner will have the warm thanks of the committee, Dr. McMurdo said.

Partial Release Now Permitted On Loan Wheat

The commodity Credit corporation of Portland this week authorized the partial release of wheat upon which a producer has borrowed from the government. This ruling applies to all sales and not just those being made to agents of the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation.

If a producer wishes to dispose of part of the wheat under his loan, he may do so by paying off the amount borrowed on the wheat to be released plus interest at 4% on such amount and any charges applicable thereto. In cases where the loan comes directly from the Commodity Credit corporation it will be necessary to notify the Federal Reserve bank or branch thereof serving the district in which the wheat is stored describing the wheat to be released by warehouse numbers.

On warehouse receipts all the wheat on a particular warehouse receipt must go on the release. Tickets cannot be split.

Health Clinics Being Conducted

Continuing the series of health clinics in the county, Miss Althea Stoneman, county nurse, is at Boardman and Irrigon today testing preschool children, assisted by Dr. Belt of Hermiston.

Miss Stoneman announces that a good clinic was held at Lexington Tuesday with 16 children examined. Dr. R. M. Rice assisted.

CONDON DEFEATS IONE

Ione townies lost a casaba tilt to Condon on the latter's floor last night, 50-39, to continue Condon's unbroken record of 16 straight wins. Grunquist scored 21 points for Ione. Manager Hoskins announces that a return game is scheduled to be played at Heppner next Wednesday evening. He has invited Kenneth McKenzie of Heppner to join the Ione line-up. Folks who want to see some really classy basketball should take advantage of this opportunity to see Grunquist in action, he said.

BILLS AVAILABLE

Through the courtesy of Representative Giles French and Senator Rex Ellis, copies of all house and senate bills are being sent the Gazette Times. These are available for public inspection.

McFerrin-Hams First Nuptials Under New Law

The marriage of Miss Marjorie Dent McFerrin to Vester Dallas Hams, performed by Judge J. O. Hager, Tuesday, was the first marriage ceremony performed in Morrow county under the new marriage law voted at the last general election.

Mrs. Hams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McFerrin, and Mr. Hams the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hams of Hardman. They left for Baker on a wedding trip.

Absence of ministers from the city caused the young people to call on Judge Hager to officiate, and the judge has publicly expressed his blessing upon the launching of this wedlock ship so promisingly upon the sea of matrimony.

Educational Change Cited Before Lions

Changing conceptions of child psychology and their effect upon modern education was discussed by Wm. D. Campbell, Lexington schoolmaster, before the Monday Lions luncheon. Mr. Campbell cited that educators no longer attempt to turn all children out of the same educational mould, but rather make the individual training such that it will more highly develop each child's capabilities. Play as the vehicle for expressing those things the child likes best while teaching him important rules of conduct was stressed as an accepted method of modern teaching.

Misses Marie and Lucille Barlow and Kathryn Parker pleased with vocal trio selections accompanied by Mrs. Russell McNeill. Mrs. Clara Beamer and Miss Rose Leibbrand visited the club to sell safety club memberships in the Business and Professional Womens club safe driving campaign.

Fast Fisticuffs Set for Saturday Card

Intimation of some grudges being settled on Saturday evening's smoker card to be staged at the Dick building is given by C. J. D. Bauman, matchmaker for the city fire department, sponsors. Bauman didn't say exactly who who held the grudges, but he asserted that fans who attend will probably see some of the niftiest mitt slinging seen in Heppner for many a day.

The six-round main event will be fought by Benny White, Heppner CCC, and Stanley Partlow, highly touted Boardman fighter at 160 pounds. Richard Hayes, Heppner high boxer and Irvin Greener of Hardman at 175 pounds will be seen in the semi-final. Three preliminary bouts will complete the card which starts at 7:30. Proceeds of the event over expenses will go into the firemen's fund.

Mrs. Mahoney and Thompsons to Texas

Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, president, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson are at San Angelo, Texas, to attend the National Wool Growers auxiliary convention this week end at which Mrs. Mahoney will preside.

Mrs. Thompson is president of the Oregon Wool Growers auxiliary. Both she and Mrs. Mahoney have long been active in wool organization work and their places of prominence at the national meet brings spotlight attention to this city as one of the leading wool production shipping centers in the United States.

STATE LEADER SLATED

Mrs. H. O. Mansfield of Freewater, president Oregon Garden club, will be in Heppner Monday. She will speak at the Lions luncheon at noon and immediately following will meet with the Heppner Garden club at the Episcopal parish house, announces Mrs. Eppa Ward, president of the local club.

Land Use Group Favors Grass for Non-Tilled Acres

E. O. Man on Game Commission Sought; Credit Setup OK'd

The Land Use sub-committee of Morrow county, which met a year ago to draw up a long-time land use program for the county, met yesterday in the court room to review the recommendations from last year and make the necessary changes due to more recent findings. Fred Entermill of Baker county was present to help lead the discussion in the absence of C. W. Smith and Solon T. White, who were unable to attend. The recommendations of last year were read and discussed one by one. No radical changes were made in the recommendations from last year. However, a new recommendation on the use of grasses on wheat land was passed unanimously by the committee and reads as follows:

"From available information on planting of crested wheatgrass and its ability to grow and conserve soil and soil fertility, this committee recommends that the land requested to be taken out of production by the AA be planted to crested wheatgrass, or other proven dry land grasses, rather than left idle and that further experiments and study be made as to how to take this grass out and return to wheat production when the time arises."

Regarding the wild life situation in the county, a motion was made and passed by the committee that an eastern Oregon livestock man be appointed to fill the present vacancy in the state game commission, and that a committee be appointed to bring this to the attention of the governor. R. A. Thompson, Geo. N. Peck and Harvey Miller were appointed on this committee. A motion was made and passed that the present farm credit arrangements were sufficient and were doing a good job in fulfilling the purpose for which they were intended.

Henry Smouse was unanimously elected chairman for the meeting in the absence of Werner Rietmann and was later elected chairman of the committee or the ensuing year. C. D. Conrad, county agent, was appointed secretary for the committee and was asked to have copies of the minutes and of the recommendations of last year made to be furnished to each of the granges in the county.

The committee realizing the fact that in the light of new findings and further information some changes may have to be made in such a long time program, unanimously passed a motion made by W. A. Baker of Boardman that the committee be made permanent.

Everyone is invited to look thru the recommendations of this committee, and of the Farm Crops, Livestock, and Home and Rural Life committees of last year; copies of these recommendations are always available at the county agent's office.

HAND LOST FROM BURNS

Amputation of Elmer Hamrick's left hand above the wrist was reported this week in the course of treatment he is undergoing at a hospital in The Dalles for burns received when he accidentally fell on the high power line at Ione recently. Mr. Hamrick, P. P. & L. lineman, was at first thought to have escaped necessity for such an operation, but developments revealed deep burns that were not at first discovered. His general progress is reported as favorable.

JUVENILES TO MEET

Degree of Honor juveniles will meet at 4 o'clock, Friday afternoon, at I. O. O. F. hall, announces Mrs. C. A. Macomber, leader.