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His Home Town

FIRST as printer, then as mortician, Royal C. Phelps twice in his life chose Heppner as his field of endeavor. No truer words ever were spoken than those by Joel R. Benton in Tuesday's eulogy when he said that Roy Phelps made this his home town, devoting his energies to the progress and betterment of the community, and making a business of friendship.

The success he made in this business of friendship was largely attested by the overflow attendance at the last rites. Not only the people in Heppner but people generally over the county who came into contact with Roy Phelps were his friends. His capacity for friendship was boundless.

Charitable by disposition, our late friend went about daily doing unobtrusive acts of kindness wherever he saw need for a helping hand. In a larger way this disposition was evidenced in his work for the community. He was a leader in obtaining backing for the school band. When the first good will junket was made to the Grant County fair, it was Roy Phelps who took the lead. His show of interest in the community caused the people of Heppner to entrust him with the office of councilman; and in carrying out the duties of his office, Roy Phelps many times sacrificed individual interests for what he believed to be the best interests of all—in fact, personal interests were at all times secondary to the general welfare.

His love for flowers, for good music and the better things of life was reflected in the mortuary home he and Mrs. Phelps, always his co-worker and helpmate, build—one of the beauty spots of the city. The building of this home was done not with a flourish, but by easy stages as the builders were able to add step by step to their plans.

Roy Phelps still had many plans uncompleted when the final summons came. It is this fact that makes his passing harder to bear. But the accomplishments permitted his all to short life span, lends one to say with the Master, "Well, done, good and faithful servant."

Need for Action

UNFORTUNATELY, Morrow county has no resident member of either the house of representatives or Senate in the legislature this year when the lines are being formed for redistricting the state for membership in the two legislative bodies. The matter will undoubtedly come up for consideration through a resolution proposed by Representative French of this district, though the state constitution provides, "The number of senators and representatives shall, at the session next following an enumeration of the inhabitants by the United States or this state, be fixed by law," which would make the redistricting come after the next general census in 1940.

In his resolution, Mr. French seeks to amend the constitution to provide for the election of one member of the house of representatives from each county. His action is in the interest of Morrow county in assuring this county at least one resident member in the legislature in the future, but it is doubtful if this is exactly what Morrow county

wants; and in spite of the sympathetic interest of Mr. French and other legislators from the districts of which Morrow county is now a part, it would be healthful if this county's interests were represented by someone who could think wholly with this county. What needs to be done is for Morrow county to get busy and make a concerted demand for the representation to which it is entitled when the redistricting matter is under discussion.

Informed party leaders here have taken exception to the "one representative from each county" idea proposed by Mr. French, preferring instead the type of organization used in the national congress, equal representation from each governmental subdivision (nationally, the state; within the state, the county) in the senate. They believe each county should have one member in the senate, and leave the house composed entirely on a representation of population basis. This would increase the present membership of the senate by only six members, and would provide a balance similar to that established in the national congress.

That the smaller counties of the state, considering population, must act concertedly and vociferously is necessitated by the heavy balance of voting power held by the more populous districts which now wield a balance of legislative power. It is a difficult matter to get Multnomah county, for instance, to give up any of the voting strength it now holds in either of the legislative branches. Amending the constitution as proposed by Mr. French would mean cutting Multnomah county's representation in the house by seven members. Contrary to consenting to such procedure, Multnomah county has already proposed legislation which would increase its membership in the house by nine members. If this latter legislation goes through, the state outside of Multnomah county would be a more shriveled and less effective tail on the canine county which already has power to wag its posterior appendage almost at will.

People, generally, do not fully consider the importance of the state lawmaking body which has power to enact laws affecting their lives in almost every way, and which, especially, has the power to extract money from them to carry on functions of state government. And, in the case of Morrow county, this latter power causes a condition like unto that against which the original founders of the union revolted—the power of taxation without representation.

This problem which confronts Morrow county needs attention. At present, our county is tagged on to a senatorial district, the outlying portion of which is so powerful as to completely prevent this county from ever electing a senator. It is hooked up with a representative district which, through a joining of forces in other counties composing it, can result in giving both representative seats to outside counties.

Preferable to present organization of the senatorial district would be taking Morrow county from its connection with Umatilla and Union counties and placing it in a new senatorial district composed as is the representative district, of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties. However, the best assurance of always having representation, would be to give each county one member—and one only—in the senate.

"ISMS" SIMPLIFIED

Several strange forms of modernistic government are simply explained as to their economic workings by the following anonymous composition placed on the editor's desk this week:

SOCIALISM means—If you have two cows you give one to your neighbor.

COMMUNISM means—If you have two cows you give both to the government which in turn gives you back some of the milk.

UNDER FASCISM—you keep the two cows but give the milk to the government which in turn gives you back some of the milk.

UNDER NEW DEAL—you shoot one cow; milk the other and throw the milk into the sewer.

Victor Rietmann of Ione was in the city this morning on business.

IRRIGON NEWS

Irrigon Farm Rented by Bediwell

Roy Bediwell has rented the Gus Hallett place west of town for the coming year.

Mrs. Don Isom and baby Donlee left for Baker Saturday.

Mrs. R. V. Jones was a Pendleton visitor Friday.

Miss Mary Crooks and Mrs. Harvey Warner are giving a piano and violin recital at the Pentecostal church Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kendler from Grand Coulee, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kendler, Sr., of Umatilla visited the W. C. Isom family Sunday.

The Irrigon high school basketball team lost the game to the Lexington team on the home floor Monday night by five points.

Mrs. Alva Bowluare of Hermiston visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner, Monday night.

A pot luck dinner was held at the community church Sunday following Sunday school. Rev. Warner of the Union church at Hermiston held afternoon services.

Scouts to Hear Talks; Lex Meet Set

A very interesting and active program was arranged for the Boy Scouts during the next few months at a meeting of the local scout committee held last week.

Beginning with the January 24 meeting, there will be a talk by Dr. Tibbles on first aid. This promises to be a very interesting meeting. On January 31 the scouts will hold their regular meeting which will be short, and afterwards will continue the ping-pong tournament which was started two weeks ago. On February 7, Sheriff Bauman will give a talk and demonstration on finger printing which should prove of interest to every scout. On February 21, F. F. Wermeyer will give a talk on some branch of the forest service pertaining to outdoor life which will also prove of interest to the boys who are looking forward to camp activity in the spring.

The committee is hopeful that all scouts will enter into the ping-pong tournament which will last for five meetings, and each boy who has not yet turned out for ping-pong will be given a chance to compete with the other members.

As soon as the weather permits, it is intended to have hikes or some form of outdoor activity at least once a month during the spring months. It is planned to hold a court of honor and a first aid competition at Lexington on February 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McFerrin are the parents of a baby girl born Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Corda Saling.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In memory of Brother Royal C. Phelps, who died January 21, 1939.

Once again death hath summoned a Brother Odd Fellow, and the golden gateway to the Eternal City has opened to welcome him to his home. He has completed his work in the ministering to the wants of the afflicted, in shedding light unto darkened souls and in bringing joy into the places of misery, and as his reward has received the plaudit "well done" from the Supreme Master.

And whereas, the merciful Master of the Universe has called our beloved and respected Brother home, and he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved Order, therefore be it

Resolved, that Willow Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., of Heppner, Oregon, in testimony of her loss, drape its Charter in mourning for thirty days and that we tender to the family of our deceased Brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

JOHN J. WIGHTMAN,
RALPH BEAMER,
LEE HOWELL,
Committee.

Grangers Kill Many Farm Pests

Oregon City—Twelve subordinate granges in Clackamas county have just completed the 1938 rodent control contest, having destroyed a total of 13,978 rodents and other farm pests during the year, according to County Agent J. J. Inskeep. Maplewood grange made the best showing with 2751 pests exterminated. Of all the pests killed, 8098 were mice, 2071 rats, 2016 moles, 1317 ground squirrels, 662 gophers, 14 coyotes, 20 weasels and nine horned owls.

Sulfur Application Trial Started

Redmond—A demonstration trial to compare the effects of fall or winter application of sulfur on alfalfa with spring application has been started on the farm of W. E. Reno of Bend in cooperation with County Agent Gus Hagglund. A winter application of about 50 pounds of sulfur per acre was made early in December, and the next application will be made in February or March on the remainder of the field.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner returned Wednesday evening from Portland and Salem where they visited for several days. Mr. Turner looked in on the legislature at Salem.

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