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Services Honoring Departed Set for Tuesday Morning

Rev. Young Brings Message; Quiet City Will be Decorated

Morrow county will pause in its labors Tuesday to pay tribute to its honored dead. Memorial Day in Heppner will be featured by services at the Elks hall at 11 o'clock in the morning with Rev. R. C. Young bringing the message.

Under chairmanship of C. J. D. Bauman, the American Legion post has arranged an appropriate half-hour program and it is expected the community generally will join with them to give the occasion the depth of significance to which its high purpose entitles it. Literary and musical numbers appropriate to the occasion will be given.

Decoration of soldiers' graves in charge of the Legion will follow the services, while other organizations have also planned to mark graves of departed members. The quiet city on the hill has already been visited by many people and its attractiveness enhanced by clearing of weeds and tidying of surroundings ready to receive the yearly Memorial Day pilgrimage that leaves it blanketed with a beautiful floral token of remembrance.

Two Heppner Boys Named for West Point

Francis Nickerson and Jackson Gilliam, local youths, have been nominated for entrance into West Point, Uncle Sam's military academy, according to word received this week by Postmaster Chas. B. Cox from Representative Walter M. Pierce, who made the nominations.

Nickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson, is at present a student of University of Oregon, and Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gilliam, is attending Whitman college. Their nomination is accepted as a tribute to their physical and scholastic attributes. Examinations to establish entrance qualifications are slated for June.

RETURNS FROM FAIR

Harold Hill returned Friday evening from a trip to Golden Gate International exposition at San Francisco and Oregon grand lodge of Oddfellows held at Klamath Falls. He had two days and two nights at the fair and returned full of impressions of the extravaganza denoting the last word in scientific and artistic accomplishment. Among outstanding exhibits to him were an exact replica of a mine, where fifteen to twenty minutes is taken just to explore the tunnels and where all machinery is in place with uses explained, and the redwood exhibit in the California building. Being an electrician by trade, he was greatly impressed with the night lighting effects and the fact that 40,000,000 kilowatt hours are used in the fair's operation. If a person can't stand the aroma of flowers, it is just as well to stay away from the central plaza which is just one gorgeous profusion of blossoms, he said.

ATTEND SERVICE PICNIC

Among Morrow county people attending an ex-service men's picnic at Battle Mountain park Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Bauman and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Wehmeyer and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Al Macomber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Crawford, Hugh and Calvin, Mrs. Anna Bayless and Mrs. Alta Brown. The affair was sponsored by Pendleton post, American Legion, and was largely attended by ex-service men and families from this section of eastern Oregon.

County 4-H Clubbers Picnic at Boardman

More than 200 4-H club members and their parents and friends gathered on the lawn at the Boardman school last Sunday for their annual picnic.

Miss Helen Cowgill, state leader for girls, addressed the group during the picnic lunch and emphasized the importance of cooperation between the 4-H club members, their parents, and local leaders in order to insure successful 4-H club work.

A musical program given by the local clubs from the various communities in the county followed Miss Cowgill's address. The first number on the program was given by the Irrigon high school band, composed mostly of 4-H club members or their brothers and sisters. The Lexington Sheep and Calf club presented an amateur hour which drew large applause. The Allen brothers from the Boardman Livestock club presented a piano duet.

Following the program a prize was given for the largest 4-H club families present. Mr. and Mrs. Rucker of Irrigon and their three boys, Mr. and Mrs. Volle of Irrigon with two boys and a girl, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Boardman with two girls and a boy, all tied for this prize.

Another prize was awarded to the Campbell family from Social Ridge for being the family traveling the greatest distance to the picnic.

After enjoying ten gallons of ice cream, the boys and girls finished the afternoon by playing games and competing in numerous races.

Officers Visit Show of Portland Police

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Deputy Earle Bryant, District Attorney Frank Alfred and Chief of Police Albert Schunk returned from Portland early this morning after attending the inspection and exhibition of the Portland police staged at Multnomah stadium yesterday. The new Portland police band and the expert motorcycle corps were exhibited and provided a wonderful show, say the local men.

In the evening they witnessed a demonstration of Oregon's new crime detection laboratory at Multnomah hotel.

SERVICES AT GOOSEBERRY

Services will be held at the Gooseberry Lutheran church with Rev. Martin and Rev. Odell of Portland and Rev. Sakrisson of Colton bringing messages, Wednesday evening, May 31, and all day Thursday, June 1. Basket lunch will be held at noon Thursday with services preceding and following. The men are rated among the best speakers in the conference and it is hoped a good crowd will be out to hear them, announced Leonard Carlson when in town Tuesday. Redecorating the church has just been completed, with new roof, repapering and repainting. Peter Dufault of Heppner has been assisting the members with the work.

LAMB BUYERS VISIT

Messrs. Hislop and Hendrickson representing Hislop Sheep company of Spokane, were visitors in the city last Friday contacting local sheep men with prospect of buying lambs. This company through Harold Cohn, local agent, has been active in the local market for several years. Just an evidence of appreciation for quality of local products, the company received two saddles and a pack outfit recently ordered from E. G. Noble, veteran maker of famous Heppner saddles.

STARTS NEW RESIDENCE

C. J. D. Bauman had ground broken this week for a new residence on the lot on South Court street just south of the recently finished home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burkenbine. T. Babb, contractor, has the contract. A five-room dwelling, modernly appointed, is planned.

Rice McHaley of Prairie City was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

Wray-Smith Mill Starts With 15 Men Employed

Cutting Fir; Full Production to Come With Pine Cut

The whistle of the H. O. Wray and O. L. Smith sawmill just below town was tooting yesterday with 15 men on the job cutting up a bunch of fir logs for material to complete the plant. The mill started up for a while Monday but was closed down Tuesday to iron out a few kinks that developed in various places.

Operation yesterday drew many interested spectators to see the logs yanked from the millpond, dumped on to the cutting carriage from which flowed a sizeable stream of boards and slabs. Across the delivery table went the slabs and into the chute where a cut-up saw soon made little ones out of big ones, and on to the top of the 40 foot pile from which grew an ever larger, promising new fuel supply for Heppner.

Boards, some two to three feet wide, made their way through the dimension cutter and on across the extension deliveries to feed piles selected by the sorters and stackers, soon to be picked up by the motor carriage and placed at a distance for drying.

Though under a full head of steam and apparently running quite smoothly, the mill hasn't got well under way.

"You haven't seen anything yet," said Mr. Wray yesterday. "Wait until we get going on pine, then you'll see the lumber come."

Mr. Wray said the lumber now being cut would be used for bunkers to handle the slab and for completing the mill housing. When the flow of pine starts, the big gang saw will go into action and then the boards will fly.

Getting a mill crew organized is much the same as making a baseball team, said Mr. Wray. It takes some time to get the men placed properly and all parts coordinated before smooth and effective operation can be obtained.

Cattle Loss Thought Due to Black Leg

Illness that took two cattle on the Bill Smethurst farm at Lexington this week and had stricken two more was believed to be blackleg, as vaccination against the disease had apparently helped the two sick cattle and no new cases had developed. Mr. Smethurst, in town Tuesday morning, reported that the state veterinarian's office had been notified but no investigation had yet been made.

O. W. Cutsforth, neighbor of Mr. Smethurst, who added a bunch of young whiteface cattle to his herd Tuesday, expected to vaccinate against the disease when they were unloaded.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Miss Peggy Jane Peebler of Pendleton to Mr. Francis Nickerson of this city was announced at an informal tea at Miss Peebler's sorority, Alpha Omega Pi, at University of Oregon Sunday afternoon between 3:30 and 4:30. Both Miss Peebler and Mr. Nickerson are university seniors. Miss Peebler is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity, and an English major. Mr. Nickerson is completing his pre-law course this year and has been a member of the university boxing team.

GOOSEBERRY HAS RAIN

Moisture precipitation at Gooseberry for the preceding few days had reached .33 inch, reported Leonard Carlson, observer, when in the city Tuesday. He said the wheat was all filling well.

Rat Attempts Attack, Believed Disease Victim

When Fred Wehmeyer went into his woodshed at the home in town a week ago Sunday, he was charged by a wharf rat. Fred gave it a kick with his foot and went on about his work. He was cutting some alfalfa when the varmint made another charge, striking at his hand.

Son Don was at hand, and Fred ordered him to knock out the critter before it bit someone. The rat appeared groggy and its jaws were chattering. Don bashed it with a rock, knocking it out. Its head was then crushed with a board and black, thick blood oozed out.

Knowing that blood of animals stricken with hydrophobia turns black, Fred dismissed the episode after confirming from a doctor that such was the case; buried the animal deep enough to keep any dog from digging it up, satisfied that it had the phobia.

Thinking later of bubonic plague among squirrels in regions not far removed, Fred was sorry that the sick rat had not been submitted to the proper authorities for investigation. Possibility of plague seems present, and warning is given for everyone to be on the lookout for sick rats.

WHEAT LOANS SET FOR 1939

That wheat farmers will be given a loan on their 1939 crop commensurate with the present market price, was assured by Secretary Wallace this week. The loans will be made by the Commodity Credit corporation under authority of the 1938 crop control act and the base rate for Morrow county will be 73 cents Portland for number one soft white.

Farm storage rates will be slightly less than terminal storage rates, it was said, though definite information on the farm storage program was not given.

Rhea Creek Gets 4-H Pig Club

A 4-H Pig club was organized at Rhea creek last Monday with the following members enrolled: Joe Stephens, Alfred Rugg, Joan Wright, Clayton Wright, Bobby Wright and Junior Wright.

Clayton Wright, who has been in 4-H club work for four years and who has had considerable experience in F. F. A. work, was selected as leader for the Rhea creek club, and Joe Stephens was selected as president for the organization. Another meeting will be held next Saturday to discuss the possibility of exhibiting swine at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show the first three days of next month.

FFA BOYS HAVE DINNER

Heppner chapter Future Farmers of America held a banquet at Hotel Heppner dining room Saturday evening. R. A. Thompson was toastmaster for the event, and special guests included B. C. Pinckney and F. W. Turner. W. S. Bennett, chapter sponsor, introduced C. D. Conrad, county agent, as leading speaker of the evening. Omer McCaleb was principal speaker for the chapter members.

TO FETE PAST OFFICERS

Past matrons and past patrons of Ruth chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, will be honored at the regular meeting tomorrow evening, the 26th, announces Mrs. Fay Ferguson, worthy matron. All members are urged to attend.

BOOKWORMS MEET

Bookworm club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. G. Thomson, Jr. Three members read the play, "Robert's Wife." Lovely refreshments were served.

Hail Takes 260 Acres Wheat on Ben Buschke Farm

Sunday and Monday Showers Bring .65 Inch Moisture Here

Loss of 260 acres of wheat besides destruction of the family garden was sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke on the Heppner flat farm about 5 o'clock Sunday evening when hail took its toll as part of a storm that mostly brought needed moisture to thirsty crops. The loss at the Buschke farm is the largest reported. A few acres of wheat were damaged on the Glenn Jones farm.

Sunday's storm at Heppner, including a considerable hail storm, brought .38 inch of moisture, and a shower Monday evening added .25 to bring the week's total here to .65. Precipitation was streaked over the county. Gooseberry reported .33 inch, while a shower of cloudburst proportions which did no damage was reported in the Alpine section.

At the Buschke farm hail stones covered the ground to a depth of an inch and a half following the storm, Mr. Buschke reported. The storm laid low most all vegetation on the farm and broke limbs off trees. It was his third experience of being hailed out of a crop in his many years of farming in the county, Mr. Buschke said. The first time was in 1912 and the second in 1918. The loss was not insured.

Grasshopper Bait Now Available

Grasshoppers are showing up in large numbers in certain parts of Morrow county and if not controlled may cause considerable damage as soon as they scatter from their eggbeds. C. D. Conrad, county agent, states that no serious damage has been done by these insects so far, but that damage can be expected in certain localities if control measures are not taken.

A supply of poison bait material has been obtained from the federal government and can be had on request from the county agent's office.

Individuals who have grasshopper infestations must provide for the distribution of the poison bait and if possible the bait should be scattered while the grasshoppers are still congregated around the eggbeds.

The county agent advises that everybody be on the lookout for these insects in order that they may be controlled before they reach proportions.

SHEARING REPORTED

Max Schulz was in town yesterday from Lone Rock, having been laid off work with a shearing crew at the Pat Campbell ranch due to rain. He returned yesterday evening, expecting shearing there would be completed today. He went fishing Sunday but luck was poor. Condon fishermen are keeping Lone Rock and Rock creeks pretty well fished out, he said. The Luke Bibby shearing crew finished at the Madden ranch above Lone Rock Tuesday, and the Montague crew was starting at Fixtures near Monument yesterday, reported Schulz.

DONA HAYNIE WEDS

Heppner friends of the family this week received announcement of the wedding of Miss Dona Marie Haynie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haynie of Twin Falls, Idaho, who resided here a good many years ago when Mr. Haynie was employed with former First National Bank of Heppner. She was married to James W. Van Evera, Jr., at Twin Falls on Wednesday, May 17. Their home will be made at Bingham Canyon, Utah.