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Surfacing New Street Work May Be Done Soon

Big Fill Near Nat Explained; Budget Committee Named

People have been asking, "Why was such a fill necessary?" upon viewing the new street work on South Main and August streets by the city's new municipal swimming tank.

That question was answered by P. W. Mahoney, chairman of the street committee, at Monday evening's council meeting. The big fill on S. Main at the point where the Heppner hill road joins the street was made necessary by the new highway construction which widened the highway to the point where hardly room was left for a single car to get past on the street.

The new work improves the grade on both streets, and, if council's action Monday evening bears fruition, at least strips of paving will be laid on both streets with possibility of surfacing to the curb beside the swimming tank.

Council left in the hands of the street committee the matter of contacting Babler Bros., sub-contractors for paving on the Heppner hill highway work, to ascertain cost, with implied approval of doing the paving on these streets as well as the new upper Willow creek road outlet, if the cost does not exceed the budget account balance. It was said that Babler Bros.' equipment would arrive soon to start work on the highway, affording a favorable opportunity to get the needed street work done.

Joe Snyder and William Cowins were spokesmen for a committee asking for gravel on their street, also contemplated by the street committee as a needed piece of work, as well as several other spots which the last paving program did not take care of.

Named by Mayor Bleakman as the citizen's committee to act with the council in drawing up next year's budget were W. C. Cox, Chas. Vaughn, E. G. Noble, J. G. Thomson, C. W. McNamer and M. L. Case. The preliminary budget meeting will be held next month.

Approximate receipts from swimming tank operation for the season were reported at \$800.

Swim Tests Given; Tank Close Slated

Completion of tests at close of Red Cross swimming classes last week resulted in many awards of certificates by Harold Buhman, instructor. High school classes are being held at the pool this week, and closing for the season is expected next week end.

During the instruction period just closed, many learned to swim while others improved strokes and diving, reports Buhman. Passing tests were:

Beginners: Yvonne Bleakman, Bobby Kelly, Maxine Purdin, Marabelle Melville, Mary Lou Ferguson, Albert Schunk, Ann Lawrence, Bill Anderson.

Intermediates: Faye Ferguson, Peggy Tamblin, Hugh Crawford, Donald Bennett, Mrs. Michener, Dean Sprinkel, Kay Ferguson, Ethel Hughes, Don Frederickson, Jack Merrill, Frances Wilkinson, Wade Bothwell, Albert Schunk, Dorotha Wilson.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET

Ruth Chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, will have its first meeting of the fall at Masonic hall tomorrow evening, announces Mrs. Faye Ferguson, worthy matron, who asks that all members, who possibly can, be present.

Morrow Boys, Girls Win Places at Fair

Telegraphic communication this morning from C. D. Conrad, county agent, announces a fine showing for Morrow county 4-H clubbers at the state fair.

Audrey Majeske placed first in division one clothing, with Majo Marquardt fifth.

Bruce Lindsay placed first in Guernsey heifer, and first in fat lamb classes. Bernard Doherty placed fourth in Guernsey heifer class.

Pat O'Brien placed first in fine wool ewe and first in lamb ewe classes.

Tad Miller was third in yearling ewe, sixth in fat lamb, and ninth in Hampshire ewe lamb classes.

Peggy Tamblin will enter the style revue tomorrow, and Mildred Clary and Vern McDaniel will give their demonstration Saturday.

Local Schools Have 127 in HS, 170 Graders

Anticipated increase of at least five in enrollment was announced this morning by Alden H. Blankenship superintendent of local schools, who gave figures to date at 170 in the grades and 127 in high school. Leaves were granted several pupils to attend the state fair, he said.

All teachers were on hand and classes started smoothly with the opening. Initial high school football practice was called yesterday evening with only partial squad reporting, but indicating good prospects.

High school enrollment by classes was freshmen 29, sophomores 30, juniors 32, seniors 31, post graduates 5. In the grades, first 21, second 21, third 19, fourth 27, fifth 24, sixth 18, seventh 18, eighth 22.

North Morrow Fair Week End Event

North Morrow county's annual fair will be underway tomorrow and Saturday at Boardman.

Prize money to \$600 has been appropriated by the county court to assist in staging this high-light event of the north county yearly calendar, and reports from the project indicate much interest.

Many Heppner people have signified intention of making the trek to the north end on one of the two days.

Exhibits of the many varied project products will be augmented by 4-H club and FFA displays. Program of games and evening dances will afford pleasurable entertainment for everyone.

Official Visit Made to Local Oddfellow s

Elmer E. Pyne, grand warden of Oddfellows for Oregon in charge of the eastern Oregon district, was greeted by a large turnout of local Oddfellows last evening on his tour of Morrow county lodges this week. Also present at the meeting was O. F. Steele, grand I. O. O. F. master, from Pendleton.

Grand Warden Pyne met with Ione and Morgan lodges at Ione Tuesday night. He will be at Lexington tonight, at Hardman tomorrow night, and will conclude his visit to the county Saturday night at Boardman.

Mr. Pyne expected to be away from his home at Springfield for a month and a half on the present tour of visitations.

FACE SCHOOL PROBLEM

Residents of the Zornes logging community in the mountains were faced with a problem in getting seven children in school, reports Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, superintendent. The community lies outside an organized district and no way presented itself of providing school facilities there. To solve the problem the H. C. Carter family has moved to Heppner and will take care of the children while placing them in the local schools.

Consolidation Votes Feature Schools Opening

Fairview Joins Ione; Good Start Made; New Teachers Listed

Public schools of Morrow county, including 8 one-teacher schools and six village schools, got off to a flying start Monday and Tuesday, reports Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county superintendent. All had teaching staffs filled.

Two elections on district consolidation, Saturday, resulted in the Fairview district joining the Ione district, while Districts No. 2 and 48 decided to remain as separate entities. Both elections were marked by lack of interest, the Fairview-Ione vote totalling 14, all favorable, with 9 votes cast in Ione and 5 in Fairview. In the other election District 2 recorded 6 votes, all against consolidation, while District 48 recorded 3 all in favor.

Fairview joining Ione added to make a total of three schools discontinued this year. Hail Ridge closed for lack of pupils, while Rocky Bluff closed and is transporting pupils to Ione.

New teachers in the one-teacher schools this year are Miss Ruth R. Johnson at Morgan, Mrs. Neil Knighten at Alpine, Miss Margaret Glavey at Liberty. Miss Glavey taught the recently closed Burton Valley school.

Village schools outside of Heppner have new teachers as follows: Hardman, Miss Lurline Sparks, four upper grades, and Miss Oleta Raimy, lower grades. Miss Raimy taught at Morgan last year.

Lexington, in high school, Miss Guthrie, Ivan Amend and Gerald Acklen.

Ione, Lorna aBran, primary; Gilbert Haller, high school; William Burk, grades.

Boardman, Ray E. Lewis, upper grades.

Irrigon, Miss Dorothy Coulton, high school; Miss Eba Casteel, Miss Mary E. Culp, grades.

Mrs. Rodgers expected reports this week end on enrollment from all schools.

Next meeting of the county school district reorganization board is set for September 9 when groundwork will be laid for a general county educational campaign to inform taxpayers and school patrons of the objectives of the new district consolidation law.

Rodeo President Buick Guest on Trip

Henry Aiken, Heppner Rodeo president, is enjoying a deluxe motor trip to sunny southern California's capital, Los Angeles, and return.

With members of the Buick agency of Pendleton, as a guest he left Pendleton Monday noon, to be in Los Angeles for the national Buick convention, expecting to return the end of the week. While in the city he expected to visit his brother, Jared C. Aiken, Los Angeles manager of a leading casualty insurance company.

FINISH BAUMAN HOUSE

T. Babb this week gave finishing touches to the new five-room Cape Cottage dwelling on South Court street that has been under construction for some time for C. J. D. Bauman. The house is modernly appointed throughout, with a utility room that is a new feature among local homes.

TO BUILD DWELLING

Mrs. Margaret Swift will construct a modern dwelling, 25 x 40 feet, at the corner of Chase and August streets, according to permit granted at Monday evening's council meeting. Ground is already being broken and materials are on the ground.

Crop Insurance Impetus Signified

The 1940 crop insurance program got under way in Morrow county with a public meeting at the Leach hall in Lexington on Wednesday, August 30, conducted by Clyde L. Kiddle, state crop insurance supervisor, and Earl Thompson, field man from the state ACA office.

At the opening of the meeting E. H. Miller, chairman of the local committee, gave a short talk pointing out that some 29,000 bushels in indemnities were paid in 1939 and that undoubtedly many more farmers would be interested in this year's program. In view of the number of applications that are being received in the county office, it seems that Mr. Miller was right. To date 28 applications have been received and it is expected that the number of farmers participating in the 1940 crop insurance program will be more than double the number insured in 1939.

In view of the rising price of wheat, farmers do not wish to risk having no wheat to sell in 1940 when for such a small amount they can be sure of three-fourths of an average crop by insuring their yield with the Federal Crop Insurance corporation.

All of those persons who are considering crop insurance but have not yet signed an application should get in touch with the county office or contact their community or county committeemen as soon as possible, as the cash equivalent of the number of bushels needed to pay the premium is based on the price of wheat on the day the application is received.

John A. Adams Dies; Rites Here Saturday

John A. Adams, pioneer of the Hardman section and late of 4812 S. E. Woodstock, Portland, died at the Portland sanatorium Tuesday following a prolonged illness. His son, Floyd Adams, and family were called from the Hardman farm just before his passing.

Funeral rites have been tentatively announced for Saturday afternoon from the Christian church in this city, with concluding rites at Hardman. Phelps Funeral home is in charge of local arrangements.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Laura Adams, sons Belva of Walla Walla and Floyd of Hardman, and daughter, Etta Rau of Tacoma, Wn.

Mr. Adams was prominently identified with activities in the Hardman community for many years, having retired from the farm a few years ago to reside in Portland, though each year he has returned to the old home farm for several months through the busy season. He was highly respected by all who knew him. This paper hopes to present a more complete obituary next week.

Rietmann Home at Ione Damaged by Fire

Fire yesterday noon seriously damaged the residence of Omar Rietmann and family at Ione. Cause was unknown and loss was insured. Flames were well advanced before the fire was discovered. Most of the contents of the house were removed. Mr. Rietmann purchased the house from Paul G. Balsiger two years ago.

\$141,000 Grain Loans Reported in County

To September first Morrow county farmers had 236,361 bushels of wheat under the government wheat loan program, amounting to \$141,098.08, according to word from the local Agricultural Conservation association office.

FEATURE 4-H STOCK

Central market is featuring 4-H club lambs fed by Guy Moore and Bruce Lindsay, from animals shown at the recent county fair.

Farmers Should Carry on as Before, Asserts Wallace

AAA Organization Held Best Means of Meeting Situation

"I urge our farmers not to be swayed by developments overseas... they should carry on just as before."

These are the words of Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, in outlining the agricultural situation as affecting wheat and other commodities to show that continued adherence to the national farm program is the sensible course, war or no war. In a release to the press this week, Secretary Wallace says: "American farmers, like all our citizens, abhor war and will pray for a speedy peace."

"First of all, of course, the primary effort of the Department of Agriculture, together with all other branches of the administration, will be to keep this country out of war. Secondary to that will be the effort to protect American farmers and consumers as fully as possible against the effects of war abroad."

"War causes economic repercussions in all countries. It is only natural, therefore, that our farmers at this moment are considering whether they should modify their production plans to meet the new situation."

"I urge American farmers to proceed with their production plans as if the outbreak in Europe had not occurred...."

"I would remind American farmers that the loans which are a part of the Ever-Normal Granary are available right now to prevent price collapses. They can prevent such a disaster to farmers as befall cotton growers, for example, in 1914-15."

"I would remind American farmers of these facts: This year's wheat carry-over is estimated at 254 million bushels, in comparison with 115 million bushels for the five years from 1924 to 1928."

"Supplies of meat animals are expected to be larger next year. Inspected slaughter of hogs in 1939-40 probably will be 7 million head greater than during 1938-39. The total number of cattle on January 1, 1940, is expected to be about one million head larger than a year earlier, although the total slaughter for 1940 may be the same, or slightly smaller than for 1939...."

"The Ever-Normal Granary and the stabilization of supplies of meat and milk and eggs which it makes possible serve also as a protection to the consumers against exorbitantly high prices."

"Today we have a Commodities Exchange Act. In 1914 no such powers were available for protecting producers and the public from excessive market fluctuations and harmful speculation."

"Since 1933, in contrast to the World War period, farmers in almost every county in the United States have organized themselves for quick action in dealing with problems of production, of conservation, of credit, and of rural welfare...."

"Not only are we organized better in the field of production; we have also gained valuable experience and improved organization in the marketing field. The marketing programs for milk, fruits and vegetables, the purchase and distribution programs, and the food stamp plan can meet the needs ahead much better than they were met in 1914. There can now be better planning, more effective farmer cooperation and more efficient results in whatever action has to be taken."

"These facts must convince farmers that it will be possible to meet all demands for farm products; that it will be possible to avoid an over-expansion of our farm plant such as

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