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Hall Dedication Draws Number of State Leaders

Grangers Turn Out in Force for Event at Ione Saturday

Boardman, Lexington and Heppner communities, as well as Ione, were represented when Willows grange sealed the cornerstone and dedicated the new hall last Saturday, Feb. 24.

The first event was the sealing of the cornerstone with Grange Organizer Chas. Wicklander as representative of the Oregon State grange. The various officers filled their stations, and although rain began before completion of the ceremony the spirits and enthusiasm of the members were not dampened.

Dedication of the hall followed immediately with State Master Gill as dedicating officer. Officers, past masters and dedicating officer were led in march by the assistant and lady assistant stewards, preceded by the flag bearer. Mr. Gill gave a timely talk, making reference to grange ideals, following which he authorized establishment of the altar. Altar bearers were past masters Vida Heliker, O. L. Lundell and Ivar Nelson, assisted by Jack Bailey.

The ceremony at the altar was beautifully given by various officers. The chaplain, after invoking the blessing, led in a responsive reading in which all present assisted. The Graces renewed their obligations of fidelity by decorating the altar with their offerings of flowers, fruits and grains.

The final ceremony consisted of returning the keys of the hall by Mr. Gill to Subordinate Master Baker, who in turn gave them to the steward, admonishing him as to their safe keeping.

A program of music and talks followed: Group number by a mixed quartet, Ione high school; talks by Chas. Wicklander and Mrs. Thissen were next in order; Rev. Dennis sang, "Bless This House" and "The Rosary," contributing much to the pleasure of all. A girls' double duet sang, following a talk by Mr. Gill.

Guests were invited to visit all departments of the new building.
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C. of C. Monthly Dinner Wednesday

The monthly dinner of the Heppner chamber of commerce will be held at 6:30 p. m., Wednesday, March 6 in the dining room of Hotel Heppner. This is the membership meeting and all members have been asked to keep this date in mind and to be on hand. Arrangements are being made for a special speaker and there will be other entertainment features.

The chamber of commerce is coming to the fore with a program of community activity and the officers, directors and active members believe there are many others who should join in the good work.

TO AUCTION STOCK

Mrs. Elsie M. Beach of Lexington was in Heppner yesterday making arrangements for closing out her hardware and implement business. She announced that the store stock will be sold at auction on Monday, March 11. Mrs. Beach has been prominently identified with the business life of Lexington since the death of her husband, the late Karl L. Beach. She was business manager for the Lexington water system, owned jointly by herself and Mrs. W. G. Scott, up to the time it was taken over by the city, and has also managed the store for many years.

CO-OP PLAN TO BE AIRED SATURDAY

Stockholders and Others to Learn of Proposed Expansion by Warehouse Company

Plans of the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., to expand into a co-operative association will be aired to stockholders and all others interested in attending the special meeting to be held at Leach hall in Lexington Saturday morning. The session is set for 10 o'clock and the directors have expressed the hope that they will be able to open the meeting promptly on that hour.

The first matter of business will be to explain the proposed expansion to the assemblage and to throw the meeting open to general discussion, according to George Peck and G. J. Ryan, who were in Heppner yesterday. For that reason it is desired to have a good representation of farmers and stockmen on hand. The project backers are thoroughly sold on their proposition and are anxious to sell it to others.

Peck and Ryan reported progress during the past week but have withheld sale of stock until after Saturday's meeting, when, they feel there will be a better understanding after some of the clauses are explained.

A feature of the Saturday meeting will be the free lunch at noon. Plans have been completed to feed 200 or more people. An effort will be made to close the meeting in time for the people to attend to their week end shopping and for those who wish to attend the merchants' matinee in Heppner.

Pendleton Chorus Greeted Warmly

A fair sized audience greeted the Pendleton Women's chorus at the high school gym-auditorium last night, but what the audience lacked in numbers it certainly made up in enthusiasm. Everyone of the 15 numbers commanded a hearty response and the chorus was not allowed to leave the stage after the closing number without responding with an encore. Ted Roy, director, had arranged a comprehensive program of standard songs, delightfully tuneful and not a few of them familiar through use over the radio.

Miss Frances Robertson, soprano, delighted her audience with two numbers, "My Heart is a Silent Violin," by Fox, and "I Love Life," responding to the insistent demand for a third number with Friml's "The Bubble." Miss Robertson substituted for Baynard Sager, violinist, who was unable to be present. Possessed of a beautiful voice and a gracious stage presence, she became an instant favorite and there will no doubt be a demand to hear her again soon.

Dan Motanic, full blooded Cayuse Indian, sang three numbers, "Indian Call to Sunrise," "Fallen Leaf," and "Bells of the Sea." The first number was sung in native tongue and without accompaniment. "Fallen Leaf" is likewise an Indian song but was sung in English. The young bass-baritone's best tones were evident in the third number, his bass notes displaying a rich quality.

Mrs. Roy, in her accompaniment, was most sympathetic and dependable.

Funds realized from the concert will be used by the Heppner music study club in providing milk for grade pupils.

INSULATING HOUSE

C. D. Conrad has a crew of men busy re-covering his residence on south Court street. Material being used is an asbestos-cement preparation, fireproof and designed to make for more warmth in winter and a cooler house in summer. A sheeting of asbestos-asphalt paper is laid over the walls before the siding is put on. Completing the insulation of the house a layer of rock wool will be placed over the ceiling. This is the material for insulating refrigerators. The Conrad house will be white when the job is completed.

Merchants Back Free Show With Ticket Purchases

First Free Matinee to be Staged in Heppner Saturday

Business men of Heppner showed their eagerness to participate in the first free merchants' matinee by liberal purchase of tickets the first of this week. So liberal has been the backing that all expenses of the first show have been met and the fund will be but a few dollars short of staging an April show.

As soon as the tickets were placed in the merchants' hands customers began receiving them. It is the purpose of the business houses to see that everybody is given a chance to see the free show, or as many as the theater will accommodate, but in order to forestall a general rush of ticket seekers most of the houses are giving preference to cash customers.

The shows will be given during the afternoon. The first show starts at 2 o'clock and the second at 3:30. For this event the Star theater management has secured "Missing Evidence," an exciting melodrama of the F. B. I., featuring Preston Foster, Irene Harvey and Chick Chandler. In addition there will be short subjects, forming a well rounded program.

With but one or two exceptions, every business house in town has tickets to give to customers. In addition, many of the concerns are offering special discounts for cash, cooperating in the movement to stimulate trading at home. Placards in the windows indicate where tickets may be secured and there is scarcely a store front or professional office without one.

The merchants' matinee is being sponsored by the chamber of commerce as one step in the direction toward recovering business lost to other towns outside of the county in recent years. It is the chamber's plan to inaugurate other innovations from time to time and just now attention is being centered on the free matinee idea to get it properly launched.

Merchants and professional men cooperating in the matinee include Ferguson Motor Co., Dr. R. C. Lawrence, First National Bank, Patterson & Son, Ed Gonty, M. D. Clark, Thomson Bros., W. O. Dix, Heppner Market, Gordelen Beauty shop, Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Dr. Dwight Miller, Humphreys Drug Co., Hanson Hughes, Gordon's, Elkhorn Restaurant, Case Furniture Co., Green's Hardware, E. G. Noble, Alex Green, E. R. Huston, J. O. Peterson, Healy's Service Station, Bert Kane's Garage, Gazette Times, D. A. Wilson, Braden-Bell Implement Co., Heppner Steam Laundry, Pacific Power & Light Co., Lundell's Service Station, Standard Service Station, J. C. Penney Co., O'Donnell's Cafe, Heppner Garage, Gilliam & Bisbee, Rosewall-Gentry Motor Co., Merrill's Cafe, McAtee & Co., Curran's, Aiken's, Sprinkel and Key, Burl Coxen, F. W. Turner & Co., Dykstra's Trading Post, Morrow County Abstract & Title Co., Gamble's, Dickson's Variety Store, City Meat Market, Safeway, John Skuzeski and Morrow County Creamery Co.

AUXILIARY MEETS

Plans for the 21st Legion and Auxiliary birthday party were discussed at the meeting of the auxiliary at the home of Mrs. R. B. Ferguson Tuesday afternoon. This will be a pot-luck dinner on March 15 at the home of Mrs. E. O. Ferguson. The unit will contribute one dollar to the infantile paralysis fund. An order for 1000 poppies has been sent.

A. P. Hughes and son Edwin of Lena were transacting business in Heppner Tuesday.

FEBRUARY RAINS BEST SINCE 1921

Total of 2.17 Inch Fall for Month Exceeded Only in 1915 and 1921; Heavy Run-Off Seen

February, 1940, will be remembered not only as the longest February in many years but also as one of the wettest since precipitation recordings have been made in Morrow county. A total of 2.17 inches of moisture has fallen since the first day of the month and this figure has been exceeded twice since 1910, when the rain gauge was first set up at the Gilliam residence.

In 1915 the precipitation was 2.31 inches. Again in 1926 February was a wet month, with a fall of 2.26. The intervening years for the most part showed markings under two inches. The ten year averages have shown a gradual decline, while the 30-year average is 1.16. The 1939 figures dating from September 1 show a gain of 2.20 inches over the same period in 1938. This is for the months from September 1938 to February 1939 and the 1939-40 period. The 1938 period had a precipitation of 4.76 inches, with rainfall for each month. In the current period the fall amounted to 6.96 inches and there was no precipitation in November.

Copious showers have fallen the last few days and streams have been swollen. Rock creek is reported the highest ever seen by Jim Carsner and Theodore Murdock of Spray who were in Heppner Tuesday. They said there is about a foot of snow on top of the mountains and that Rock creek was between 200 and 300 feet wide at the Ray Wright sheep camp. The water was running over the road and the stream looked more like a river than a creek. A telephone call received by Fred Wehmeyer Wednesday stated that more than eight inches of precipitation had been measured at the French ranch during the month.

Six Offices to be Filled This Year

With the Oregon primary election but a little more than two and a half months away, the local political pot is beginning to warm up. Candidates for county offices are tossing their hats into the ring, three having announced already, and rumor has it that the pot will be boiling within a short time.

Last week G. A. Bleakman announced his candidacy for county commissioner. This week Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and C. W. Barlow, county clerk, are making their bid to succeed themselves. Other offices to be filled are district attorney, county school superintendent and coroner. Present incumbents in those offices have not committed themselves, although it is understood that Frank C. Alfred, district attorney, has filed his intention with the secretary of state.

Commenting on the candidacy of Mr. Bleakman last week, the Gazette Times included the assessor among offices to be filled. This is in error as Tom Wells' term does not expire until 1942.

AUDITS COMPLETED

Auditing of county and other books was completed Tuesday afternoon and Russell Morgan and Robert Amos, auditors, left that evening for Salem to turn in their reports. The books of the city of Heppner, the welfare office and the town of Lexington were audited by the men who represent the auditing department of the secretary of state's office.

FATHER DIES IN SPOKANE

Russell McNeill received word Wednesday morning that his father, E. P. McNeill had passed away in Spokane. The elder McNeill suffered a stroke Tuesday evening and Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were preparing to leave for Spokane when word came of the father's death. Funeral services were to be held today. Mr. McNeill's mother died April 19 last.

Condon Blasts Heppner Hopes At Tournament

Irrigon at Top as Heppner Takes Con- solation Game

By JERRY ACKLEN

The strain of two first-round games in one day began to tell on Heppner high basketballers as they advanced to the semi-finals in sub-district 13-B tournament play at Condon last week end and in the course of the afternoon the Mustangs faltered just long enough to drop the game with Condon by the narrow margin of one lone basket scored in the last minute of play after the game had been tied for the seventh time during the afternoon. Final score, Condon 33, Heppner 31.

Meanwhile, Irrigon high school's Wheat league champions advanced to the championship round by defeating Boardman high school and in the evening romped over the Condon contenders with a 30 to 18 count in a game that easily showed the superiority of the Irrigon Comets.

Apparently enraged by their elimination at the hands of the Condon five, the Heppner boys came back in the evening to meet Boardman in the consolation game to determine the third place winner and the victor of a third-place trophy. This game became almost a massacre of the Boardman quintet that had previously squeezed out a narrow 37 to 34 win over a strong Fossil outfit and had managed to hold the Irrigon high champs to a 40-32 count in the afternoon's semi-finals. Final count of the consolation game, Heppner 50, Boardman 18.

On opening day Heppner met and defeated Ione high 38-22 and Umatilla 36-27. Irrigon took Lexington 29-19; Condon defeated Echo 37-25 and Boardman beat Fossil 37-34.

Heppner placed two men on the tournament all-star list of ten best players in the sub-district elimination. The complete list of all-stars follows: Harry O'Donnell and Hugh Crawford of Heppner; Willard Jones and Donald Houghton of Irrigon; Roy Partlow and Ralph Skoubo of Boardman; Charles Edwards and Tom Burns of Condon; Vane Hiatt of Umatilla and Jack Dean of Fossil.
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Signs Designate Through Streets

Heppner is becoming more metropolitan day by day and the latest evidence is found in the designation of two streets as "through" streets. Day policeman Albert Schunk and a crew of men have been erecting stop signs on the corners leading on to Gale street and this will be followed by similar signs on Court street south of the court house.

Action on these thoroughfares was decided by the city council at the January meeting. It is the hope of city officials that car drivers will cooperate in making the new regulations workable. It is pointed out that the sign are not being erected as ornaments, but that they mean what they say.

ATTEND LODGE AT CANYON

A carload of Heppner Masons drove to Canyon City Sunday to attend a special session of the Canyon lodge in the afternoon. Besides enjoying an excellent dinner served by the host lodge, the visitors inspected the Joaquin Miller cabin and other interesting spots before turning their attention homeward. Included in the group were C. J. D. Bauman, Robert Wightman, Hanson Hughes, E. R. Huston and Walter Luckman.