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Campaign Warms Up As Filing For Offices Closes

Contests Loom for Several Positions in County Primary

With filing time closed, the primary campaign has taken more definite form in the last few days and candidates are beginning to feel out the voters in search of support at the polls on May 17. Contests for several county offices give promise of waxing a bit warm during the next few weeks and Mr. and Mrs. John Voter are going to be popular folks.

Five county offices are up for election this year and of these three have two contestants each. C. J. D. Bauman, incumbent, is opposed by Elbert Cox, his former deputy. For the office of superintendent of schools, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, incumbent, is opposed by Marie Clary, Hardman teacher, and G. A. Bleakman of Heppner is out to capture the post of county commissioner from L. D. Neill, incumbent. The offices of county clerk and coroner, held by C. W. Barlow and Dr. A. D. McMurdo, respectively, are not contested, as is the case of county attorney, held by Frank C. Alfred.

In the district race, Charles McElligott of Ione erased the possibility of a no-contest election by filing for the office of representative in the 22nd district on the democratic ticket. With two positions to be filled, Giles French of Sherman county and E. Harvey Miller of Morrow county, are unopposed for the republican nomination.

Pendleton has a monopoly on congressional candidates as far as the republican party is concerned. Senator Rex Ellis is seeking the nomination as is Roy Ritner. Ellis is holding onto the state senatorship just in case his neighbor should nose him out in the primary. Ritner seeks to defeat the veteran Congressman Pierce, whom he ran against four years ago and came out rather a poor second. Things have changed somewhat recently and the Pendleton man thinks his chances are brighter this time.

Filings for precinct committeemen and committeewomen gained momentum as the zero hour drew close with the result that both parties have fairly well filled slates for these pivotal points. Those seeking the precinct positions on the republican ticket include the following: Boardman, Crystal Barlow; Irrigon, A. C. Houghton; Morgan, Fred J. Ely; Eight Mile, Henry E. Peterson; Ione, George N. Ely, Anne C. Smouse; Lexington, Ralph Jackson, Elsie M. Beach; Heppner, Walter Luckman, P. W. Mahoney, Charlotte Gordon, Clothild L. Lucas.

Democrat filings are: Alpine, R. B. Rice, Pearl R. Lindsay; Boardman, John F. Gorham; Cecil, Lorraine Ekleberry; Morgan, Elmer Griffith; Eight Mile, Clive Huston, Eugenia B. Huston; Ione, Charles McElligott, P. J. Linn, Mrs. Ida M. Zinter; Hardman, Lewis C. Batty, Iris Brannon; Irrigon, Roy H. Minnick; Lena, Frank Swaggart, Hazel Swaggart; Lexington, H. L. Duvall, Maude H. Pointer, and Heppner, Edward Breslin, D. M. Ward, Myrtle Aiken, Florence Hughes.

April 16 is the last day for registration, according to C. W. Barlow, county clerk, who states that the clerk's office will be open continuously from 8 o'clock a. m., until 8 o'clock, p. m., on that day to accommodate all voters who have not previously attended to their registration.

William Kummerland, pioneer rancher of Clarks canyon, was transacting business in Heppner Monday. He reports plenty of moisture out his way.

PIONEER OF 1885 TAKEN BY DEATH

Charles Anderson Lived 55 Years on Homestead in Lower Eight Mile Section

Funeral services for Charles Julius Anderson, 73, were held from the Methodist church at 2 o'clock, p. m., Saturday, April 6, Rev. R. C. Young officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Mr. Anderson passed away at the family home in lower Eight Mile Thursday April 4.

Mr. Anderson was born in Sweden, Dec. 25, 1866, and was at the time of death aged 73 years, three months and nine days.

He came to America as a small boy and first lived in Kansas. In 1885, at the age of 19, he came to Morrow county where he homesteaded southwest of Ione and this had been his residence continuously since. On March 17, 1898, he married Nellie Akers and to this union were born three children, two sons and a daughter. The daughter passed away three years ago. The two sons, Harold of Eight Mile and Irvin of Ione, with the mother, survive. Three brothers Ben of Eight Mile and Howard and Alfred of The Dalles and one sister, Mrs. Martin Johnson of Missouri, and three grandchildren also survive. Mr. Anderson was confirmed in the Lutheran church when a young man and was always faithful in his belief.

Thrifty and industrious, Mr. Anderson accumulated some of the best farm land in lower Eight Mile and built a comfortable home for his family. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

Band Benefit is Financial Success

Resplendent in uniforms of purple and gold over white, the Heppner school band paraded Main street and played to the enjoyment of several hundred people Saturday afternoon. The street show was for the purpose of advertising the annual band dance and the young people didn't overlook an opportunity to advance their cause.

Three majorettes, Constance Instone, Norma Prock and Jean Hayes, and Joe Farley, drum major, led the band in its march up and down the street while other majorettes and students worked through the crowd selling dance tickets. The result of the campaign netted the band \$90 for the trip to La Grande this week end to participate in the district contests.

At the dance Saturday night, music for which was provided by Jack Merrill's orchestra, the band played numbers on the contest program, including the required "Traveler Overture." The brief program was opened with Sousa's "Semper Fidelis" march, followed by the required number, and "Hero" overture and closed with Irving Berlin's "God Bless America." The latter will be used as the mass-band number at La Grande.

The band's slogan is "On to Spokane, (if we win at La Grande)!" Harold Buhman will take his young musicians to the Union county city early tomorrow to enter the contests. Finals will be played off late in the day.

ATTEND ANDERSON FUNERAL

Here for the funeral of Charles J. Anderson Saturday were Howard Anderson, Alfred Anderson and daughter Ona from The Dalles; Mrs. Kate Parman and Carolyn Sparks of Freewater; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Harrison, Mrs. Orville Musgrave and Mrs. Myrtle King of Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Githens, who spent the past week in Heppner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Spencer Crawford, left Sunday for their home in Berkeley, Calif.

Reduced Freight Rate on Branch Wheat Sustained

ICC Advises State Commissioner to Accept Schedule

Freight rates on grain shipped from Oregon points over the Union Pacific system will have been reduced as the result of a decision reached by O. R. Bean, public utility commissioner of Oregon. The railroad company had applied for a new schedule affecting main line and branch points and decision by the commissioner was withheld pending consideration of protests by several forwarding and trucking concerns.

Representative groups of grain growers from Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties appeared before the commissioner at the protest hearing in Portland last week and after presenting their side of the case, went on to Salem to call on Governor Charles L. Sprague. The governor lent a sympathetic ear and said he would write the Interstate Commerce commission and on second thought wired his request to the federal body to intercede in behalf of the grain growers. In the meantime the farm group wired the state's representatives at Washington and Tuesday morning George N. Peck received the following enlightening message from Senator Rufus C. Holman: "ICC advised reduction freight rates on grain from main line and branch line points in Oregon on Union Pacific railroad effective this date as scheduled."

The new rate amounts to a reduction of two cents per 100 pounds on the Heppner and Condon branches, or 1.2 cents per bushel, and 1.8 cents a bushel on the Shaniko branch. In other words, the rate is 14 cents a hundred pounds instead of 16 cents from Heppner and Condon branch points to Portland.

State officials consulted on the new rate schedule could not see where the protesting agencies were warranted in their contention that it would mean ruin to them or that it is unfair competition, taking the viewpoint that the grain growers were the ones receiving the most benefit.

Pre-School Clinics at Irrigon Tuesday

Child health conferences for infants and pre-school children will be held at Irrigon Tuesday morning, April 16, followed by conferences at Boardman in the afternoon, announces Miss Lucille Vale, county health nurse. Appointments for the Irrigon conference should be made with Mrs. Houghton and at Boardman with Mrs. Sullivan.

Miss Vale's schedule calls for physical examination of the students at Irrigon Monday, April 15, at the school. Hardman school children will be given physical examinations Wednesday morning, April 17, with the infant and pre-school examinations in the afternoon.

Vaccinations for smallpox, diphtheria toxoid and Schick tests may be obtained for the school children and the pre-school children at these conferences.

SMOKER DATE SCHEDULED

Date of the next smoker to be staged by the Heppner Volunteer Fire department has been set for Saturday evening, April 27. Participants on the card are being signed and prospects are bright for a snappy card. All concerned are hoping for warmer weather than prevailed at the time of the previous card.

SPRING FESTIVAL PLANS IN MAKING

Schools of County to Assemble in Heppner for Annual Music, Track Meets Early in May

Plans for the annual spring festival sponsored by the schools of the county are in making, according to Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county superintendent. Date has been set for May 3 and the high school gymnasium and rodeo park at Heppner will be used for the music and track events.

Decision to use the high school building was reached after consideration of the weather which has disrupted festivals in past years. The committee, in planning to use the rodeo grounds for the track events in the morning, is doing so with the hope that the events may be run off under clear skies. Last year's festival was chilled by a heavy wind and while the school people would like to stage the entire program outdoors it seems the wiser policy to provide housing for it.

Final plans for the festival will be formulated and adopted at a dinner meeting to be held at Irrigon Friday evening, April 12. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and all county committees will report at that time. In addition to the festival arrangements there will be some discussion of plans for next year's county educational program.

Mrs. Juanita Carmichael of Lexington is chairman of the music committee for the festival and Lyle Eddy, upper grade teacher at Irrigon, heads the track committee.

Of the 963 enrolled pupils in the county last year, Mrs. Rodgers estimates that 750 attended the festival in 1939. There are 1158 children on the school census.

Sunshine Enjoyed for Brief Period

This region enjoyed at least one day of sunshine when the skies cleared and Old Sol beamed upon a rain-soaked land. Showers have been regular and abundant since April 1, as witness the rain gauge reading of 1.74 inches since that date. The first week was decidedly wet with readings showing the following figures: April 1, .42; 2, .09; 3, .11; 4, .38; 6, .02; 7, .24, and 8, .48.

Thursday's .38 of an inch followed in the wake of a brief electrical storm and was introduced with a heavy shower of hail. When the rain came it was but a matter of a few minutes until gutters were running full and much topsoil was carried from the hillsides. Sunday's storm struck with considerable force in the Blackhorse region, the runoff causing some discomfort to Lexington residents near the ordinarily dry creek channel. Monday experienced two heavy showers, one in the daytime and the other about 11 p. m. A swollen Willow creek attested to the volume of the down-pour.

Rain Cuts Crowd at Three-C Party

Regardless of heavy showers of rain which fell intermittently Sunday afternoon, some 200 people of town and surrounding country attended the open house at Camp Heppner CCC. Plans for visiting and inspecting some of the soil conservation projects had to be abandoned due to the weather and uncertainty of road conditions. The program at the camp was carried out about as planned.

Another party at the camp is planned for the near future, according to Lieut. Marius P. Hanford, commander, who states the affair will be in the nature of a lawn party.

FALLOW LOANS AVAILABLE

Summerfallow loans are now available at his office, reports County Agent C. D. Conrad, who says that money is available through FCA. Mortgages are given on crops grown on the summer fallow land and are payable in August, 1941.

County's Share of PA Program May Exceed \$125,000

Field Work Shows Morrow up Front in Compliance Steps

Morrow county's share in the 1940 AAA price adjustment program may exceed \$125,000, according to Henry Baker, chairman of the county compliance committee. All field work has been completed and applications for payment are now being prepared at the office of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association. Baker said it would probably take from six weeks to two months to complete the payment in the county. All eligible producers are being notified as soon as their applications have been prepared.

Baker also stated that the liquidation program for wheat under loan is progressing nicely and that it is likely that all loans will be taken up prior to maturity.

Figures submitted by the state AAA office indicate that Morrow ranks as one of the top counties of the state in compliance steps. This county is credited with the largest percentage of seeded acreage, both in compliance and out; has the largest percentage of crop insurance, with a total of 68,986 acres, and a total insured production of 610,686 bushels. Acreage and production figures were cut some due to many farmers insuring 50 per cent of their crops.

Approximately 95 per cent of the producers of the county will share in the price adjustment payments.

Henry Baker was elevated to the chairmanship of the Morrow county committee when E. Harvey Miller resigned to run for state representative. Oscar Peterson was elected to the board to fill the vacancy left by Baker's appointment.

Health, Education Lions Club Topics

Health and education were the principal topics on the Lions club program at the weekly luncheon at Hotel Heppner Monday. Rose Leibbrand spoke in behalf of the county health association, outlining briefly the work accomplished last year and what is being done this year under the county health nurse, Miss Lucille Vale.

A. H. Blankenship made a brief report on the Inland Empire Teachers association convention held in Spokane last week. It was the privilege of the teachers to hear such noted national characters as Channing Pollock and Ruth Bryan Owen, who, while champions of education take a decidedly different viewpoint on many subjects and both are thoroughly capable of giving full expression to their thoughts.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles reported progress in construction of a wading pool for the kiddies at the municipal swimming tank.

Orville Cutsforth and Henry Baker were guests of the club.

Lexington Grange to Hear Tax Talks

Tom Wells, county assessor, will speak before the Lexington grange at the regular meeting Saturday evening, April 13, on the subject of "The Business of Tax Assessing." Not to be outdone by her husband, Mrs. Wells also will be on the program to give the people an idea of just how the tax business is handled through the tax office.

Instrumental and vocal selections will augment the lecturer's program to be presented prior to the regular business session. Refreshments will be served later in the evening.