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Rev. R. C. Young Succumbs to Heart Attack

Methodist Minister Found Dead at Home Here Last Night

Rev. R. C. Young, pastor of the Heppner Methodist church for the last four years, was found dead in his home last night, the victim of a heart attack. When discovered, the body was in an upright position with the head tilted forward as if taking a nap. Death apparently had overtaken him as he sat resting following the noon meal, the approximate hour being 1 o'clock.

Discovery of the body was made by Wilma Hudson, member of the church choir, who entered the house shortly after 7 o'clock p. m. It was choir rehearsal night and the practicing has been taking place at the parsonage. The lights were not on and Miss Hudson turned them on. Shortly after she arrived, Mrs. Wm. French came in and spoke to Mr. Young. Receiving no response she went over and took hold of his shoulder and it was then the truth was discovered. A physician was called and after a brief examination it was found that death had come several hours previously.

Mr. Young had been alone several weeks while Mrs. Young was in Portland with a son who has been ill. She had expected to return home this week.

It was learned that Mr. Young had recently undergone a thorough physical examination in a Portland clinic and that he was advised of his condition. He was taking treatments with a local physician, who said that the minister appeared deeply worried about his condition.

A memorial service will be held at the Methodist church Friday morning, April 26, at 10 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Byars of Arlington, a friend and associate of many years, in charge, assisted by Rev. Martin Clark and Rev. Clifford Noble. Final services will be held at the Sunnyside Methodist church in Portland Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by Dr. Milton A. Marcy, pastor, and Dr. E. A. Wolfe, superintendent of the Portland district.

Farmers Urged to Sign Applications

Morrow county farmers and range operators who are complying with the 1940 agricultural and range conservation programs should be sure they have signed their requests for participation, or their farm plan and estimate sheets before May 1, according to Henry Baker, chairman of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association.

A majority of those who are complying have already signed these forms, Baker stated, and added that there are always a few who overlook this important matter and consequently do not receive benefits. It is to these people that he wishes to emphasize the fact that May 1 will be the closing date for signing up for the 1940 program.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of Morrow County Republican club scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, has been postponed to Monday, May 6, due to conflicting attractions on the original date. An invitation to local and district candidates to appear and speak before the club has been extended by Frank C. Alfred, president.

For Sale—Washing machine driven radio battery charger. George Medlock, Rhea creek.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR SCHOOL MEET

Citizens of Town Urged to Cooperate in Making Annual Festival a Success

Plans for the annual spring music festival sponsored by the schools of the county and to be held in Heppner on May 3 have been completed, says Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent.

The program as outlined by Mrs. Rodgers calls for the track meet to start at the Rodeo grounds at 9:30 a. m. This is participated in by boys and girls of the elementary grades and there will be a small admission charge.

At 1:30 there will be a Maypole dance on the lawn in front of the school building. The Heppner school band will furnish music for the dance. The music festival, in which all schools of the county take part, will start at 2:15 p. m. in the gymnasium. All grades from the primary to the high school seniors, as well as the band will be represented.

Committees from the several civic groups of the town are formulating plans for a community potluck dinner at the county fair pavilion at noon. Everybody, town and country people alike, will bring basket lunches and there will be coffee and other beverages provided. In addition, the Business and Professional Women's club has promised to have several big pots of hot beans on the menu. Tables will be set up in the pavilion for the convenience of diners. The school people and civic groups urge the town people to bear this date in mind and prepare to eat at the pavilion.

Section Visited by Heavy Downpour

Morrow county and possibly a large part of eastern Oregon was visited by a heavy downpour of rain Monday night with the result that Tuesday morning's reading of the gauge revealed a fall of .57 of an inch. Many points in the county reported a similar fall and visitors to Umatilla county state that the rainfall in the Pilot Rock region was even heavier.

Precipitation for the month up to Wednesday evening amounted to 2.31 inches. With a previous reading of more than six inches for the first three months of the year, the April rainfall places the total at more than eight inches, or greater than the total rainfall in 1939.

Farmers report little washing of fields due to the heavy rain and say that the shower will be beneficial to growing crops. The abundant moisture has promoted weed growth as well as grain and several grain growers have put weedeaters to work tearing up the fall sown crops and are reseeded.

Lexington Grange to Feed C. of C.

Arrangements have been completed for the Heppner chamber of commerce to hold its membership meeting at the Lexington grange hall next Wednesday evening, May 1. The Home Economics club of the grange will serve dinner to chamber of commerce members and their ladies and to grange members. While this is the regular meeting night for the chamber of commerce it is not the grange's meeting night and a special invitation has been issued to grangers to attend.

The chamber of commerce will pay the usual charge for plates served to members and guests and will provide the program. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p. m. to permit some of those appearing on the program to meet other engagements.

Increased membership in the club is expected to be reflected in a larger attendance at this dinner than at the first grange dinner served at Lena one month ago.

'Short Change' Artist Lands in County Bastile

Emmett Bafford of Portland Awaiting Help from Friends

Emmett Bafford of Portland is a guest of the county on a charge of conspiracy to defraud following alleged attempts to procure funds through the age-old trick of "short-changing." He was arrested in Heppner Thursday evening upon complaint of Jack Ferris of Ione, who claimed he was "gypped" out of five dollars through the cunning of Bafford and associates.

Arrested before Justice of the Peace J. O. Hager Friday morning, Bafford pled guilty and was assessed a fine of \$50 and is to repay Ferris the ill-gotten gains.

Bafford was one of a party of five people claiming they are from Portland. The other members of the group were Wanda Adams, Clifford Adams, John Neal Carroll and Doris Bafford.

It is stated that the trick was tried on business houses in Lexington and Heppner before Ferris' complaint got into the hands of the officials. At least two attempts were made in Heppner but in both instances the proprietors got wise to the deal and refused to hand out the change. It is likely the "artists" would have made the rounds of the town had not Deputy Sheriff Earle Bryant and Officer Albert Schunk, armed with a warrant for their arrest, got hot on the trail and soon picked them up.

Following the hearing and Bafford's decision to "take the rap," the others left for Pendleton in search of the \$50 fine money. According to reports emanating from Pendleton they were picked up on a drunk and disorderly charge and given a sentence of 20 days in the city jail. In the meantime, Bafford is cooling his heels in the county jail, where he will have almost served out his fine ere his pals can come to his assistance.

New Contingent of Enrollees Arrives

New CCC enrollees arrived in Heppner Sunday morning to bring up to company strength the camps at Heppner and Monument. These new recruits are from Portland and vicinity and have come to replace the boys who recently completed their service period and were mustered out.

Of the 120 enrollees arriving here, 46 were for Camp Heppner and 74 were taken on to Monument. The local camp's total enrollment is now 174 men, according to Liet. Marius P. Hanford, commander. Special coaches were attached to the local train to bring the contingent to Heppner.

Heppner School to Hold Open House

Plans have been completed for an open house at the Heppner school Friday evening, April 26, announces Alden Blankenship, superintendent. Work of the several grades will be on display and instructors will be present to explain methods and answer questions. The reception opens at 7:15 o'clock and lasts one hour.

Beginning at 8:20 p. m. there will be a program in the gymnasium. This, too, is scheduled to run for an hour.

School patrons and all friends of education have been extended an invitation to attend the open house and program.

SMOKER PROMISES PLENTY OF ACTION

Firemen Slate One of Best Boxing Cards in Years For Saturday Night Show

Followers of the manly art of self defense are promised action aplenty when the whistle blows for the opening round of the Firemen's smoker at the county fair pavilion Saturday evening, for one of the best cards rounded up by the smoke chasers in several years is scheduled to put on a show designed to give the cash customers their money's worth. The curtain raiser will open the hostilities promptly at 9 p. m.

For some time it has been noticed that Louis Doney expects to show the Heppner fans what a sheepherder can do when he actually gets in a fighting mood. It is hinted that he has just been playing with opponents up-to-date and that he intends to unreel some action that will make a Blue mountain bobcat look like a parlor tabbie. Doney has been building up his muscles chasing jackrabbits and coyotes to get himself in the mood to give Charles Aldrich, the pride of Butter creek, a real shellacking. Aldrich will probably have something to say about the melee as he is undergoing plenty of outdoor training and his backers say the fight will be a pushover. To say the least, the scrap gives promise of some of the most determined effort at annihilation witnessed in these parts in many a moon.

Much interest is centering on the semi-final scrap between Sammy McCracken, 135 pounds, Hermiston, and Billie Stevenson, 140 pounds, New York City. The fans like Sammy and hope he isn't biting off too big a mouthful in meeting the New York boy. Stevenson is rated a tough boy in CCC circles. Doney and Aldrich will have to mind their knitting if the semi-final isn't to steal the show.

Four preliminaries round out the 30-round show with Bill Hardie of Condon and Rennie Crawford, Monument, doing the honors in the light heavyweight class. They tip the scales at 170 pounds each. Ellis Granger and Gordon Heffel in the 115 pound class, Donald Swanson and Ralph Tully, tipping the beam at 155 each, and Garville, 145 vs. Brown's. Special from Monument, complete the card.

REFACING BUILDING

Work of refacing the Peters building was started Tuesday morning by Ed Bucknum and assistants. The original cement surfacing was crumbling in spots and this has all been removed preparatory to putting on new surfacing. The building was erected in 1936.

Catholic Rectory Scene of Wedding

The Catholic rectory was the scene of an early morning wedding when Father McCormick performed the rites uniting Mr. Donald Pointer and Miss Nonie McLaughlin in marriage. The ceremony was performed at 7 o'clock a. m., yesterday, followed by a wedding breakfast at the home of Miss Betty Doherty, aunt of the bride, at which immediate members of the families were present. Miss Betty Doherty was bridesmaid and Ivan Applegate acted as best man.

The bride was charming in a blue silk jacket dress. She carried a corsage of forget-me-nots and narcissus.

Mr. Pointer is a graduate of Salem high school and his bride was graduated from Lexington high school.

Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Pointer will be at home to their many friends at the Pointer farm near Lexington.

Only the immediate families of the young couple were present for the wedding ceremony and breakfast.

City Contracts For Extension of Street Paving

Nearly 2 Miles of Blacktop to be Laid Starting Monday

Heppner's street paving will be extended approximately two miles following decision of the street committee of the city council to complete as far as practicable the program started three years ago when some three and a half miles of blacktop was laid. The present program calls for extending paving to the limits of the town at three points and completion of streets not finished in the original construction.

Contract for the paving has been awarded to Russell Olson of Seattle. Olson has highway work in this section of Oregon which can not be started at present and for that reason was willing to come to Heppner and do the street work at a nominal cost.

Work outlined under the program includes paving of the Willow creek highway entrance from South Court street to the city limits; August street between Court and Gilmore; Gilmore street between Cannon and East Willow; Elder street in front of the school house; Elder from K to L; Riverside from Gale to intersection of County road at the Frank S. Parker place; Morgan street; south Main from swimming tank to Orve Brown place; Cannon street from South Main to Chase; Green street from Center to Hill; Hill from Green to Court and the Balm Fork road from the Cowins place to Court street.

Only those streets enumerated will be paved at this time, according to the street committee. These are the only streets with rock base suitable for paving, it is stated, and funds are not available for extensions. The work as outlined will cost the city \$2350 and the county will bear part of the expense of the extension on Riverside street. A figure of 12½ cents a yard was submitted by Olson. This is for laying the surfacing. The city furnishes the crushed rock, a quantity of which was purchased in 1939 from the firm holding the contract on the Heppner-Heppner flat paving job.

The new units will be a little narrower than most of the original paving in the city. The first units ran from 20 feet in the residential sections to as much as 40 feet in the business district. The present specifications run from 16 feet to 20 feet. By narrowing the width a little it was found possible to extend the program farther.

The street committee has under consideration the improvement of some of the streets already paved. This is in reference to repairs to gutters. The general condition of the paving throughout the town is good and repairs have been moderate. Discomfort from dust has been greatly lessened and the projected paving is expected to allay much of the dust trouble coming from the entrances from the southeast and the northwest.

SELL BEAUTY SHOP

Helen Van Schoiack and Gordon Akers, operators of the Gordelen Beauty shop, announce the sale of the equipment of Hazel Ralston of The Dalles. Miss Ralston will move the equipment to The Dalles. Miss Van Schoiack has no definite plans and expects to remain here. Mr. Akers announces he will go to the Willamette valley in search of a new location.