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Johnson Explains Court's Position On Bombing Field

Tells Dinner Crowd County Will Lose if Site Located Here

Morrow county will be the loser if the proposed army bombing field is located here, Judge Bert Johnson told a group of more than 100 grangers and chamber of commerce guests at Lexington grange hall last night. Johnson explained the action of the county court in refusing to cooperate with a delegation of Arlington citizens in an effort to have the field located in the northern part of Morrow county.

"If this movement goes through," the judge said, "our county acreage will be reduced approximately one-fifth, 22.5 per cent plus, to be exact. That means that loss of taxes from this additional strip of land taken by the government will have to be made up from the remainder of the county."

There are many angles to the proposal which make it unacceptable from the court's point of view and the judge intimated that as far as he is concerned there will be no bombing field.

Supporting his contention that the county will be the loser if the proposed bombing field is located in the northern part of the county, Judge Johnson submitted the following figures:

Public domain land in the district from which the county receives 50 per cent of the grazing fees collected, 96,360 acres; revenue \$270.23.

Railroad land leased in Morrow County Grazing association for the amount of the taxes, 65,558 acres; revenue \$2808.93.

County lands rented by the grazing association at 2 cents per acre, 53,269 acres; revenue \$1,069.38.

In addition the county receives approximately \$4,000 from taxes on

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Noted Speaker to Appear at Banquet

Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud, wife of the agent at Umatilla Indian reservation, has accepted an invitation to deliver the address before the Mothers' and Daughters' banquet to be held in the Christian church, Monday evening, May 6. Mrs. Cloud a full blooded Indian, is a graduate of Wichita university, Wichita, Kan., and is a speaker of rare ability, according to members of the Heppner Business and Professional Women's club who have heard her.

Acceptance of this invitation by Mrs. Cloud rounded out the program for the banquet, which will be served at 6:30 o'clock p. m. in the basement of the church. Several musical numbers will be included in the evening's entertainment and indications point to a full house. Ticket sale is to be restricted to 100 this year and the order will be "first come, first served."

Mrs. Cloud's ability as a social worker among the people of the reservation attracted the attention of President Roosevelt with the result that she received a personal invitation from him to attend a national child welfare conference in Washington, D. C. There as elsewhere she impressed her audiences with her brilliance and broad knowledge of affairs.

Mrs. Lorena Wilson is chairman of the banquet committee and Miss Rose Leibbrand will act as toast-mistress.

The ladies of the Methodist church announce a tea, apron sale and food sale at the church parlors from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., Saturday, May 4. The public is invited.

GOP LEADS DEMOS BY MARGIN OF 509

Latest Tabulation Shows County Has Total Registration of 2211 Voters for Primaries

Latest tabulation made by County Clerk Chas. W. Barlow gives the republican party a margin of 509 voters over the democratic party in Morrow county. The count shows the republicans number 1342, the democrats 833 and there are 36 expressing no party preference.

These figures were arrived at after numerous cancellations were received at the clerk's office from district registrars. Some increase was noted through new registrations but this was not general.

Alpine and Boardman continued in the democratic column, the former with a majority of eight and the latter with a margin of 83. Some of the republican majorities are small, especially in the small precincts, but in the larger precincts the GOP stands far out in the lead.

Compared with the last primary election the present registration shows a gain of 49. At that time there were 1372 republicans, 748 democrats and 42 others. At the last general election the registration was 2276 with 1412 republicans, 821 democrats and 43 others. This shows the republicans taking a small loss and the democrats making a gain.

These figures may undergo further change due to cancellations, according to Clerk Barlow, before the vote is cast at the May 17 primaries.

Morrow Farmers Sign 3A Program

Interest in the AAA program remains high in Morrow county, it was indicated this week when the deadline for participation sign up on May 1 showed 96 percent of farmers and ranch operators participating.

All farm and ranch operators who planned to take part this year signed farm or range plan sheets showing how they will best use the program to accomplish conservation work on their places.

Henry Baker, chairman of the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation association, said that 430 farmers and 65 ranch operators signed these sheets. They represent 96 percent of the crop land and 95 percent of the range land in the county.

While this is approximately the same percentage of farm land complying in 1939, it represents an increase of about 27 percent in range land, and added that this means that conservation practices are being carried out on about 290,000 acres of crop land and 530,000 acres of range in Morrow county.

Music Week to be Observed Tuesday

An invitation has been extended to the public to attend a special program in observance of National Music week to be given at the Episcopal parish house at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. The program is being presented by the Music Study club.

Music of different countries will be featured and there will be folk songs and folk dancing to augment the program of vocal and instrumental numbers.

COMMENCEMENT MAY 18

Commencement exercises for seniors of Heppner high school will be held in the gym-auditorium Saturday evening, May 18. Dean Morris of the school of business administration at University of Oregon, will deliver the address. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 12, with Rev. Martin Clark of the Christian church delivering the sermon. Other ministers of the town will assist with the services.

Heppner Prepared For 7th Annual School Festival

Plans Include Potluck Dinner at County Pavilion

Threatening stormy weather will not deter carrying out the seventh annual school festival tomorrow, according to Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county superintendent, who says the stage is all set for running the events on schedule. Forseeing possibility of weather interference, the committee on music events arranged for indoor performance. The athletic program an dMaypole dance will have to run the risk of taking some rain.

The program starts with the elementary grade track meet at the Rodeo field. This includes dashes, high jump, broad jump, shot put and ball throw for boys and dashes and ball throw for girls. These events are under the supervision of Lyle Eddy, Kenneth McKenzie and Glen Mallory.

At noon a potluck lunch for all visitors and townspeople will be spread at the county fair pavilion. Tables and seats will be in readiness and hot coffee for adults, Green Spot for children and baked beans for everybody will be served. The Heppner chamber of commerce, the Lions club and Business and Professional Womens club are assisting with luncheon preparations.

At 1:30 p. m. the Maypole will be wound on the lawn at the school under the direction of Miss Martha Blair. The Heppner school band will play May day music appropriate to the occasion. This will be followed by the music festival in the gym-auditorium at 2:15 o'clock. Mrs. Clarence Carmichael is chairman of the music committee, assisted by Miss Rachel Forsythe and Miss Mary Culp.

Business houses of Heppner will be asked to close during the noon hour and attend the lunch at the pavilion.

Steer Feeding Day Held at Station

The annual steer feeding day at the eastern Oregon branch experiment station at Union will be held Saturday, May 4, when Superintendent D. E. Richards and other specialists in animal husbandry will report on feeding tests conducted this past year. Emphasis will be placed on results of tests with surplus Oregon wheat.

C. D. Conrad, county agent, says that this feeder's day will be of special interest to the cattlemen of Morrow county as to the results that have been obtained in the feeding of wheat, a crop which is of primary interest in Morrow county. Another item at the experiment station which is always of interest to livestock men is the forage nursery in which improved grasses and forage plants are tried out.

Open House Draws Large Attendance

Open house at the Heppner school drew a large attendance of patrons and friends of education last Friday evening. Exhibits and demonstrations by the pupils attracted interest and resulted in much favorable comment from the visitors. The evening was concluded with a program in the gymnasium-auditorium, presented by the high school students.

One feature of the open house which had been scheduled was a demonstration by the FFA club. Mr. Bennett and 12 of his class were in Corvallis attending a state FFA convention and their part in the program had to be omitted.

GRAIN CONCERN BUILDS ELEVATOR

Interior Warehouse Company Adding to Facilities for Handling Wheat at Heppner

Construction of a 50,000 bushel capacity elevator is under way at the warehouse of the Interior Warehouse company in Heppner, announces Cornett Green, manager. Work has been under way for some time and it is expected the job will be completed in another six weeks.

Wood construction is being used throughout. The elevator is being built inside the warehouse, the only thing apparent from the outside being the loading spout and the hopper for receiving the grain from the trucks. Cribs and bins will be put in to hold the grain for bulk handling. Hopper scales of the latest type are being installed and the entire new unit will be electrically operated.

Bulk loading on cars will be accomplished at the rate of 700 bushels an hour, according to Green, who states that the new elevator will be modern in every respect and represents the last word in bulk handling of grain.

N. D. Bailey is in charge of the carpenter work.

Future Farmers Vie at Corvallis

Instructor W. S. Bennett and 12 members of the Future Farmers of America returned the last of the week from Corvallis where on Thursday they attended the annual FFA state convention and participated in several contests.

The Heppner group drove to Portland Wednesday where they visited the Swift & Co. plant. They arrived in Corvallis for the opening of the convention Thursday and entered the events. Outstanding feature of the meeting was the annual banquet at the Memorial Union building. Lively entertainment was provided and winners of the several contests were announced over radio station KOAC.

Heppner took fourth place in general demonstrations, although the work of Bernard Doherty and Dick Edmondson in castration and docking of lambs drew favorable comment. Bill Padberg captured third place in dairy judging for the entire state.

Students accompanying Bennett on the trip were Bernard Doherty, Dick Edmondson, Bruce Lindsey, Bob Swick, Bill Padberg, George Davidson, James Lovgren, Lyle Cox, John Lane, Leland Edmondson, Claude Drake and Pat O'Brien.

Star Theater Books 'Gone With the Wind'

Morrow county people who did not see the cinema masterpiece, "Gone With the Wind," when it was showing in Walla Walla and Pendleton, will have opportunity to see the show at home. The Star theater has booked it for a two-day showing, May 8 and 9.

Special prices will be in order for "Gone With the Wind." There will be two regular showings and two matinee performances. The regular show will start at 8 p. m. and the matinee at 2:15 p. m. Reserved seat tickets are now on sale at the theater.

A number of Heppner and county people have seen the show and declare it the great cinema of the age. The only fair comparison, in the minds of many, is with David Wark Griffith's "Birth of a Nation" and the later show has an advantage in that it is in technicolor and has speaking parts and sound effects.

J. B. Stanfield, Portland wool buyer, was a Heppner business visitor Wednesday. He is represented here by Warren Blakely and together they were looking over some of the clips in this vicinity.

Babb Building Selected as Site For Post Office

New Building Unit to Result from Contract Award

The question of the location of Heppner's postoffice for the next 10 years was settled Wednesday morning when Postmaster Chas. B. Cox received word from the postoffice department that the bid of Mrs. Truman Babb had been accepted. The department considered several bids from local business houses before making a decision.

A new building will result from Mrs. Babb's bid. Foundation for a room 26 x 70 feet has already been poured in connection with construction work on the J. C. Penney Co. building, now nearing completion. Concrete and tile will be used in the new structure, with concrete floor for the lobby and wood floor in the work room. Three skylights will be put in to make for a well lighted room. Heat will be obtained from the central heating plant which is being installed this week. Plate glass windows and Venetian blinds will complete the modern aspect of the building.

New postoffice equipment will be installed by the department and everything must be in order and the place ready for business by October 1, according to the terms of the contract.

Miss Blake Bride of Emery Coxen

One of the loveliest weddings of the season was solemnized Sunday afternoon in the Episcopal church when Miss Bethal Ann Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Blake of Heppner, became the bride of Mr. Emery Coxen, son of Mrs. Harvey Coxen, also of this city. Bishop William P. Remington of Pendleton officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a pastel blue lace and tulle dress with a finger-tip length veil falling from a spray of orange blossoms, which were worn by her grandmother in 1895. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies.

Miss Shirley Wilson, the bride's only attendant, wore a dress of blue organza with a short blue veil, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. Jack Healy acted as best man.

Preceding the ceremony Miss Patricia Dooley sang, "I Love You Truly" accompanied by Mr. Norbert Peavy who also played the wedding march and the recessional.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parish house of the church. Assisting about the room were Mrs. L. E. Dick, Mrs. Earl Blake, Mrs. Spencer Crawford, Mrs. Lee Howell and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy.

The young couple departed shortly after the ceremony for Pendleton where Mr. Coxen is employed.

Both the bride and bridegroom were members of the graduating class of '39, Heppner high school.

SENIORS SNEAK OUT

The senior class of Heppner high school "snuck" out Tuesday morning and put as much distance as possible between them and class room drudgery for the day. Accompanied by Mrs. Earl Gilliam, the class drove to Walla Walla and spent the day picnicking in that city's beautiful park, attending the shows and "covering" the town quite generally. The trip was made both ways via Pendleton. The seniors had a big time and so did the chaperone, but she thinks one such trip a year is sufficient recreation.