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Heppner Elks to Burn Mortgage at Celebration Dec. 14

Elk Feed, Speaking, Pershing Class for Initiation Slated

On December 14 Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks will burn the mortgage, recent payment of which wiped out the last vestige of indebtedness against their lodge home built in 1919. It will be an epochal day in the annals of the local lodge and to properly commemorate the occasion invitation has been extended to neighboring lodges to participate.

Honored guests of the day will be members of The Dalles lodge which instituted the local lodge and old-time members including L. L. Matlock and Frank Roberts, the two remaining charter members residing in Heppner, says Kenneth Akers, exalted ruler.

Logie Richardson, a member of the special committee arranging details, himself bagged a big bull elk that will be cooked to provide piece d' resistance for those attending. An outside speaker of state reputation, not yet named, will be called upon to deliver the headline address, and at the afternoon lodge meeting a class of initiates will be taken into the order in honor of General John J. Pershing by desire of the grand exalted ruler.

The good record of Heppner lodge recently brought it recognition in appointment of Harold Cohn as district deputy grand exalted ruler and of E. Harvey Miller as second vice-president of the state association. These men are assisting in the celebration details, along with the lodge officers and Garnet Barratt and E. O. Ferguson, other members of the celebration committee.

Special entertainment for the ladies will be provided during the afternoon lodge session, and a grand ball in the evening for all Elks and ladies will conclude the day's program. Further details will be released by the committee as they materialize.

County OSTA Has Meeting in Heppner

Teachers from all over Morrow county were present in Heppner last evening for a meeting of the county unit, Oregon State Teachers association. Starting with dinner at the M. E. church events included a business meeting and speaking program at the school followed by a dance.

Outside speakers included Lester Wilcox, from the state department of education; Joe Longfellow, superintendent of Oregon City schools, chairman of the state legislative committee of O. S. T. A. Principal topic was the legislative program to be presented before the coming session of the legislature.

DISTRICT RACE REPORTED

Final returns in the 22nd district representative race, with two to be elected showed E. H. Miller polling a total of 2863 votes, Giles L. French 2709, and Chas. T. McElligott 1920. By counties the vote stood:

French Miller McElligott		
Wheeler	758	550
Sherman	835	541
Gilliam	835	651
Morrow	404	1121
Totals	2709	2863

REBEKAHS TO INITIATE

Heppner Rebekahs will meet at I. O. O. F. hall tomorrow evening with members of Hardman, Ione and Lexington lodges as specially invited guests, announces Mrs. Neva Wells, noble grand. Initiation will be a feature of the evening.



Red Cross Drive Gets Under Way in County

Morrow county's annual Red Cross roll call swung into action Tuesday, as the nation again heeded the cry of distressed humanity for which funds are annually raised between Armistice day and Thanksgiving.

Mrs. B. C. Pinckney is chairman for Heppner, and James Driscoll head of roll call for the county at large. Assisting Mrs. Pinckney here are Mrs. David Wilson, Mrs. W. C. McCarty, Mrs. George Howard, Mrs. Floyd Jones, Mrs. Orville Smith, Mrs. C. R. Jenison, Mrs. George Burroughs, Mrs. Gullings, Mrs. E. B. Grimes, Mrs. Maurice Shepard, Mrs. Dwight Miller and Mrs. Harold Buhman.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Wedded 50 Years

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Griffith passed their golden wedding anniversary here Tuesday in the same house in which they were married fifty years before. They have postponed celebrating the event until the 26th of the month when their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffith of Eugene can be present. Their daughter and two children, the only grandchildren arrived the first of the week from their home at Eugene and will remain until after the celebration. They are Mrs. L. L. McMahon and sons Buddy and James.

Mrs. Griffith was formerly Miss Lura Willingham, a pioneer of Morrow county. She and Mr. Griffith were married November 12, 1890, in the old Willingham home and resided there for three years after their marriage. They moved to Weiser, Idaho at that time where they lived until 1912, moving then to Baker for a year and then returning to Heppner where they have since resided and made their home in the house where their vows were first exchanged. Both Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are enjoying good health and are looking forward to many more happy years together.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Fifty relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Ollie Neill Sunday in honor of her 61st birthday. Those present besides the honoree were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill, and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wattenburger and family of Butter creek; Mr. and Mrs. Reid Buseick and family of Long Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bull and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Herrmann of La Grande; Mrs. J. J. Chisholm and daughter and Mrs. Roy Conser of Walla Walla; Mrs. Roy Coxen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Cox and family, and Miss Geneva Young of Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andrews and daughters of Echo; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ely of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Akers and children of Eight-mile; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coxen and daughter of Toppenish; Mr. and Mrs. Burl Coxen and family and Miss Neva Neill of Heppner. A pot-luck dinner was served at noon. Mrs. Neill received many lovely birthday presents.

Mustangs Lose Annual Armistice Tilt to Hermiston

Heppner Legion and Ladies Guests at Special Dinner

Heppner passed a quiet Armistice day Monday. Business houses were closed and a number of people took advantage of the opportunity to go to Hermiston where the annual celebration jointly sponsored by Heppner and Hermiston posts American Legion presented the classic Heppner-Hermiston high school football game as the highlight event of the day.

Heppner legionnaires and auxiliary members who attended were guests of the Hermiston post and unit at a dinner in the evening.

The Hermiston school band and legionnaires in service uniforms paraded downtown before the game.

It was Hermiston's big day as their team swept to a 26-12 victory over the scrappy, lighter Heppner team.

Heppner's Mustangs had trouble all day solving the mystifying reverse plays of the Hermiston Bulldogs that had resulted in a 20 point Hermiston lead before Heppner came through with its first score in the third quarter. It was then that Hugh Crawford was shaken loose into a broken field for a 70-yard run to reach pay dirt. A few plays later Hermiston fumbled on their own ten yard line and Heppner recovered to send Donny Bennett around end for the next and final counter. Both Heppner attempts at conversion failed. Hermiston was not to be denied and scored again before the game ended.

It was a cleanly fought game throughout as evidenced by the lack of penalties.

High School Casaba League Play Slated

Organization of leagues for high school basketball play was decided at a meeting in Heppner on Wednesday last week. Eliminating sub-district tournaments previously held it was decided to hold the district tournament at Arlington on February 20, 21 and 22, 1941.

Competing in Heppner's tournament division will be Boardman, Ione, Irrigon, Lexington, Echo, Umatilla, Fossil, Arlington and Condon.

There are eight "B" districts in the state, winners of each of which will participate in the state tournament to be held at the close of the season. Eight teams will be selected from the different league divisions in this section to play in the district tournament at Arlington.

The two divisions, outside of that which includes Heppner are, first, East Umatilla: Umapine, Adams, Athena, Helix, Weston, Pilot Rock, Stanfield and Ukiah; secondly Sherman, Wasco and Hood River: Grass Valley, Kent, Moro, Rufus, Wasco, Dufur, Maupin, Mosier, St. Mary's, Cascade Locks, Odell and Parkdale.

SCHOOLMASTERS MEET HERE

North Central Oregon Schoolmasters club met in Heppner Monday night for their regular meeting, held at Lucas Place. Schoolmasters from Morrow county and northern Umatilla county were present.

SHEEP COME FROM MONTANA

J. G. Barratt received all sheep that had been on range in Montana at the local yards, Tuesday. Henry Krebs also returned part of the Krebs brothers sheep from there in the same shipment.

Holiday special on all week days except Saturday for girls under 14 years, \$2.50. Myrtle's Beauty Salon.

Art Minor, Veteran Woodsman, Spends Night Out Alone

Though infirmities of health in later years make the going tougher for him, Art Minor, pioneer of Morrow county now residing at Mt. Vernon, has lost none of his zest for the Blue mountain country which he probably has covered as widely as any man alive.

Art was out in the Cable creek section, in the vicinity of Hidayway springs, hunting elk, last week end. Pulling into the camp of Tim Rippee, Frank Stanley, Lawrence Matteson and Glen Hayes, local men, and Mr. Forbes of Boardman, he described one morning the direction of his hunt which was to bring him back to camp that evening. Night came, and Art did not show up. The local men organized a search, and next morning found where Art had spent the night alone, having dug into the needles next to a fir in heavy undergrowth. He had no fire. The men picked up his tracks and found Art at noon as he made camp just ahead. He had given out on the tramp, had suffered some from exposure, but in spite of the rain and snow of the night, he pulled through safe. The local men bagged four bull, and two cow elk.

Commodity Wheat Loans Total High

Commodity loans in Morrow county now cover 680,138 bushels of wheat and 7609 bushels of barley, according to Henry Baker, chairman of the county committee. He also stated that some loans have been liquidated, a total of 13,823 bushels being released from loan in October.

In reporting on other phases of the AAA program it was stated that final figures for the state of Oregon on crop insurance shows Morrow county in second place in the number of acres insured for 1941 with 52,101 acres. In 1940 66,986 acres were insured and 51 losses were reported on which 26,395 bushels of indemnity was paid.

Mr. Baker also stated that farmers and range operators complying with the 1941 program should bear in mind that November 30 is the closing date for carrying out soil building, or range building practices. He added that work in connection with payments was progressing rapidly and that approximately 20 percent of the payments have now been made, and that this work should be completed by January 1.

Flying Opportunity Offered to Youths

Any young man who feels the urge to learn how to fly "the army way," and who can qualify as a flying cadet in the Army Air corps, will find a hearty welcome in Portland from November 15 to 18 when the Traveling Flying Cadet Examining board will meet in Portland, according to Lt.-Col. B. H. Hensley, district recruiting officer. During its stay in Portland the board will interview those applying for appointment and will give necessary examinations to those tentatively accepted.

Requirements for appointment are that a young man be unmarried; in excellent health; at least 20 years old, but not past 26; and he must have satisfactorily completed two years of college.

During the nearly 30-week training course, the flying cadet receives a salary of \$75 a month in addition to his quarters, clothing, medical care and a ration allowance of \$1 per day. At the completion of the course, the flying cadet is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the air corps reserve and is placed on active duty for a period of one year or more with a tactical unit of the Army Air corps.

Boreas Treats County to Early Touch of Winter

14 Above Mark Follows Arrival of Snow; Aids Elk Hunters

Heppner and all Morrow county joined in shivering to the first blast of winter this week.

Snow that started falling here last Saturday night and covered the ground to an inch in depth Sunday morning, had reached a depth of a foot in the mountains and covered the lower country with a light blanket.

Coldest temperature for the exceedingly early blast was reached here Tuesday night when the mercury touched 14 above in the official government thermometer. Maximum temperature yesterday was 31 above and last night's low reading was 16 above.

Snow plows were immediately put into action on the main highways which were kept clear at all times, and the wintry blast did not inconvenience visitations over the Armistice holiday. While some feeding of livestock was necessitated, the added drain upon the feed supply is not feared unless a prolonged spell should ensue. Wheat crops are generally in good condition to stand the onslaught, it is reported.

The snow comes on top of a favorably wet fall that yielded 1.5 inch of precipitation at Heppner in October, bringing the year's total as of November 1 to 13.8 inches, a high point for recent years.

Elk hunters were favored by the new snowfall, as an increasingly large kill is reported this week, though the winter weather was no child's play, according to reports of those returning.

Gilbert Oren Mays Rites Scheduled

Funeral services are announced for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Phelps Funeral Home chapel for Gilbert Oren Mays, 53, who died at the farm home of his father-in-law, D. Cox, on Hinton creek, last Tuesday. Rev. Martin B. Clark will officiate, and interment will be in Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Mays was a veteran of the World war, and Heppner post, American Legion is joining in giving him a military burial.

MINNESOTA MAN PASSES

Eugene N. Enhelder, ex-employee of Heppner Lumber company, died at Heppner hospital yesterday afternoon from bronchial pneumonia. He had been ill for several days. Mrs. Enhelder and daughter and son, aged 14 and 9 years, have resided here with the husband and father for several months. Arrangements are being made to ship the body to the former home in Minnesota for burial. Phelps Funeral home is in charge.

REFEREES' EXAM SLATED

Official examination for those wishing to qualify as referees for high school basketball games will be held at the schoolhouse in Heppner next Saturday at 10 a. m., announces Alden Blankenship, superintendent. No one may qualify as referee without passing this examination, Mr. Blankenship said.

SERVICES AT HARDMAN

Hardman community church will have regular services at 3 p. m., Sunday, Martin B. Clark, being the pastor.

Word comes from Len and Earl Gilliam that they have had a successful elk hunt and will return home the first of next week.