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Annual Birthday Party for President Here February 1st

Infantile Paralysis Fight Again to be Aided by Fund Drive

Annual celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday for the purpose of raising funds with which to combat infantile paralysis will again be made in Morrow county, with naming of workers now complete, says Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county chairman.

In Heppner a meeting of the board of directors is called for 7 o'clock this evening at Hotel Heppner. Named on the local board are D. A. Wilson, W. C. Rosewall, D. M. Ward, J. V. Crawford, C. B. Cox, Ray Ferguson, Earle Bryant, J. G. Thomson, Jr., Blaine E. Isom, F. W. Turner. Mrs. D. M. Ward is chairman of women's activities in connection with the fund raising.

February 1, a Saturday evening, has been set for the annual ball in Heppner, to be held at the Elks hall with The Men About Town supplying the music. This event is always a headline attraction of the celebration.

Other communities are setting local parties on various dates, to enable as many as wish to attend at more than one place should they so desire.

Heading activities in other communities, are Bert Mason, Ione; Harry Duvall and Emma Breshears, Lexington; Elmer Griffith, Morgan; Mrs. Owen Leathers, Hardman; Walter Luckman, Lena; Jack Gorham, Boardman, and Mrs. Clive Huston, Eight Mile.

Again this year additional funds will be raised through the "March of Dimes," envelopes for which are being mailed to names listed in telephone directories. Receptacles for dimes will also be placed at vantage points in the various towns.

A new feature of the "March of Dimes" in Heppner will be the sale by Boy Scouts next Saturday of buttons signifying the purchaser's interest in the campaign against infantile paralysis.

Again this year seventy percent of monies raised from local parties will remain within the county to be expended under direction of the local committee to assist with such cases as may need help within the county.

Telephone Office Has New Manager

Miss Effie Andrews, recently of Wasco, took over management of the local Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company office this week, succeeding Miss Opal Briggs, retired. Miss Briggs has been in ill health for some time, and Mrs. Glenn Hayes was in temporary charge of the office during her absence.

Miss Andrews has had 12 years experience with the company, working at Athena and Bend before going to Wasco. J. H. Farrington, the company's district manager from The Dalles, was in the city the first of the week assisting with the transfer.

MISSION SOCIETY ELECTS

Officers and committees of the Union Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Emaline Bisbee Monday, Jan. 20 and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. D. W. Glasgow; vice president, Mrs. Bob Thompson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Anna Bayless; hostess committee, Ona Gilliam, Mrs. Chas. Jones, Mrs. Earl Gilliam; program committee, Mrs. Oma Cox, Mrs. Barbara Jones, Mrs. Claude Graham.

Farm Loan Workers Advise at Pendleton

The officers of the Hardman National Farm Loan association were in Pendleton Saturday to discuss with Federal Land bank officials proposals that would assure farmers continued low interest rates of 3½ percent on their mortgages with the bank, and that would help the land bank system to cut operating costs. John J. Wightman, president; Ralph Bengé and Frank Wilkinson, directors, and W. Vawter Parker, secretary-treasurer, were present.

Among subjects discussed was the possibility of a government guarantee on land bank bonds so as to secure the advantage of the present low interest rate on government securities, and remove the necessity of an annual subsidy from the federal government, and change in the structure of the National Farm Loan associations from the stock cooperatives to membership cooperatives, and a safe and workable mechanism for the adjustment of the excessive mortgage indebtedness. Mr. Wightman said that this change in the structure of the association would remove the present requirement of stock and place the requirement upon a membership fee or membership certificate basis, as is now used by many of the cooperatives, particularly such as the Rural Electrification associations.

Mr. Wightman stated that the association is endeavoring to secure additional information on these matters to be presented to the stockholders at their annual meeting in March.

County Represented First Time on Board

Through the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of Oregon Morrow county is being represented for the first time in the Child Welfare League of America, it was announced this week by Mrs. Myrtle C. Dalziel of Portland, state director of the society.

The B. G. A. society, which is represented in this county by E. Harvey Miller of Heppner, is the only agency in Oregon and one of a comparatively small number in the northwest qualifying for full membership in the league, which is an alliance of organizations caring for children in the U. S. and Canada. The society is noted for its medical program, efficient staff, and its discrimination in finding homes suited to the particular needs of the child.

Working with the cooperation of the state public welfare commission and the assistance of the Portland community chest, the society has a board of trustees and women's auxiliary with an honorary board member in every county; a state director, a case work supervisor, and a professional case work staff.

MOTHER PASSES AT FOSSIL

Funeral rites were held at Fossil, Friday, January 10, for Mrs. R. Van Horn, pioneer of the Fossil section and mother of Mrs. Charles Becket of Eight Mile, who died at her home in that place January 8. Mrs. Van Horn was a life-long member of the Baptist church. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Rama Sullivan, Mrs. Lela Misener and Mrs. Gladys Becket, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, Nancy and Judith Lee, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna, Jr., of this county. Attending services from here were Mr. and Mrs. Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Redding.

FIRST LAMBS ARRIVING

Beating the gun for lambing in the Heppner district are flocks at the John I. Hanna ranch where the young woolies are now arriving. A few weeks will find many woolmen engaged in this all-important operation.

Soil Conservation District Plan Starts At Farmers' Meet

Petitions to Organize Drawn; Camp Retention Affected

Definite steps have been taken the past week for organizing a soil conservation district in Morrow county, including roughly that part of the county lying south of Lexington and north of the national forest.

A group of 12 local farmers met January 11 and drew up a petition for circulation asking the state Soil Conservation committee to consider the organizing of a district in this area and if after finding that the organization of a district feasible that it be submitted to the people of the area for a vote, announces C. D. Conrad, county agent.

Twenty-five signatures on the petition are necessary before it will be submitted to the state committee and 111 signatures were obtained on the petition before it was sent to the committee.

Under the state conservation law, 50 percent of the landowners in the area, owning at least 70 percent of the land, must vote in favor of the district before it is established.

Recent information from Washington, D. C., is to the effect that a district will have to be organized if the present CCC camp is to be retained in Heppner. The organization of a district, however, is no guarantee that the camp will be retained but will help very materially as the future services of the Soil Conservation service have been promised to established soil conservation districts.

The group of farmers which met to draw up the petition highly appreciate the work that has been done by the Soil Conservation service in the Heppner area in the past six years but also appreciate the fact that there is an unlimited amount of work still to be done in the area.

Scholarships Aid Increased for Oregon

Twenty-five Oregon boys who were given \$100 freshman scholarships at Oregon State college by Sears-Roebuck and company, were given an additional incentive for continued high quality work at a banquet given by the company at which they were guests. C. A. Vandeneysde, manager of the company's Salem store, announced that the member of the group who makes the best record this year will receive an additional \$200 scholarship to apply during the sophomore year.

At the end of that year the whole group will again be judged with the most outstanding boy being picked to compete with similar winners from other colleges in a national contest for three scholarships of \$500, \$300 and \$200. It was announced that the company is now financing freshman scholarships of \$100 per man in 38 states, and that 2500 rural boys needing financial assistance to go to college have been aided since 1936.

Clair F. Young Passes CPA Rating

Clair F. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young of Ione, recently received notice from the state board of accountancy that he was successful in passing the CPA examination given in Portland in November last.

This qualifies Mr. Young to practice as a certified public accountant in the state of Oregon. At present he is employed as accountant by the Western Oregon Packing corporation at Corvallis.

Defense School Set To Begin Monday

A special school will start Monday evening at the high school agricultural shop for men between the ages of 17 and 25 for instruction in courses valuable in national defense work, announces Alden Blankenship, superintendent.

The school will run for 12 weeks with classes running from Monday through Friday evening each week, from 7 to 10 p. m.

Equipment and supplies other than those needed for permanent repairs to articles belonging to the individual will be furnished and no charge for instruction will be made. Supplies needed for permanent repairs will be paid for by the individual.

Material to be covered in the course will include operation, care and repair of tractors, trucks and automobiles. Two instructors, W. G. McMurtry and Robert Grabill, both local practical mechanics will be in charge of instruction under supervision of the state department of vocational education and the local school administration. All expenses are paid by the national defense training funds.

All young men 17 to 25 years of age who are not enrolled in high school are eligible to enroll and full particulars may be had by calling at the superintendent's office.

Mustangs Get Wish In Hermiston Defeat

Heppner's Mustangs completed their job of taking revenge on the Hermiston Bulldogs by winning the second basketball game 28-27 in the Hermiston court Tuesday evening. When the Mustangs lost two football games to the Bulldogs last fall (first defeat in football for six years) they resolved to win both basketball games. Tuesday night's game saw them make the resolution good. The game was close throughout. Hermiston held the upper hand at half time with the score 17-12. The score was still in their favor, 20-18, at the beginning of the last quarter. In the fourth quarter Heppner outscored their opponents, 10-7, to squeeze out the win.

The game was victory number 7 for the Mustangs. They have lost but one game this season. The second team played good ball to win 13-7 from Hermiston's B squad.

Heppner 28	Hermiston 27
Blakely 0	Holloman 16
Skuzeski 6	Smith 4
Snow 2	Hamm 2
Crawford 4	Wilcox 4
Pinckney 9	Feller 1
Barratt 3	Miller 0
Evans 3	
Scrivner 1	

LEAVES FOR SERVICE

Gene Doherty, son of Mrs. Catherine Doherty of this city, left Monday evening for Portland to report for duty as a voluntary enrollee in the army to fill one of the two draft call places for Morrow county in January. Under provisions of the conscription act he is called up for one year of training. Harley Wright, another enlistee who was to have reported with Doherty to complete the county's quota for the month, was prevented from doing so by an appendicitis attack for which he was taken to Pendleton this week for treatment.

Francis Healy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Healy, was selected to take the place of Wright and went with Doherty on the train Monday evening.

JOINS ARMY SERVICE

Lt. Maurice Shepard, second in command at Camp Heppner, left this week for Camp Knox, Ga., in response to call to regular army service. Mrs. Shepard is at Salem acting as secretary to Rep. E. Harvey Miller. The Shepards made many friends in their short stay in Heppner whose best wishes go with them to their new fields.

City Investigating PUD Possibilities For Juice Supply

Encroachment on Present Facilities Said Cause to Act

Heppner's city dads are making a study of the public utilities district program to be in a position to act, should present encroachment of public power districts into the domain of private distribution reach a point where the city's welfare would be jeopardized. This was the statement of Mayor J. O. Turner before the Monday's Lions luncheon, supported by Councilman L. D. Tibbles.

Both speakers said their eyes were opened recently when they attended a meeting of city officers of the district called at Arlington for the purpose of explaining the "PUD" program.

It was revealed at this meeting that much territory now served by the company serving Heppner is being organized into public utility districts, and that enlargement of this program to a very great degree would so curtail the scope of this company's operation that it might be hard for it to compete with the rate schedules of adjoining territory, thus leaving Heppner in a very unfavorable situation, said Turner. He said that the private company is cognizant of the situation and that it might not even wish to attempt to carry on such a curtailed operation.

Turner cited from a recent address of Paul V. Raver, Bonneville administrator, delivered before the Eastern Oregon Wheat league meeting at Pendleton, that six of the ten projected power units at Bonneville have already been equipped for service and the other four are likely to soon be equipped under recommendations now before congress. The output of electricity from Bonneville has been allotted fifty-fifty to private consumers and public utility districts, and Turner quoted Raver as saying that the portion allotted to private concerns has already been subscribed while the public districts are lagging. If this situation exists at the end of 1942, the unsubscribed public district portion will be sold to the private concerns. This, Turner believed, might make it difficult for Heppner to get Bonneville power, should it delay too long. He said the Bonneville administrator reported that Bonneville had contracted to furnish one aluminum concern at Vancouver, Wn., a total of \$3,000,000 worth of electrical energy a year.

In face of the story told by the public district advocates, the city dads are determined to learn all possible so that the city's interests may be protected, Turner emphasized.

He gave it as the purpose of the Arlington meeting to establish a commission from the city officers, which commission would later circulate a petition to obtain signatures of five percent of the voters, required to call an election to vote upon the proposition of establishing a district. After, and if, the district were voted another election would be held to vote the necessary bonds to supply the capital for acquiring the distribution system, which bonds would be in the nature of revenue certificates to be paid from earnings of the district.

The proposed commission was not formed at the recent Arlington meeting, but another meeting was expected to be called shortly to go into the matter further, Turner said.

Lowell Ashbaugh received two cracked ribs when the Dean Gilman car in which he was returning from the Hermiston basketball game turned turtle on a curve leaving the city. Other occupants of the car were uninjured.