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Earl Snell to Deliver Safety Plaque to City Wednesday

School Gym Chosen for Morning Event; New Building Slated

Heppner will be rewarded for its good safety record in 1940—making the greatest improvement in its traffic record for 1940—next Wednesday when Earl Snell, secretary of state, will visit the city and present in person a plaque offered as prize for such record.

Plans arranged at Monday evening's council meeting, call for a special meeting at the school gym-auditorium next Wednesday morning at 11:15 o'clock, the hour being chosen to suit Mr. Snell's schedule, as he plans to be in Bend the evening of the same day to make a similar presentation.

The award of the plaque, and also a certificate to be hung in the council chamber, comes to Heppner in recognition of its having made the greatest improvement in its traffic fatality record in 1940 of any city in the state with population between 1000 and 2000.

Pupils of the school will be dismissed from regular class work for the special meeting with Mr. Snell, and people of the community generally are invited and urged by Mayor J. O. Turner to attend.

Four building permits were issued at Monday's council meeting. Three of the permits started a new building project on Main street for which ground was broken the first of the week. Issued to F. W. Turner, Burl Coxen and J. O. Peterson, they will permit erection of a one-story building to occupy the entire space between the Masonic building and the postoffice, ground for which was broken this week. The fourth permit went to Roy Thomas for construction of a duplex house on his property at the south end of Chase street, similar to the building now in place on Mr. Thomas' property.

The council unanimously agreed that the committee on streets and public property should proceed to re-finish the council chambers and water office, work on which is expected to be started in the near future.

Two permits for keeping livestock within the city limits were disallowed, as the council deemed issuance against the best interests of the public.

Discussion of the state law making 25 miles an hour the maximum within limits of incorporated cities was discussed, and it was the consensus of opinion of the mayor and council that this limit shall be strictly enforced in Heppner.

Order of the council went forth to the enforcement officers to crack down on speeders, and new signs at the limits of the city were authorized with the wording, "Remember 25 Miles."

District FFA Meet Coming Here Mar. 28

Heppner chapter FFA will be host on March 28 to the central Oregon convention of chapters, including representatives from each chapter in the district, announces William S. Bennett, local Smith-Hughes instructor. The meeting will be featured by contest in shop work, public speaking and parliamentary procedure as an elimination event for state-wide contests to be held later.

The local chapter took in \$48.50 from its carnival last Friday night, and Mr. Bennett extends his sincere appreciation to merchants who gave merchandise for the event. The annual FFA fathers-sons banquet is scheduled for next Thursday evening.

Rooms with or without board, 510 N. Main St. Phone 2F3.

Infantile Paralysis Drive Take \$460

The recent infantile paralysis drive in Morrow county brought in a total of \$460.78, reports Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county chairman. Expenses totaled \$64.42. Fifty percent of the net proceeds remain in the county to carry on the work of battling inroads of the disease.

Brearing down the proceeds, Dr. McMurdo reported sources as follows: Elks lodge, \$25 cash and use of hall for president's birthday ball; Bert Mason, Ione dance, \$50; Elmer Griffith, Morgan dance, \$33; Harry Duvall, ticket sale at Lexington, \$25; Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry, \$9 in tickets sold; Walter Luckman, Lena, \$3.82; Ione Union Sunday school, \$3.50; Mrs. Owen Leathers, Hardman dance, \$10.50; Liberty school by Kenneth Green, 5th grade, \$1.00; Past Matrons club, \$1; Methodist Missionary, \$1; Episcopal auxiliary, \$1; Officers club of Eastern Star, \$1; the Boy Scouts did wonderful work in selling the little badges under the direction of Martin B. Clark, scoutmaster, bringing in \$30.45; the cake sale by Bob Runnion, auctioneer, during the dance brought \$34.50—\$10 was the highest priced cake and \$1.50 was the lowest bid, with Harold Cohn the highest bidder, capturing the cake made by Mrs. Cohn.

Dr. McMurdo wishes to thank all the ladies and the men who so willingly helped in every way they could to make the drive such a success. Mrs. Del Ward was chairman of the women's activities and did her work faithfully.

Expenses included orchestra \$35, express, stamps, stationery and badges \$25.42; printing, \$4, for a total of \$64.42.

(Included also in receipts was \$15.55 from Mrs. Clive Huston, who handled the ticket sale in Eightmile.)

Heppner Lumber Co. Buys Reith Plant

Purchase of the sawmill at Reith, formerly known as the N. E. Wray mill, has been announced by the owners of Heppner Lumber company. The new company will be known as the Reith Lumber company, and Orville Smith, Heppner, and Leonard Kraft, Bridal Veil, who are active in the management of the Heppner company, will manage the Reith operation.

Repairing and remodeling of the new mill will be started immediately and it is expected that it will be ready for operation by April 1. The mill capacity is 35,000 feet per shift. W. W. Saultz, formerly of the Pan Handle Lumber company of Ione, Wash., will be the logging superintendent.

EXAMINER HERE 13TH

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs from the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state, will be in Heppner, Thursday, March 13, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the city hall. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner at that time.

Wool and Lambs Move at Highest Prices in Years

Top of 35c Paid for Clip; New Crop Pays 8½ to 9½ Cents

Improvement of the wool and lamb market to the highest point in several years was noted in Morrow county this week as nearly 75 percent of the new lamb crop went into hands of buyers, largely for fall delivery, and a considerable quantity of the still unshorn wool was taken on contract.

Report of sale this week of the Cleve Van Schoiack yearling wool at 35 cents a pound, and ewe wool at 33 cents brought the record high sale of recent weeks. A number of sales have been made around 30 cents.

About 75 per cent of the county's white faced lambs have been contracted for fall delivery at prices ranging from 8½ to 9½ for mixed offerings, it is reported on good authority, with 9½ cents being the high price so far received here.

Loan Association To Meet Here 14th

The Hardman National Farm Loan association will hold its annual meeting of stockholders in the Odd-fellows hall in Heppner on Friday, March 14, 1941, commencing at 10 a. m.

All Federal Land bank borrowers are invited to attend and hear a discussion of the proposed legislation now before congress for making permanent the present low interest rates and to remove the present stock requirement from the loans.

Notices of the meeting have been sent to the 133 association members located in Morrow county, who will elect two directors and hear reports of the past year's business. Directors whose terms expire are John Wightman and Chas. B. Cox. The other directors of the association are Ralph Benge, Frank Wilkinson and Henry Baker.

A free dinner will be served at the hall at noon to all attending.

Women Bowlers Win From Walla Walla

The pick of Heppner's women bowlers took two matches from two teams of Walla Walla women bowlers on the local alleys last Sunday afternoon. Excitement reigned in the third round when Heppner pulled out from behind a 139 point lead.

A return match will be played at Walla Walla next Sunday, with two women's teams going to the Washington city from here.

ELKS DISPLAY CONTEST POSTER



A composite picture of Uncle Sam being presented to President Roosevelt by Elk officials. Standing (l. to r.) are Judge James T. Hallinan of N. Y., U. S. Senator Robert F. Wagner, N. Y., Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph G. Buch of N. J., James R. Nicholson, Chairman Elks National Defense Commission and Maj. Charles S. Hart of N. Y.

Americanism Theme Elks' Essay Contest

Exalted Ruler Kenneth M. Akers of Heppner 358 lodge of Elks announced today that the local Defense committee consisting of C. J. D. Bauman, chairman; Gene Ferguson, Ralph Beamer and Loyal Parker, in cooperation with local school authorities, is distributing the poster cards and rules governing the patriotic essay contest of the order, in which Heppner lodge is participating. This patriotic essay contest is unique in that it calls for an analysis of the painting of Uncle Sam in addition to writing a 300 to 500 word essay on "What Uncle Sam Means to Me."

The painting is a composite picture of Uncle Sam by the well-known artist C. C. Beall. It was recently presented to President Roosevelt by members of the commission and will be used by the war department as a national defense poster. At a distance of ten feet, it is a remarkable portrait of Uncle Sam; held up close it becomes a group of individual people and things which go to make up the important elements in our national defense.

The committee has chosen a jury of three, consisting of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mr. Ned Gleason and Mr. Erret Hummel who will select the three best essays at the end of the contest which closes on March 31.

Students can obtain the rules of the contest from their school principals and from members of the Elks National Defense committee or from Secretary Loyal Parker at the Elks home in Heppner. Local merchants are also displaying the Uncle Sam poster in their windows. The rules of the contest are printed on the back of these poster cards.

National awards of \$1000, \$500 and \$250 are being made to winners in the contest.

SOCIETY CHIT-CHAT

By JUNE SMITH

Of interest to many bridge players in Heppner is the announcement that the Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary will sponsor a lecture series here by Sam Gordon, the "Kibitzer" of the Oregonian. He is scheduled to present his three lesson series of lectures at the Lucas Place the 20th, 21st and 22nd of this month.

The Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary will hold its regular meeting at the Lucas Place Friday, beginning with a luncheon at 1:15 p. m. Mrs. B. C. Pinkney, president, promises an interesting meeting and program.

Members of the Morrow County chapter of the Woolgrowers auxiliary have been invited to a no-host luncheon Saturday at 12:30 at the Pendleton hotel in Pendleton, sponsored by the Umatilla County chapter. Mrs. A. S. Boyd, Oregon State president, of Baker, will be the honor guest.

The Eastern Star Social club met Saturday afternoon at the Masonic hall. Mrs. A. D. McMurdo and Mrs. W. H. Cleveland were hostesses for the affair, which was a dessert bridge. Mrs. Garnet Barratt won high score for the afternoon's play, with Mrs. George Evans receiving consolation. Mrs. C. W. McNamer received the door prize.

Mrs. Gene Ferguson will entertain the "What's Trumps" club at her home this evening.

Mrs. Glen Jones is hostess to the T & C club at her home at a dessert bridge this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall left Tuesday evening for Portland, returning Wednesday.

Kemp Dick, Thomas Gonty and Howard Wray left Monday for California. They expect to be gone for several weeks.

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Chamber Pushes Move for Munitions Plant in County

Impetus Given to Work Toward Keeping Timber Benefits

Continued work toward obtaining establishment of one of the new government ordnance plants in the north end of Morrow county was determined at the regular meeting of the chamber of commerce Tuesday evening, and a renewed effort toward keeping the benefits of Morrow county timber within the county was also made.

Though correspondence from Rep. Walter M. Pierce to Hanson Hughes, committee member, disclosed that a site in this county would not meet all requirements for any one of three proposed ordnance plants, it was considered that a site in the north end of Morrow county would come as close to meeting the requirements as any site that might be found, and the committee was instructed to proceed with preparation of a brief setting forth the qualifications of the local site.

Selection of a site in this county, probably in the vicinity of Boardman, would compensate the county in part for the loss of taxable property which will be lost in establishment of the bombing field, a desired aim according to recommendations of the county land use committee's report at the recent farm economic conference, said C. D. Conrad, county agent.

It was pointed out in discussing the site for an ordnance plant, that a site near Boardman would provide plenty of level land at a reasonable price, plenty of water—the whole Columbia river—an abundance of electrical energy with completion of the high power line that will carry both Bonneville and Grand Coulee juice, and unexcelled transportation facilities, with a major highway and two railroads tapping the district, besides the availability of barge transportation on the river.

Chamber members also renewed determination to bring every force to bear upon officials in the national capital to have timber within the forest reserve area, which is ripe and ready for cutting, sawed by mills established within the county.

Such action would give the mill now located at Heppner, as well as those located in the timbered area, an opportunity to plan operation over a considerable period of years whereas dependence upon privately owned timber which has already gone largely into the hands of mill men, would mean a very curtailed operation. Orville Smith, manager of Heppner Lumber company, told the chamber group that his company had already purchased another mill outside the county largely as a safety valve to protect the company's interests when their timber in the Heppner watershed runs out. The availability to local mills of the millions of feet of federally controlled timber in the Heppner watershed, much of which is ripe and ready for cutting, would mean a perpetual sawmill payroll within the county, it was believed.

Tentative plans were announced for a joint meeting of the chamber and Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary on Tuesday, March 18, depending upon availability of Mac Hoke of Pendleton, president of Oregon Woolgrowers association, who has been invited to address the meeting. Full announcement of the event is expected to be ready by next week.

President B. C. Pinkney named chairmen of some committees Tuesday evening, as follows: Airport, Orville Smith; road and highways, P. W. Mahoney; agriculture, Chas. B. Cox; public relations, L. E. Bisbee, and publicity, J. V. Crawford.