

City's Safety Award Presented; More Good Work Urged

Stan Church, State Director, Gives Certificate to Mayor

Stan Church director of traffic safety for Oregon, complimented Heppner for its good record in 1940 and urged continued work on the part of all her citizens in keeping this good record in tact when he spoke before a public meeting at the school gym-auditorium yesterday morning. The immediate purpose of the meeting was the presentation of a certificate from the secretary of state, Earl Snell, signifying Heppner's having made the best record of any city in Oregon between 1000 and 2000 population for traffic safety in 1940. The certificate was received by Mayor J. O. Turner.

Mr. Church spoke in lieu of Mr. Snell who was detained in Salem on legislative business. Two plaques to be posted at city entrances, also signifying the award will arrive soon, Mr. Church said.

Declaring that Oregon faces a new order in automobile traffic, because of the rapid increase in number—almost 100,000 since 1935—Church said that everyone must have the proper groundwork before he starts to drive an automobile, and he urged upon the young people present, those who will soon become drivers, to consider their full responsibility in this regard.

No one would attempt to drive a car blindfolded for 33 feet, he declared. Yet a driver who takes his eyes off the road for a second while going 40 miles an hour does just that. And he pointed out how an automobile, a great vehicle for pleasure, can become a death instrument if not properly controlled. Two cars approaching each other, each travelling 60 miles an hour, will pass each other in 30 seconds from the time they are one mile apart. Each of the cars is travelling at the rate of 88 feet a second. If a car travelling 60 miles an hour hits a solid object the impact is the same as if the same automobile were driven full speed from the top of a ten story building.

Children with bicycles were asked how many had red reflectors on the rear of their vehicles. Many did not. The red reflectors are not only required by state law, as well as a headlight, but they are a fine safety measure, Church said.

He emphasized the state traffic safety department's campaign urging pedestrians to wear contrasting colors after night. "White after night," is the motto. If nothing else, a white handkerchief wrapped about an arm may warn an automobile driver of the person's presence and help to prevent an accident.

The death toll from traffic accidents numbers 2000 since 1935, and injured persons in the same interval number 40,000, Church said.

FIRE ALARMS GIVEN

A burning tar barrel at the Homer Tucker home Monday afternoon and a small blaze in the wash room at the Halton apartments early Tuesday morning caused two fire alarms to be sounded this week. Quick action of the fire department in both instances kept damage to a minimum.

WOOL BROADCAST SLATED

Senator Clark of Idaho will talk on wool and national defense, Saturday, March 15, at noon, E. S. T., announces Mrs. Ralph I. Thompson, president National Woolgrowers association, who urges everyone to listen in. Senator Clark will tell how wool is indispensable to properly clothing the army and navy.

"Welcome, Danger" Is Junior Offering

Friday, March 21, the junior class of Heppner high school is presenting the annual class play at the high school gym, starting at 8 o'clock. "Welcome, Danger" is the vehicle, a comedy-drama that has been popularly received, with cast as follows: Timothy, the nervous millionaire, Tom Starkey; Miss Stewart, his pretty nurse, Betty Rood; Battler, the dumb bodyguard, Kay Ferguson; Mrs. Crock, housekeeper of Timothy's, Lucile Barlow; Doc, old school mate of Timothy's, Dick Ferguson; Varerie, Timothy's fiancée, Mildred Clary; Mrs. Edgewater, Valerie's talkative mother, Peg Tamblin; Florine, Mrs Edgewater's maid, Helen Healy; Jack Travis, an actor, Bob Pinckney; Lorna Russell, an actress, Wanda Howell; Machine-Gun Mac, an escaped convict, John Lane.

The action takes place in the living room of Timothy's "Hilltop Lodge." Timothy is suffering from an extreme case of nerves and fears that everyone around him is after his money. During the play Timothy becomes involved in many fantastic adventures.

The prices are 15 cents, 25 cents and 35 cents.

'Kibitzer' to Give Lectures on Bridge

Sam Gordon, the Kibitzer, will be here to deliver a three-day contract bridge lesson series on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 20-21-22 at Lucas Place.

He is being sponsored by the Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary, members of which are conducting the advance sale of tickets. The subjects to be covered each afternoon and night of the same day will be the same. In this manner, the holder of a series ticket receives the complete course by attending either the night or the afternoon sessions, with privilege of review by attending both.

Mr. Gordon is the contract bridge pioneer of the northwest as lecturer, newspaper columnist, radio and class teacher. He is author of the Horse Sense method, a simplified and easy-to-learn treatment of the game.

The Dalles, Athena Lions to Make Visit

Heppner Lions will be host Monday evening, March 24, to large delegations of Lions from The Dalles and Athena, it was decided at the Monday luncheon. The Dalles Lions will come after the traveling trophy that Heppner recently took from the Athena club, and the Athena Lions will make a good will gesture.

Hugh Crawford addressed Monday's luncheon on the subject of "A High School Student's Views of National Defense," and Mrs. Tom Wilson played two violin solos, accompanied at the piano by Miss Marjorie Parker.

AAA DEADLINE 31ST

The deadline for making application for soil conservation payments for 1940 under the AAA program is March 31, announces the local AAA office. Applications are complete so far as the office has knowledge, but in case there may be people entitled to payment who have not made application, they are notified that payment cannot be made unless application is made before the deadline date.

LOSE TO WALLA WALLA

Two teams of Heppner's leading lady bowlers journeyed to Walla Walla Sunday and suffered defeat by a narrow margin in their matches with two teams from that place. In spite of the defeat Mrs. Agnes Curran of the locals was high individual scorer for the day.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE SET

The Catholic Altar society is sponsoring their annual St. Patrick's ball at the Elks hall next Saturday evening, the 15th. Men About Town will play.

New Conservation District Hearing Set For Tuesday

Feasibility, Boundaries to be Talked; Attendance Urged

The feasibility of a soil conservation district, where definite boundaries of the proposed district shall be located in Morrow county, and the purposes of such a district will be the topics of discussion at a hearing to be held in the Morrow county courthouse at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, March 18.

All farmers living south of Lexington who are interested in erosion control and soil conservation, according to C. D. Conrad, county agent, should attend this meeting.

A petition, signed by 111 land owners in this part of the county, was submitted to the State Soil Conservation committee in January asking the committee to hold this meeting. If it is determined the district is considered feasible definite boundaries will be located and the state committee will set the date on which the referendum will be held.

According to the state law, 50 pct. of the landowners within the area owning at least 70 percent of the land must vote for the proposed district in order for it to be established. Failure to vote constitutes a "no" vote, and it is therefore important that everyone become informed and vote in the referendum if he desires establishment of the district.

Legion Auxiliary to Register for Defense

Plans for registration of all members of the American Legion auxiliary for emergency voluntary service are being completed by Heppner unit of the auxiliary, Mrs. Anna Bayless, unit president, has announced.

The registration will be conducted on March 15, the anniversary of the founding of the American Legion, and will be part of a nation-wide program which will give the support of the auxiliary's half-million women to the Legion's emergency service endeavors. Registration will be purely voluntary, as will be any service performed by the women who register.

When registering, the auxiliary women will fill out questionnaires similar to those on which the men of the Legion registered for volunteer service on February 22. They will indicate whether they can serve at home, away from home, for an indefinite period or for a limited amount of time, and will indicate the type of service for which each is qualified.

Amateur Hour To be Presented

An amateur hour will be presented at the school auditorium April 4 at 8 p. m. by the Heppner Nadomis Camp Fire Girls.

First and second prizes of \$2.50 and \$1.25 will be awarded in four divisions: singing, dancing, musical numbers, and varieties. There will be a quiz program between the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls while the ballots are being counted.

This amateur hour will be carried on similarly to the one that the B. P. W. sponsored two years ago. Anyone who thinks he has talent is invited to obtain an entry blank from Mrs. Edwin Dick, Jr. Registrations will be accepted until April 2. The contest is open to anyone. Winners will be decided by the audience's vote. Proceeds will be used for summer camp.

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

Mac Hoke to Speak At Joint Meeting

Mac Hoke, president of Oregon Woolgrowers association, will be the guest speaker of a joint dinner meeting of the chamber of commerce and Morrow County Woolgrowers auxiliary to be held at the Episcopal parish house next Tuesday evening at 6:30. Plates will be 50 cents and members of each organization are invited to bring wives, husbands or escorts.

Mr. Hoke is a leading authority on tax problems, and has been head of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation for several years, besides being a past president of Eastern Oregon Wheat league. He has before made popular appearances before Morrow county audiences, and the organizations deem it a privilege to sponsor his appearance here again.

P. P. & L. to Pay Taxes Of \$3,977 This Week

Pacific Power & Light company's \$3,977.69 real and personal property taxes, due in Morrow county this year, will be paid this week, said Ray P. Kinne, local agent for the company at Heppner.

Property taxes paid by the company here are the equivalent of one-third of the total property tax levied by the city of Heppner last year.

Pacific Power & Light company's tax payments take more than 15 percent of the company's revenue from the sale of electricity, or the equivalent of nearly two months' total business each year, said Kinne.

SOCIETY CHIT-CHAT

By JUNE SMITH

A sure sign of spring is the annual spring vacation which brings the college students back to Heppner for a week's stay. Among those who will be arriving home this week end are Jack Merrill, Betty Happold, Bill Barratt, Clarabel Adams, Paul Doolittle, Dick Wilkinson, from Oregon State at Corvallis; Shirley Wilson, Paul and Frances McCarty, Don Jones and Bob Scrivner from Eugene. Sybil Howell is expected from Portland where she is attending business school, and Carolyn Vaughn from that city is coming to visit her here.

Miss Joan Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orian Wright of Heppner, was married to Richard Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Zimmerman of Portland, last Sunday afternoon at All Saints Episcopal church of Heppner. The Ven. Eric O. Robathan of Pendleton performed the single ring service. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was dressed in a navy blue ensemble with a corsage of roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Rita Robinson, dressed in navy blue, with a gardenia and rosebud corsage. Clayton Wright, the bride's brother, was best man and ushers were Howard Gilliam and Raymond Parrish. Miss Mary Emma Curran played the wedding march and Miss Margaret Tamblin sang, "Oh Promise Me."

A reception following the ceremony was held at the home of Mrs. Neva LeTrace, grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. Robert Lowe, the bride's aunt. Mrs. Joseph Devine and Mrs. George Evans poured, at a bride's table beautifully decorated with a wedding cake and pastel candles.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis LeTrace and family of Kinzua, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bullock, Mrs. Ellen Mendenhall and Leslie Babb of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Devine and granddaughter, Maxine, of Lexington, and Betty Donohue of Hood River.

The bride is a graduate of Heppner high school and Northwestern Business college in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman will make their home in Portland.

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Possession Order For Bombing Field To Issue Tomorrow

All Landholders in District Served With Official Notice

The U. S. government has applied for a taking order on land in the north end of Morrow county to be used as a bombing field, according to official notice received this week by the Morrow county court and private landholders within the district.

The application will be heard in United States district court in Portland tomorrow, and no objection will be offered by the county or landholders.

This order will not affect settlement of the price at which the land will be taken, said P. W. Mahoney, district attorney, who thought that the offered price would probably be opposed by both the county and individual owners.

Morrow county has 23,000 acres in the proposed field for which a price of \$1.42 an acre has been offered.

Largest individual owner is Hynd Bros. company who have 2700 acres.

Among the private owners reported to have received notice this week are Hynd Bros. company, Pat Carty, E. P. Doherty, Neil Doherty and Johan Troedson.

No public release has yet been made as to how soon development of the site will be made or just what the nature of the development will be. Landholders have been notified that the area will be closed to their use, however, and it was the word of Col. Gates, who supervised the original survey, that all public roads crossing the district would be closed, which will probably mean closing of the Lone-Boardman market road.

New Building Rising For Three Firms

Three Heppner business firms will be housed in new quarters shortly after the first of the month as work got into full sway this week on the new structures between the Masonic building and postoffice on Main street. J. O. Peterson, jewelry, F. W. Turner & Co., insurance, and Burl Coxen, barber shop, are the builders.

The one-story buildings, partitioned by a six-inch tile wall, are approximately 20 feet wide by 30 feet deep. N. D. Bailey is carpenter in charge, assisted by S. D. Spiesz and Joe Gilless, tile layers, and Lester Doolittle. Each of the buildings will be finished with a modern front, adding to the attractiveness of the business district.

Three Morrow Men To Report March 17

Francis Byron Nickerson, Heppner; Stanley Albert Way, Lexington, and James Arthur Stevens, Hardman, are the three Morrow county men selected for service in the U. S. army for March.

They shall report to the local board at Heppner at 4 p. m., March 17, whereupon they shall be sent to an induction station of the United States army at Portland.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the fire department and the neighbors for their prompt response.

JOHN HALTON.

If weather stays nice, will be in Heppner Monday for spring orders. Call Lucas' for appointments. Mrs. H. R. Miller, Spencer corsetiere.

Ernest Christopherson was transacting business in town Tuesday from his large wheat farming operations west of Ione.