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The Dalles, Athena Lions Visit; McNeill Informs With Talk

District Governor Visits; The Dalles Takes Home Trophy

Twenty-two Lions from The Dalles and 14 from Athena invaded the den of the local club Monday evening, and The Dalles men took home with them the handsome bronze cowboy travelling trophy started by the Pendleton club two years ago, that Heppner took from Athena recently. The dinner meeting was held in the basement of the Methodist church, with ladies of the church serving a sumptuous repast.

District Governor for 36-O, Oregon, Norval Martin, headed The Dalles delegation, and made good report of the progress being made by clubs generally over the state. He also emphasized the good program being arranged for the district convention to be held in Baker in July.

Clifford Conrad, president of the local club was master of ceremonies, and he first introduced B. B. Richards Athena club president, and Bob Brown, acting president of The Dalles group, each of whom made appropriate response. Tailtwisters Beeler of Athena and Van Dusen of The Dalles assisted throughout the evening in keeping all Lions in order.

Russell McNeill obliged with two vocal solos, accompanied by Miss Marjorie Parker, and a trio from Athena also sang, while Mr. McNeill gave the principal address of the evening.

Responding to introductions were Paul Menegat, former local teacher now of The Dalles; Joe D. Thomason, editor of The Dalles Optimist, and Jas. M. Burgess, superintendent of Mac Hi, high school of Milton-Freewater.

Mr. McNeill described graphically and lucidly how the economics of war are at work in the United States. Commercial banks now hold 51 per cent of the bonds that have been issued by the United States, he said. For several years the government has been spending more than it has been taking in, making necessary the large borrowing program that has been carried on, and which will be emphasized more with additional large appropriations under the national defense program.

The government has but three ways of financing its activities, Mr. McNeill declared: Taxation, borrowing and inflation.

The taxation and borrowing methods, he averred, are well known to all, and more taxes and more bonds, the evidence of borrowing, may be momentarily expected. Failure of these sources to provide all necessary funds will eventually lead to inflation, the process of printing money identical to that in circulation in more or less large amounts to increase the currency supply and thus increase prices.

The speaker pointed out the evils of inflation which government experts are now attempting to avoid. He emphasized the necessity of stopping the wanton waste of life and property now in process through the war in Europe which has helped to cause the increased government spending in America. And he offered the challenge to Lions International to lead the way in seeking a solution for the war problem and to assist in reestablishing a world in which all peoples may live together in peace and prosper.

IS 97TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. Sarah Parker, mother of F. S. Parker, is celebrating her 97th birthday at the home of her son just below town today. Though suffering some from infirmities of age, Mrs. Parker still takes a keen interest in things about her, and hopes to live to be a hundred.

Chamber Committees Named for Year

Committees for the new chamber of commerce year were released this morning by B. C. Pinckney, president. Those named to carry on the various chamber activities, with the chairman of each committee named first are:

Trade relations: L. E. Bisbee, Hanson Hughes, Henry Aiken, J. J. Wightman.

Publicity: J. V. Crawford, Leta Humphreys, W. C. Rosewall, Vera Happold.

Agriculture: Chas. B. Cox, C. D. Conrad, W. V. Parker, Cornett Green, John Anglin.

Civic Improvement: D. A. Wilson, Ralph Beamer, Howard Bryant, Rev. Francis McCormick, Lucy Rodgers, Effie Andrews.

Roads and Highways: P. W. Mahoney, H. D. McCurdy, E. O. Ferguson, Ralph Jackson, Orville Smith. Membership: F. W. Turner, L. E. Dick, Eddie Kenny.

Mercants' Co-Ordination: George Howard, J. O. Peterson, Sadie Sigbee, Conley Lanham.

National Defense: C. J. D. Bauman, J. B. Coxen, A. D. McMurdo, Don Jones, C. W. Barlow.

Saturday Matinee: W. C. Rosewall, Frank Bowers, L. L. Matlock, E. R. Huston.

Rodeo Planning: J. Logie Richardson, H. T. O'Donnell, J. A. Sharp, D. M. Ward, W. J. Bucknum, Boyd Redding, L. L. Gilliam.

Convention: E. H. Miller, George Peck, M. D. Clark, Edward Chinn, B. C. Pinckney, D. M. Ward, Morrow Co. Grain Growers, H. Green, Clyde Bellows, also all members of agriculture committee.

P. P. & L. Man Attends Chemurgic Council

Seeking new uses for wheat and straw, H. W. Derry, manager of Pacific Power & Light company's new industries department, this week is attending the seventh annual conference of the National Farm Chemurgic Council in Chicago, according to R. P. Kinne, local agent for the company.

The farm chemurgy movement is devoted to disposal of surplus agricultural products by increasing their use in industry through applied science and by finding profitable new crops to replace present surplus types.

Derry is particularly interested in developments which have been made in industrial uses for wheat, including production of various alcohols and other industrial materials, and in cellulose and straw board production from present waste straw.

Among possible new crops for the Pacific Northwest which the new industries seeker is investigating to balance production of present surplus items are those which produce essential oils, drying oils, aromatics, drugs and plastics.

At the conclusion of the chemurgic conference, Derry will go to Washington, D. C., and New York in connection with the Pacific company's new industries program.

Two Enter Not Guilty Pleas Before Judge

Ralph Joseph Brumfield and Chester Hendrix both entered not guilty pleas when given opportunity to appear before Judge C. L. Sweet in circuit court here yesterday.

Brumfield had previously waived grand jury investigation and permitted a direct information to be filed by the district attorney, at which time he accepted the two days given in which to plea. He is charged with larceny.

Hendrix was apprehended at Roseburg last week end on a charge of larceny entered here some time ago, and was brought to Heppner Monday night by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman.

Trial of the two men has been placed on the docket for the first day of the coming June session of circuit court.

9 Towns To Compete In Sectional FFA Meet Here Mar. 28

Speech Eliminations Lead to State Contest Participation

Representatives from nine FFA chapters in the Upper Columbia basin will meet at Heppner Friday, March 28, to compete in shop, speech and parliamentary procedure contests, announces William S. Bennett, local chapter adviser.

Shop contests will start at 9 o'clock in the morning and will include demonstrations in soldering, forging, electricity, rope, leather splicing, judging potatoes, wheat and poultry. This session will be over at 12:05.

The parliamentary procedure contest among all schools will start at 1:30 in the afternoon and will last about three hours. The winner will go to Corvallis in April to compete for the state title.

At 7:30 in the evening at the gymnasium the public speaking contest will be held. Five speeches have so far been received. Winner of this event will go to Portland in about two weeks to compete for the state title.

James Kenny has been selected as the local speech representative, speaking on "Problems in Farm Tenure in the U. S."

At the evening session also prize ribbons will be awarded to winners of contests held earlier in the day.

Schools sending representatives are Redmond, Dufur, The Dalles, Condon, Arlington, Boardman, Pendleton, Helix and Heppner.

All sessions will be free to the public and everyone is invited to attend any or all of them. Mr. Bennett especially urges a large turnout of people for the evening speaking contest, which will assist the boys in doing their best work. Too, said Mr. Bennett, all attending are assured of some mighty fine speeches as competition has been keen for the speech championship each previous year of the contest.

4-H LEADERS CONFER

Four-H leaders from Morrow county were in LaGrande Friday and Saturday to attend a two-day conference as guests of Eastern Oregon College of Education. C. D. Conrad and Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county supervisors of boys and girls work, respectively, were in charge of two cars. In the group of leaders were Mrs. A. Majeske, Mrs. Leonard Carlson, Jean Majeske, Don Peck, Francis Skobo, Dagmar Skobo, Ella Edge, Mrs. Maud Kobow, Miss Frances Hanby and Roy Campbell. The guests were housed at college dormitories, and training in demonstration work was emphasized. Men's classes were held at the Union experiment station where judging of livestock was given.

MOTHER PASSES AT BAKER

Mrs. Mary (Perry) Robathal, mother of Mrs. Earl E. Gilliam, died at her home in Baker yesterday, according to word received last evening by Mrs. Gilliam. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam left immediately for Baker. Mrs. Robathal, formerly Mrs. George Perry, was a former Heppner resident and a pioneer of the Lone Rock section. Time of funeral service had not been announced.

CARS IN ACCIDENT

William Greener's pick-up and a light touring car driven by La Verne Hams were damaged Saturday evening when the machines collided on the Hardman road. There were no injuries.

POPULAR BOOK HERE

The Heppner Public library has the new "must read" book on Communism, "Out of the Night," by Jan Valtin.

Amateur Hour Signing Date Finale April 2

Registrations for the amateur hour contest, set for Friday, April 14, at the gym-auditorium, will be accepted until April 2. Anyone who wishes may participate in one of the four divisions in which first and second cash prizes are being offered. The four divisions include vocal, instrumental, dancing and variety numbers.

An additional award will be made to the number receiving the largest number of votes.

Winners will be determined by an audience ballot. Purchase of a ticket to the contest entitles the purchaser to a ballot.

Tickets are now being sold by the Camp Fire Girls, Nokomis group, who are sponsoring the program for the purpose of raising funds to finance their summer camp.

Teams have been selected for the quiz between the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls. Ted Ferguson, Raymond French, Darrell Glasgow and Sam Sato will be asked to represent the scouts in the competition for the \$4 prize to be given to the winning team. Loma Mae Jones, Marylou Ferguson, Jean Turner and Vada Gammell will be asked to participate on behalf of the challengers, the Camp Fire Girls.

Questions on a variety of subjects are being prepared by the teachers. The prize will be awarded on a point basis. The quiz will be held while the ballots are being counted for the amateur hour contest.

The girls again wish to stress the fact that talent from out of town is invited to participate in the competition. Registration blanks may be obtained from Humphreys Drug store or Mrs. Edwin Dick, Jr., Camp Fire guardian; entants may also leave registrations there.

Everyone is urged to attend the program. The audience will get its money's worth in entertainment of a varied nature, will participate in the contest by selecting the prize-winners, and will be contributing to a worthy cause.

Home Ec Girls Make Trip to La Grande

On March 22 the home economics girls of Heppner high school attended the district homemaking day held at La Grande high school. The theme of the day was, "What is Expected of High School Girls Have Studied Homemaking."

A nicely planned program was given. Some of the highlight were: A girls' chorus from the high school directed by Andrew Loney, a string quartette playing chamber music, discussion groups with a panel discussion held afterwards in the assembly, and group singing. Speakers included J. W. King, principal of the high school; Dr. Roben Maaske, Eastern Oregon College of Education; Miss Bertha Kohlhaugen, director of vocational home economics, and Mrs. Palmer, a housewife of La Grande.

While there the girls were initiated into the National Home Economics club by the La Grande chapter. The girls received flowers and the club was given a lovely scrap book.

At lunch different schools gave toasts. Dorothea Wilson gave a toast entitled "Eating Lunch" for the Heppner school.

Those attending were Patty O'Harra, Rita Robinson, Lucile Renoe, Dorothea Wilson, Eunice Osmin, Eunice Hiatt, Sue Davidson, Louise Green, Loma Jones, Helen Fortner, Helen Knowles, Connie Instone, Josephine Smart, and adviser Jean McElhinny.

CLAUDE HASTINGS SELECTED

Claude Gilbert Hastings of Hardman has been selected by the Morrow County Selective Service board to report for military service at the local office at 4 p. m. on April 1, whereupon he will be sent to an induction station of the United States army at Portland.

\$93,000 In Contracts Awarded Roads In Morrow County

Wasco-Heppner, O-W Highways Receive State Grants

Contracts totalling \$92,542.50 were awarded by the state highway commission in Salem yesterday for improvement of two roads in Morrow county.

M. L. O'Neil and Son, Stanfield contractors, were successful bidders for improvement of the Zinter ranch-Gilliam county line sector of the Wasco-Heppner secondary, at \$49,-869.50. This contract calls for grading and topping a stretch of 6.92 miles and constructing two untreated timber bridges.

The second contract, on the Jones Hill-Lena sector of the Oregon-Washington highway went to R. O. Dall and Warren Brothers of Portland, at \$42,673. This contract calls for 16 miles of grading and 9.2 miles surfacing and oiling.

Both these projects were set up to be put through this year at a meeting of the commission some time ago, and it is expected that actual work will start in the immediate future.

In addition to the contracts just let, additional work has already been set up on the Parker ranch-Eight Mile sector of the Wasco-Heppner secondary for construction this year that will bring the total of state money to be expended on these roads in coming months to between \$175,000 and \$200,000.

Babler Brothers, Oregon City contractors, hold the contract on the latter sector which will complete oiled surfacing of the same heavy type that exists from Heppner to the Parker ranch on to Ruggs at Rhea creek and provide a dust coat of oil on from that point to the end of the present macadam beyond the Eight Mile postoffice.

National Week to Sponsor Music Set

Rose Leibbrand has accepted the chairmanship of National Music week for Morrow county at the request of Mrs. Walter Denton, state president at Salem. The observance will take place May 4-11, inclusive, throughout the entire nation.

An important feature of this year's activities is the emphasis placed on inter-American music, including North and South America and Canada. President Roosevelt has given his hearty approval to the plans of the National Music week committee to carry out the western hemisphere music programs.

Your local chairman, Miss Leibbrand, would appreciate having programs of musical events given during National Music week, sent to her. Observance of the week in the schools is under another committee in the state.

But please send in programs given by churches, choirs, music clubs, P. T. A. groups, American Legion or American Legion auxiliary, service clubs, or musical numbers appearing on other public entertainments.

59 Pct. Current Tax Paid at Quarter's End

With closing of the first period for collection of taxes, collections had reached 59 1-3 percent of the current roll, the sheriff's office reported Tuesday. Prepayment of the year's tax in full to take advantage of the 2 percent discount accounted for the large percentage, it was said.

Largest single amount was \$63,-974.48 paid by Union Pacific for the full year's tax, and other utility company payments, including \$3,-977.69 by Pacific Power and Light company played a large part in swelling the early collection figure.