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Wheeler County Agent Chosen to Succeed Conrad

A. C. Ebert Has Been at Fossil Past Eight Years

A. C. Ebert, for eight years agent in Wheeler county, was this week chosen to succeed C. D. Conrad as Morrow county agricultural agent according to announcement by Charles Smith of Corvallis who was here Wednesday conferring with the county court over the vacancy created by Conrad's resignation. Ebert will take over August 1. He will spend a few days here with Conrad next week familiarizing himself with the office and field.

The new agent is thoroughly familiar with conditions in this section, having been reared at Echo. He attended Oregon State college, graduating from the school of agriculture. He is married and has one child.

The outgoing agent is busy winding up reports of his office and the numerous activities in which he was engaged. His leaving will necessitate appointment of a new county salvage chairman, a duty which may be wished onto Mr. Ebert if he is susceptible to such jobs. Conrad also has been one of the most active workers in the Grain Products, Inc., serving as secretary-treasurer of the organization. Faith in the ultimate realization of the company's plans caused him to hesitate about accepting the Baker agency.

The matter of living quarters for Mr. Ebert and his family had not been settled up to press time. In view of the numerous changes taking place in town it is more than likely that he will have to buy a home. In this connection it may be stated that Don Strait, Heppner Smith-Hughes agriculture teacher, has purchased the Conrad residence and is this week offering his present property for sale.

One-Time Resident Dies in Portland

Mrs. Nellie Anderson returned Friday evening from Portland where she spent several weeks with her father, Charles Sorber, in his last illness. Mr. Sorber passed away July 2 and was buried the afternoon of July 3 at Vancouver. He was a native of Pennsylvania, where he was born 87 years ago, and came west in 1888, living in eastern Oregon and Portland most of the time.

Mr. Sorber was a carpenter and built many homes in Ione and the schoolhouse at Morgan.

Surviving are his wife, six daughters, six grandchildren and one great grandchild, Mrs. Anderson's granddaughter.

WOUNDED MAN ENJOYING GOOD CARE AND FOOD

Life on a hospital ship provides more comforts than a foxhole, according to S. Sgt. John McRoberts, son of Harvey McRoberts of Heppner, who was one of the casualties Biak Island campaign. McRoberts suffered flesh wounds in the right hip and hand from a Jap machine gun.

He is enjoying the good care, food and other comforts of the ship despite the discomfort of his wounds. "Sure beats foxhole and sea rations," he writes.

ON VACATION

Miss Edna Hughes and Miss Charlotte Cannon left Sunday afternoon for the seashore to take their vacations. They accompanied County Clerk C. W. Barlow as far as Portland. Another passenger in the Barlow car was Mary Mollahan who went to Portland to remain a few weeks.

Morrow Third County to Over-Subscribe 5th E Bond Quota

County Provides Ample Funds for Hospital Program

People of Morrow county have a way of expressing their appreciation for the manner in which affairs of the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital council are conducted. Evidence of this is seen in the generous subscriptions made to the 1945 fund which was recently completed and results of which have been compiled by the Morrow county chairman, Mrs. Ralph Thompson.

A grand total of \$2,389.87 has been made available to the committee to carry on the good work so capably organized and executed the past year. Mrs. Thompson has submitted her report by districts as follows:

Cecil	50.00
Cecil Friendly Club	10.00
Ione and vicinity	751.50
Ione Past Noble Grand club	5.00
Lexington and vicinity	393.50
Sand Hollow	40.00
Butter and Hinton Creeks	118.50
Rhea Creek and Eightmile	377.00
Balm Fork-Upper Willow	111.50
Heppner	532.87
TOTAL	2,389.87

It is interesting to note that last year the committee felt if \$250 were in the drive for funds that would be doing well. At the end of the fiscal year the report showed a total of \$1,872.51 had been received, of which all but 193.55 had been spent on camp and hospital work. This year volunteer solicitors went out and boosted the receipts as mentioned above.

"We are truly grateful to the people of Morrow county for their generous response. This shows that the work done by the council is approved of and that the people realize this is the only way the situation can be handled. We are deeply appreciative of the splendid work done by the solicitors, fully realizing that without their help it would not have been possible to raise this sum which will enable our organization to carry on its program of bringing comfort and cheer to our hospitalized veterans," Mrs. Thompson stated Tuesday.

More Residences Sold During Week

Residence buying continues rather brisk in Heppner, with three deals closed this week. Gus Williamson sold his residence property on the corner of Willow and Chase streets to Harvey Harshman. The property has been occupied for several years by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Furlong. The Furlongs recently rented another house and Williamson decided to relieve himself of one worry by selling. He owns the adjacent residence which he plans to keep, expecting to return here at some future day to make his home.

I. C. Bennett, burned out of house and home two weeks ago, yesterday closed a deal for the residence property of Marius Nash. This place adjoins the former Bennett home.

Nash immediately made a deal for the former Martin Reed property in North Heppner adjoining the Ad Moore residence. This place was bought a few weeks ago by Mrs. Dick Steers who did not occupy it.

IN PORTLAND

Mrs. Anna Bayless and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson drove to Portland Monday to see Mrs. Bayless's sister Mrs. Frank Turner, who is a patient at St. Vincent's hospital. They returned Wednesday.

Total All Sales Exceeds Quota by More Than \$38,000

Morrow county has gone over the top in the Fifth War Loan campaign, exceeding the \$356,000 quota by \$38,412.50, according to figures submitted by the war finance committee this week. Not only has the quota been surpassed but Morrow is the third in the state reporting over-subscribing the E bond quota. The quota was \$167,000 and our people have purchased a total of \$167,500 worth of the series to date.

Corporation purchases turned in the last few days of the campaign boosted the total over the top, once more placing the county in the win column. These purchases amounted to \$89,328 and were placed by the following concerns:

Morrow county, \$10,000; Pacific Power & Light company, \$6,000; J. C. Penny company, \$2,000; Standard Oil company, \$8,000; Tum-A-Lum Lumber company, \$1,000; Union Oil company 700; Pendleton Production Credit association, \$2,500; Federal Land Bank, \$11,000; Shell Oil company, \$8,000; Union State Bond committee, \$14,628, and Pacific Railroad company, \$9,500; other purchases \$16,000. (Names of other purchasers not reported by the state committee.)

The figure of \$167,500 reported by the state committee as Morrow county's E bond purchases was the figure given on an earlier tabulation. Latest figures show purchases amounting to \$189,862.50 or \$22,992.50 over the top. Individual sales including E bonds amounted to \$305,084.50 which with the \$89,328 in corporation sales makes a grand total of \$394,412.50.

Some disappointment is felt in the fact that only 625 purchasers bought E bonds in the fifth drive compared with 1118 in the fourth campaign. It is pointed out that the school children played a big role in selling E bonds in the fourth drive and there was no personal solicitation this time.

Donald Robinson Wounded in Battle

Cpl Donald Robinson of Hardman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson, was seriously injured June 13 in France, according to information received this week. The war department telegraphed Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Donald's injuries and the date it happened but gave no detailed information. However the message did state that a letter would follow.

Early this week a letter came from Donald who is a paratrooper and holds the rank of corporal, and he gave more specific information. He received shrapnel wounds in his left leg and foot which he states were not too serious, but apparently enough to put him out of action for some time. He stated he feels fortunate that he's alive after the places he's been since the invasion started.

DOC IN NEW ROLE

For years Dr. A. D. McMurdo has been helping other folks to become grandparents with never a thought that it might happen to him some time. Sunday the stork turned the tables on him and now he and Mrs. McMurdo are grampaw and grammaw. The wily old bird delivered a gentle little bundle of femininity at the home of Lt. and Mrs. Charles E. McMurdo in Lynchville, Va. The father was unable to be present, due to training activities at Yale where he is taking a special course.

The little miss has been named Margaret Hager McMurdo.

Governor Will Not Call Legislators In Special Session

Governor Snell will not call the legislature into special session to consider a change in the election laws. This decision was reached in a meeting Monday called by Secretary of State Farrell when county clerks and printers from the several counties gave assurance that full cooperation will be given in preparing and printing the ballots for the November election in time to distribute absentee ballots to service people and obtain their return for counting along with the civilian ballots.

It had been proposed to call the legislature in special session and pass an amendment to the certification law extending the period from 45 days to 60 days. Before arranging to call the legislators together, Mr. Snell and Mr. Farrell decided to find out if it were possible to obtain the desired results without changing the law at this time and they found the clerks and printers ready to cooperate to the fullest extent.

Absentee ballots are not much of a problem to the lighter populated counties but mean much extra work to clerks' offices in the larger counties. Plans for handling the extra work were discussed at the meeting and each county group will operate as in the past.

The meeting wound up with a luncheon in the capitol cafe.

Attending from Morrow county were County Clerk C. W. Barlow and O. G. Crawford of the Gazette Times.

L. W. Briggs and Conrads Honored

Members of the Methodist church gathered in the dining room of the church after the morning services Sunday to do honor to some of their flock for different reasons. One reason was the 85th birthday anniversary of L. W. Briggs, the other as an expression of good will to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Conrad who will leave Heppner in a few days to take up residence at Baker where Conrad has accepted the post of county agent.

Mr. Briggs is one of the town's oldest residents and perhaps is one of the oldest members of the church. He first came to Heppner in 1872. His parents were moving to eastern Oregon, but his father didn't like it here very well and went on to Umatilla county and settled on Weston mountain. Ten years later L. W. Briggs returned to Heppner to make his home and has lived here continuously. In 1923 he was elected county treasurer, succeeding T. J. Humphreys, and is now serving his sixth term. It is doubtful if there is another county treasurer in the state who can boast of 85 birthdays.

On Tuesday noon, Mr. Briggs was honored by his fellow workers at the court house with a luncheon at which time he was presented with a gift.

DRIVING TO PORTLAND

W. O. Dix will spend the weekend in Portland with his family and all will return to Heppner in a few days. Mrs. Dix and Jo Jean have been in the city for some time.

DEPUTY CLERK FOR A DAY

Mrs. Fred Hoskins Jr. was in charge of the clerk's office at the court house Monday in the absence of County Clerk C. W. Barlow who was on a business mission to Salem.

Shortage of Fuel Oil Is Certainty, OPA Warns Users

War Necessity to Curtail Supplies For Civilian Use

A definite fuel oil shortage within the next few months is the prospect facing users of the commodity who are advised by the Office of Price Administration to do something about it if they want to avoid heating difficulties next winter. According to officials of the OPA this is no scare talk but a warning that must be regarded or there may be intense suffering before the winter is over.

Conditions arising from the summer campaign in Europe are direct factors in the announced scarcity. Whether the European conflict ceases by January or February or not, war needs will drain production resources and civilian supplies will be cut. Should the war in Europe come to a close around the first of the year it is said that heavy withdrawals of fuel oil will be made in order to fuel the Atlantic fleet for transfer to the Pacific zone.

The OPA advises that people depending upon this type of fuel not delay in using up their surplus coupons from last year as well as going into first period coupons of the new issue and buy all the oil they can store on their premises. The word sent out is to do this prior to August 30 as after that date there may be curtailments which will cut many users short of their allotments.

Misunderstandings frequently occur over the issuance of gasoline coupons to farmers, local officials state. Coupons are issued on a basis of 60 percent of the amount asked for. When the 60 percent is nearly used up, the farmer may get in touch with the local office by telephone or by writing and explain his situation and the rationing board will forward the other coupons for the remaining 40 percent. This is being done, it is explained, to save the farmer extra trips to town, especially during the harvest period, and the board is asking that all affected by the ruling make an effort to comply so that valuable farm time may be conserved.

Heppner's History Traced by Mayor

Heppner's history from 1869 when George W. Stansbury bought the claim of a man by the name of Estes and lived in a crude cabin on property later known as the T. W. Ayers place, corner May and Chase streets, up to the present was traced by Mayor J. O. Turner who was forum of the chamber of commerce the guest speaker at the luncheon Monday. The place was originally known as Stansbury's Flats. There was a spring about where the First National bank building now stands. It was about 1871 before any semblance of a town began to appear and it was then that J. L. Morrow and Henry Heppner set up the first mercantile establishment here, Heppner giving his name to the town and later, when the county was formed, Morrow was honored by it bearing his name.

MUSIC ON HAND

Perhaps members of the Heppner Women's chorus will be interested to know that several different copies of new music are available and will be looked over next Monday evening, weather permitting.

VISITORS AT LEXINGTON

Sgt. James Peck and wife arrived this week from Wichita Falls, Tex., to spend part of his furlough visiting at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Burton H. Peck.