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K. A. House Named Head of Chamber Of Commerce

Directors Chosen At Annual Election Held Monday Noon

Kenneth A. House, local manager of the Pacific Power and Light company, Wednesday evening was elected president of the Heppner chamber of commerce for the ensuing year. Election was held by the board of directors in a meeting at the First National Bank. Directors were chosen Monday at the luncheon meeting of the chamber. The directors choose the officers at the first regular meeting following the general election.

Assisting House in conduct of the club's affairs throughout the year will be Frank W. Turner, first vice president; Lee Howell, second vice president; La Verne Van Marter, secretary, and Marie Barlow, treasurer.

Directors re-elected at Monday's meeting were K. A. House and O. G. Crawford. New directors are F. W. Turner, Orville Smith and Harry Van Horn. Directors are elected for two years, there being five holdovers from the 1944 election.

The directors requested the secretary to write a letter of appreciation to Blaine Elliott for the splendid work he did while a member of the chamber of commerce. During the past year Elliott was chairman of the merchants committee.

Discussion of ways and means to get the ball rolling for an airport occupied a considerable portion of the time Wednesday evening. The committee, headed by Orville Smith, has made some contacts with officials and individuals interested in flying and Smith reported there is much favorable sentiment.

Housing and other matters of civic interest were discussed but no definite action was taken pending appointment of committees by President House.

MOVING

Blaine Elliott is in town for a few days helping Mrs. Elliott get their household goods ready for shipment to Freewater. Mrs. Elliott spent the week-end at Freewater aiding in the search for living quarters returning here with him Tuesday evening. They plan to have their furniture ready for shipment on a truck coming from Freewater with the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. John Saager, which is expected in a few days. Elliott continued his work on shorter store hours when he got to Freewater and as a result of his efforts that town will work on the same hour basis as Heppner.

ARM BURNED

Paul Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanders of Heppner, suffered a burn on one arm and loss of all his possessions except one shirt, pants, shoes, watch, lighter and cap, when the boat in which he was riding on a landing expedition was shot out from under him. Paul says he was in the water about an hour, sustained by a life jacket, before another craft picked him up. His letter was written in pencil, which led his father to suspect something was wrong before he opened the envelope, as he had always used pen or typewriter.

ENROUTE HOME

Ensign Don Bennett is on his way home for a visit after graduating from Harvard Jan. 8. He has a short leave to spend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bennett, before reporting for an assignment.

Mrs. Lester Doolittle writes that her son Paul has been transferred to New York where he is awaiting orders for service overseas.

Kay Ferguson Dies In Action as Nazis Push Westward

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson received the sad news Thursday night of last week that their son, Tech. 5th Grade Raymond Kay Ferguson, had been killed in action on Dec. 21 on the Allied front in Germany. It was an official army communique containing only the barest facts. Kay had only recently transferred from a transport division to a glider unit, having been in England up to about Dec. 1.

Raymond Kay Ferguson was born Nov. 5, 1924 in Heppner, being 20 years, one month and 16 days at the time of his passing. He attended the local schools graduating from Heppner high school with the class of 1942. That fall he entered the University of Oregon and after one term there decided he should get into the service of his country. He volunteered for army duty in March 1943 and was sent overseas in 1944.

Kay's passing not only leaves an aching void in the family circle, but is felt as a personal loss to all who knew him. He was affable, loyal and a true patriot.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, a sister, Marylou, and several aunts and uncles here and at other points in Oregon and the west.

Polio Board Holds Business Meeting

A business meeting was held Saturday by the Morrow county infantile paralysis committee at which time bills incurred in connection with the recent illness of the late Muestte Rowe were paid.

An itemized list of the accounts included the following: Dr. L. D. Tibbles, \$12.50; St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, \$33.60; Dr. Wilnot C. Foster, \$10; ambulance \$10; City Isolation hospital, \$25, and Addis G. Olson, R. N., \$10.50, for a total of \$101.60. A financial report showed all bills paid and a balance of \$721.11 in the treasury.

Harry Duvall is president of the association board which includes D. M. Ward, vice president; Josephine Mahoney, secretary; B. C. Pinckney, treasurer, and Bert Mason, Elmer Griffith and Henry Baker, directors.

EOCE THANKS HEPPNER P-TA FOR \$50 GIFT

A thank you note from the Eastern Oregon College of Education was read to the membership of the Heppner Parent-Teacher association at the regular meeting Wednesday evening. The local group recently donated \$50 to an education fund maintained at the college.

A scholarship committee headed by Mrs. Marie Clary and including Harvey Miller, Leonard Pate, Mrs. O. E. Ferguson and Mrs. Burl Coxen, will elect a student from Heppner high school to attend a college and work for a teacher certificate.

The third grade will get another half holiday for having the most parents present at the meeting.

Miss Hoosier's girls' chorus sang several numbers; Mrs. Alfred Van Winkle spoke on war food conservation and preservation program to be set up in the county for the next six months; Mrs. Marie Clary spoke on visual education in the school curriculum; Mrs. Edna Turner showed the type of films used for primary grades; Don Strait showed a film on farm bulletins which is used for the agricultural classes, and Miss Hoosier, assisted by pupils from the sixth grade, demonstrated how education from the films is secured by the child. Refreshments were under the supervision of Mrs. Neva Matteson and Mrs. Cornett Green.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Willard Blake returned the last of the week from Murco, Calif., where she spent several weeks with her soldier husband.

Ione High School Gains Recognition From Sam Hayes

School to Be Cited On Breakfast News For Bond Sales

Every radio in Morrow county should be tuned to the Sperry Breakfast News at 7:45 Monday morning, Jan. 15. There will be something of interest to all for Sam Hayes is going to give recognition to the student body of Ione high school for the student body bond drive, an activity which has become a regular feature of the school.

Alton Yarnell, president of the student body, wrote Mr. Hayes of the school's accomplishment and received the following reply from Hayes:

Dear Mr. Yarnell:

I am happy to be able to tell you that our judges have selected your school for citation on our BREAKFAST NEWS program for outstanding work on the home battlefield. This citation will be made on Monday, Jan. 15 at 7:45 a. m.

I would be very pleased if you would tell all those who helped turn in this outstanding job about the broadcast so they may be listening in.

Besides this, I am sending you, under separate cover, a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Governors of four Western States which will represent a lasting memo of the work you have done.

I wish to extend my personal congratulations to you and your school for the wonderful work you are doing in the war effort.

Sincerely yours,
SAM HAYES
Breakfast News

Donald Swaggart Dies in Car Crash

Donald Swaggart, one of two Weston boys killed in a car accident south of Walla Walla Saturday evening, was a grandson of Mrs. B. F. Swaggart, pioneer of the Lexington section. He was the son of Grover Swaggart and Mrs. Dottie Swaggart. The father lives in the Willamette valley and the mother, with whom Donald made his home, at Weston.

Donald was driving the car when the accident happened. There was a heavy shower of rain and as the boys headed out of Walla Walla, after a ball game, they crashed into a switch engine on a little used track. Donald was killed outright, a second boy died in a hospital shortly after, while the third boy, badly injured, was given some hope of surviving.

The car belonged to Emery Gentry, former Heppner man operating a garage at Weston. Donald was a nephew of Mrs. Gentry.

SPENT 35 MONTHS IN SOUTH PACIFIC ZONE

One soldier happy to be back on native soil is Harry Normoyle, who arrived at the Lee Beckner ranch Monday to spend a 30-day furlough. Happy is hardly the word when a chap has been across the big pond for 35 months, but the word will have to suffice in lieu of something more emphatic. And way down under—in Australia—waits Mrs. Harry Normoyle for an opportunity to cross the Pacific and set foot on American soil for the first time. Harry is one of the American boys who found his life partner in Australia. He was in Heppner Tuesday with his aunt, Mrs. Beckner.

DRIVE TO WALLA WALLA

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall drove to Walla Walla Monday evening on a brief business mission.

Emergency War Food Assistant Assigned To Morrow County

For the first half of 1945, Morrow county will have an emergency war food assistant from the state college extension staff to help with the county extension program for women and 4-H club members. Mrs. Cecelia Van Winkle is in charge of the work and has her headquarters in the office of County Agent Arnold Ebert.

A program planning meeting was held Jan. 9, when the communities of Lena, Ione, Eight Mile, Rhea Creek, Boardman, Willow Creek and Heppner were represented. Miss Frances Clinton, assistant state home demonstration leader, conducted the meeting. The follow projects were selected for Morrow county; Let's Have Fewer Colds; Food for Health; Meat Cookery of Pork and Lamb; Newer Methods of Vegetable Cookery, and Short Cuts in Food Preparation. These demonstrations will be given by Mrs. Van Winkle in the communities that request them. Bulletins on home economics subjects are available through her office.

Mrs. Van Winkle, the former Cecelia Nordstrom, taught home economics two years ago in the Heppner schools. She came here from Hillsboro where she worked since the first of May, 1944. Her home is at Birkenfeld, Clatsop county.

Mrs. Ben Cox Victim Of Heart Attack

Funeral services for Mrs. Ben Cox, whose death came suddenly Sunday, Jan. 7, at the family residence on upper Hinton creek, will be held at 2 o'clock Friday from the Heppner Church of Christ, the pastor, O. Wendell Herbison, officiating, with Phelps Funeral home in charge.

Mrs. Cox had suffered for a number of years with a heart ailment which developed an acute state resulting in the stroke which ended her life. She had been active most of the time in looking after household duties and chores about the place. She was an expert gardener and spent much time working in the outdoors. Last summer she added 4-H club work to her list of activities, aiding a group of youngsters with their garden and canning projects.

Mrs. Cox was born June 29, 1894 at Hillsboro, to Mr. and Mrs. John Pomroy. The family moved to Blalocks when she was a child and later to Lexington where in July 1914 she was married to Clare Patton. To this union two children were born, Lorna, now Mrs. Dick Borman, and Howard C. Patton, in the army air corps. On June 29, 1926 she was married to Ben Cox of Heppner. Two children were born to this union, Calvin and Rachel Marlene.

Besides those already mentioned and her husband, are two grandchildren, Linda Arlene Borman and Robert Howard Patton, and three brothers, Elmer Pomeroy, Kelso, Wash., Owen Helms, Pendleton, and Hobart Helms, Vancouver, Wash. A sister, Mrs. Alex Hunt, died recently.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the Christian church at Lexington.

HAS MUMPS

Forrie Burkenbine is one of the latest victims of the mumps. He is staying with his grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Burkenbine, while his mother is with the father, Reece Burkenbine. Mrs. Burkenbine is expected home in a few days.

CHORUS MEMBERS TO WORK

Regular Monday evening rehearsals will be resumed next week. All members please be on hand at 7:15 p. m. There is much work to do and time is fleeting. Spring concert time will arrive all too quickly if attendance lags from here on.

Columbia River to Play Big Part in Northwest's Future

Power, Navigation, Irrigation Program Told to Farmers

Development of the Pacific northwest will run concurrently with the development of the Columbia river, Herb West, mayor of Walla Walla and for many years executive secretary of the Inland Waterways association, told a group of Farm Bureau folks at the Rhea Creek grange hall Monday evening.

West cited the work done by the association in re-establishing navigation on the river since completion of the Bonneville dam. It is his prediction that much more tonnage than is being hauled at present will be borne over the water route although a large percentage of the gasoline and oil used in the Inland Empire now comes that way from tidewater to the docks at Umatilla, Wallula and Pasco where it is transferred to trucks and distributed throughout the territory.

Power developed along the river and irrigation of large tracts will play a leading part in bringing new industries and investors and settlers to this area, West said.

Several other talks were made by members and visitors. Sam Hunter told of membership drives in other states which he learned about at the national convention in Chicago the past fall. Bob Howard and Lowell Steen of the Umatilla county bureau, C. L. Jamison, secretary of the Oregon Farm Bureau and Mrs. L. A. McClintock of Pendleton, director of women's work in the state bureau, all made contributions to the program with interesting and informative talks. Garnet Barratt spoke in appreciation of the farm bureau, recalling that he was a member of the first bureau in operation here a number of years ago.

Mrs. Elsie Beach accepted the job of supervising women's work in this county.

There was some discussion of power rates and the possibility of getting REA service in the rural areas.

Following the program the ladies served refreshments of sandwiches, doughnuts, maple bars and coffee.

Dr. Culbertson Passes At Michigan Home

Mrs. Volney Hare, the former Lucille McAtee has written the Gazette Times that her father, Dr. A. P. Culbertson, passed away at his home in Vickeryville, Mich., Dec. 23, 1944. He was 87 years of age and had not been in the best of health for some time.

Dr. Culbertson will be remembered by many people. He moved to Heppner from Michigan with the hope of benefitting his wife's health but she died here in 1913. He remained three years longer and practiced his profession and then returned to Michigan. On June 6, 1917 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Ella Fowler of Vickeryville who died Oct. 17, 1943.

He was a life member of Mt. Gil-ead lodge No. 285, A. F. & A. M. of Crystal, Mich., and a member of the Eastern Star, the Butternut Grange and other fraternal organizations.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Volney Hare of Vickeryville, and two grandsons, Arthur C. McAtee and William Austin McAtee, both serving in the United States Navy.