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Heppner Lodge to Sponsor Summer Camp for Youth

Elks Appropriate \$1,000 for Project In Blue Mountains

Announcement was made this week that Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E. has set aside \$1,000 for the development of a camp for youth organizations of this territory. Selection of a site will be made as soon as weather conditions permit and it is the hope of the sponsors that at least part of the development may be accomplished in time for use this summer. It has been suggested that a point along upper Willow creek will be chosen.

The announcement was made at the weekly luncheon of the chamber of commerce at which time Don Bennett and Lauren Corwin provided the program in talks on Boy Scout history and activities. Senior Patrol Leader Bennett told of the origination of the Boy Scout movement. General Baden Powell, in charge of British troops in South Africa, found too many of them softies and unfit for the type of service demanded of them. He devised a program of recreation and exercises designed to harden them which proved effective. Upon his return to England he evolved a plan to teach boys about life in the open. This movement spread to this and other countries and today the Boy Scouts of America total 1,754,000 members.

Lauren Corwin told about his visit to Camp Meriweather last summer. It is located back from the Oregon coast in a spot inaccessible to vehicles so that Scouts visiting the place must hike in and carry their own luggage, or most of it.

There was no discussion of the Elks plans for a youth camp further than the announcement made by P. W. Mahoney that the money had been appropriated and that the proposed camp will be at the disposal of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and any other youth organizations desiring to use it. The lodge will make appropriations from year to year as the funds may be needed. Other organizations may contribute to the fund as the Elks want it understood it is not an Elks park but distinctly a youth camp.

Rainfall Exceeds Inch First Half of Month

Signs that 1945 may be a wet year have been plentiful since Jan. 1. During the first month of the year a total of 1.63 inches of moisture fell over most of the county, and up to Feb. 15 the precipitation has exceeded one inch in the Heppner area. Showers of the past week brought .47 in one instance and .41 another time. Intermittent showers have increased the total in amounts from one to five points, bringing the total up to well over an inch to date.

One of the earliest thunder storms recorded in recent years hit parts of the county early last week. Eight Mile residents reported flashes of lightning and heavy peals of thunder accompanying a rainstorm which precipitated .53 of an inch of moisture over that area. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall reported a similar storm in their section.

VISITING FROM MID WEST

Mrs. Claude Snow and baby from Newport, Wash. are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hiatt. Mrs. Snow has but recently come from Hutchinson Kan. where she was visiting her husband. Claude Snow AMM 3c has gone to Florida for two months and will then be sent to the west coast.

News From Citizens Register The Boys at Protest Against The Front Timber Exchange

SGT. NICKERSON LEADING THE LIFE OF RILEY

SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES—S. Sgt. Francis B Nickerson, son of Mrs. Grace Nickerson of Heppner, Ore., has been awarded recently the Philippine Liberation ribbon.

The ribbon is given by the Commonwealth government of the Philippines to all troops actively participating in the campaign to free the islands.

S Sgt. Nickerson, member of a combat infantry unit, has served in the Hawaiian Islands and New Guinea. He has recently been accepted as an officer candidate and will attend school in Australia.

Mrs. Nickerson has received a letter from her son since he arrived in Australia. He states he was put in a Red Cross rest center and that he is living high—beds with springs, sheets, etc.; served at tables with linen cloths and real dishes; orders from menus and served by waitresses. Truly the life of Riley. He sings the praises of the Red Cross.

WEDDING BELLS RING FOR SOUTH SEAS VETERAN

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Leathers announce the marriage of their daughter, Jeanne, to S. Sgt. John H. McRoberts. The wedding took place Feb. 9 in Portland.

Sgt. McRoberts, son of Harve McRoberts of Heppner, spent part of his furlough here after spending about 33 months in the south Pacific area where he distinguished himself as a soldier. He is to report at Santa Barbara Feb. 19 for new assignment.

Beautiful Mortuary Building Converted Into Apartments

Workmen are completing alterations and installations in the Case building at the corner of Gale and Center streets transforming the former mortuary building into a modern four-unit apartment house. Most of the carpentry work has been completed and it is expected that plumbing and decorating jobs will be finished in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Case, owners of the building, will occupy a down stairs apartment when the building is ready for occupancy. They have occupied the upper floor for a number of years.

The building was completed and opened as a mortuary in 1930. Dedication exercises were held Oct. 19 of that year. Since that time a beautiful lawn has been developed, with nice shade trees and flowers lending an air of hominess.

Conversion of the mortuary building to an apartment house makes the third apartment property owned by Mr. Case in Heppner. The new house will provide three high class apartments for families demanding that type of residence as well as lending aid in meeting the housing shortage which has been more or less acute for many months.

Grange Schedules Home Ec Meeting

"Fewer Colds" will be the subject discussed by Mrs. Cecelia Van Winkle before the Rhea Creek 2:30 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the grange in a meeting scheduled for grange hall. The afternoon will be devoted to discussion and study of methods to prevent colds and there will be a social hour in the evening highlighted by a potluck supper followed by a round of games.

The grange issues an invitation to all grangers and friends to attend.

Would Halt Deal Between Timber Co. And Forest Service

Contending that Morrow county stands to lose its 25 percent participation in any future sales made by the U. S. Forest service of timber of the Umatilla forest within the county's boundaries, the Morrow county farm bureau at its February meeting appointed a specifications protesting against the proposal committee to draw up a proposed exchange of timber between the Wallowa Timber company and the forest service, as advertised the past few weeks in the Gazette Times.

The farm bureau's committee, Orville Cutsforth, Oscar Peterson, Henry Baker and George Peck, drew up resolutions which were presented to the county court and read as follows:

Report of the special committee appointed by the Morrow County Farm Bureau at its regular meeting at Ione Feb. 5, 1945 to investigate the timber exchange between Wallowa Timber company and the U. S. Government.

The committee met with the county court and after giving the matter due consideration it was decided to enter protest and objections to the timber exchange because it appears that Morrow county under the said exchange would lose its proportion of any future sales of timber in this area as provided by section 107-711 to 107-714 O. C. L. A. which would be a direct loss to the individual taxpayers of Morrow county. Present laws provide that 25 percent of the proceeds of the cash sales of timber from the Umatilla National forest be distributed to the counties in which said forest is located. The committee was advised by the county court that they had directed the district attorney to file a protest in behalf of the county court that they had directed the district attorney to file a protest in behalf of the county court. The county court farm bureau has retained Raley, Kilkenny and Raley to represent them.

Signed by the committee.

It is understood that similar action is being taken by other counties affected by the deal.

Ton of Clothing Sent to Russians

More than a ton of used clothing was shipped from Heppner Saturday evening to the Russian relief center in Portland. According to Mayor J. O. Turner, the response was most generous and the clothing came in without the necessity of a drive.

A total of 71 bundles made up the shipment which the mayor says comprised usable articles entirely.

Reports coming from other points indicate that vast quantities of clothing will be forwarded from this country to help the millions of Russians who have lost all personal belongings during the terrific fighting which has laid waste much of their land.

GOING FOR PHYSICAL

John H. Fuiten, sheriff pro tem since Clarence Bauman joined the navy, will go to Portland Monday to take his pre-induction physical examination. Fuiten has two or three brothers in the service and his entry will just about make it unanimous for the family. The brothers were inducted from Forest Grove, the family home.

SOME PEOPLE GET ALL THE BREAKS— OR DO THEY?

Some people get all the breaks. That's what a goodly number of other people think and just to prove that Heppner folks are normal humans a recent instance is cited.

A few weeks ago Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall got a special priority to erect a new residence. They had owned the lot several years and thus had grounds for asking for a priority under stress of necessity. In laingy out their grounds they employed the services of a power shovel and a bulldozer. Early this week the shovel and trucks of the Joelson rock crushing concern were employed in getting out dirt to fill in the lawn of the property. The shovel was set up in the south part of town where good soil was available. The shovel was set to work loading trucks. Bye and bye someone observed what was going on and inquired who was building. Upon learning it was the Rosewalls the party remarked, "Some people have all the luck. They just got a permit to build one house and now they are starting on a second one."

Wehmeyer Leaving U S Forest Service End of February

It has been recommended that as of Feb. 23, I be retired from the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

After serving 16 years as local representative of the Forest Service, I find it difficult to say an official 'good bye' to the many fine folks with whom I have lived and with whom I have worked as Ranger.

The people bordering the Heppner district have at all times given wholeheartedly of their friendship and their cooperation, making it a pleasure to have known them and a privilege to be considered a member of each individual community.

Undoubtedly the name of the District Ranger succeeding to the position will be announced soon by our Pendleton office. Who ever it is, he will be a fine chap, well qualified for the job and worthy of the same consideration so generously given by the public of this area in the past.

In a personal way, I would like to say good bye, good luck and best wishes to you, one and all.

FRED F. WEHMEYER
District Ranger

Umatilla Spoils Mustangs' Chance At Championship

In a rough, hard-fought game, Heppner high school's Mustang basketball team lost all chance for the league championship Tuesday night as Umatilla's towering Vikings overwhelmed the smaller but scrappy Heppner team on the local floor by an 18 to 10 score.

Umatilla took command early in the first quarter and never once was headed throughout. The first half was nip and tuck with Umatilla leading at half time 7 to 6. In the third quarter Umatilla's offense began functioning smoothly as they chalked up seven points while holding Heppner scoreless to increase their lead to 8 points. The final quarter was even in scoring with much whistle-tooting as the two teams fought for possession of the ball.

Failure to hit a single shot out line, coupled with Umatilla's tremendous height advantage that permitted them to dominate the backboards and jumps, were the key factors.

BUSINESS TRIP TO CITY

Mrs. C. W. McNamer returned Friday from Portland where she had gone on business.

National Housing Agency Approves 10-Unit Program

Family Dwellings Permissible Under H-2 Authorization

Heppner's request for 10 new family dwellings has been granted by the National Housing Agency. By telegram and letter, Mayor J. O. Turner has been informed that the agency has approved a war housing program for Heppner permitting the construction of ten family units by privately financed sources. This program has been set up under the H-2 authorization which permits a limited amount of new construction without reference to the occupation of the occupant or builder.

Information relative to the housing approval was submitted by James E. Maxwell, housing representative at Portland, who informed Mayor Turner that the maximum sales price for construction under this program has been fixed at \$6,000. The maximum rental has been fixed at \$50 per month. All builders in the Heppner locality who wish to build under this quota allotment are advised by Maxwell that they should file applications with the office of Folger Johnson, Director, Federal Housing Administration, Platt Building, Portland, Oregon.

Request for a housing unit originated with the Heppner Lumber company during the past year.

Cubs, Scouts, Dads Have Annual Dinner

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and dads to the number of 30 gathered in the basement of the Methodist church Monday evening to participate in the annual Scout-Dad dinner. This year's feed was a potluck affair and all of the mothers must have been of the same mind—that there would not be enough to go around.

This was the first year the Cubs have participated, it being less than a year since they were organized, but Father Francis McCormick has brought them quite a distance along the trail to scoutdom. The cub master, in his usual modest manner, attributed most of the success to the cooperation of the den mothers, but it is evident that he too has done his share.

Scoutmaster John Fuiten introduced the several scout patrols of the local Scout troop who gave the Scout oath and sang the Scout song. Fuiten announced he would soon sever his ties with the Scouts inasmuch as he will be joining the bigger movement to reestablish peace in the world. He asked for continued and greater cooperation.

ELDERLY MAN ILL

Frank L. Corwin suffered a stroke Tuesday evening while out doors at his home and was not found for several hours afterwards. Scheduled to attend the basketball game with his son's family that evening, Supt. Corwin went to investigate his father's absence and found him in the yard. The elderly man was thoroughly chilled and apparently paralyzed when found. According to reports today he is resting easy now and is no longer paralyzed. He is at the home of Supt. and Mrs. George Corwin.

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt left this morning to spend a few days visiting in The Dalles and Portland. She is visiting Mrs. W. S. Bennett in The Dalles and will visit her sister, Mrs. Lester Wheelhouse, in Portland before returning to her home in Heppner.