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Saturday to Mark Official Opening of Shrine Paper Drive

Boy Scouts Will Pick Up Bundles When Date Fixed

Saturday, July 21, will mark the opening date of the Shrine waste paper drive in Morrow county, announces Blaine E. Isom. Actual date for picking up bundles in Heppner and other towns of the county can not be announced inasmuch as an effort to fix a date to coincide with the drive at Hermiston was unavailing up to press time. It is planned to ship the local salvage with the Umatilla consignment and Isom stated he would advise the date in time to permit the people here to get their bundles ready.

Proceeds from the forthcoming drive will be turned over to the Shrine hospital in Portland. It is the expectation of those in charge that results will be highly satisfactory, giving the hospital a generous financial lift as well as gathering in much needed waste paper for use in the war effort.

Efforts of the drive will be directed largely to getting in bundles of newspapers and magazines. Paper cartons are not being called for at this time due to lack of cargo space. Papers and magazines should be piled evenly and tied tightly. The less bulge there is to the bundles the less space they will take. Tying should be sufficiently secured to permit handling of the packages without loosening them. When the bundles are ready, place them in a convenient spot for the Boy Scouts to pick up.

Farmers have been bringing in bundles for several days, storing them in the exhibit building at the fair grounds. To those unfamiliar with the location, be reminded that the fair grounds are located on North Main street in Heppner and not at the Rodeo grounds.

Power Company Announces Lower Rate Schedule

Customer savings totaling \$1,000,000 a year will result from new and sharply reduced electric rate schedules filed by Pacific Power & Light company with the Washington department of public utilities and the Oregon public utilities commissioner, it was announced here Wednesday by K. A. House, P. P. & L local manager.

Biggest slash in the company's 35-year history, the rate cut is slated to go into effect on Aug. 22, subject to final review and approval by the state regulatory authorities.

It will be the fifth system-wide reduction made by PP&L since 1936, and will bring savings from these cuts up to a total of more than \$2,100,000 annually. In addition, a temporary rate reduction in the form of two "rate dividends" totaling approximately \$600,000 was paid to the company's customers last year.

Residential and rural customers year under the new rates, or an will save an estimated \$440,000 a average about 14 percent. Savings to most users in these classes here will run about 15 and 20 percent.

Commercial and industrial users will save an estimated \$570,000 annually, or an average of about 15 percent. Commercial rates here will be cut close to 30 percent for many users.

In addition to slashing its rates the company is moving toward fewer and simpler rate schedules.

The new residential rate here will offer savings of between \$6.00 to \$15.00 a year for monthly usages ranging from 50 to 500 kilowatt-hours a month.

It also makes available to residential users an "all-purpose" block of 600 kilowatt-hours a month at the very low rate of 0.6 cents per kwh, regardless of whether or not the customer has an automatic electric water heater. This block is available to all residential and farm customers after the first 250 kwh used in any month.

School Election Set for July 27

Voters of school district No. 1 are reminded that the annual meeting to vote on the budget will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Friday, July 27, at the city hall in Heppner. This is a postponed meeting due to errors in publication of the budget and while a straw vote was taken on the budget at the June meeting when a director was elected it had no bearing on the proposal and it will be necessary to vote in the regular manner.

It might be said that of the straw vote taken only a few dissenting votes were registered. If the same people turn out and vote on the 27th that appeared at the June election the budget should receive the OK of the taxpayers.

Electric Storm in Mountains Starts Four Small Fires

While crews are battling serious fires in the timber of Tillamook and other counties the situation in this territory is reported satisfactory by forest officials. Realizing that the situation could change quickly, vigilance is not being relaxed, but at the same time those in charge of the forests are thankful for every day they escape fighting fire in the timber.

The only disturbance reported to date was four small blazes started last Friday night when an electrical storm passed over the eastern portion of the Heppner district. The Ellis ranger station was the center of the storm and a crew of fire fighters soon was on the job and put the fires under control. The storm was accompanied by rain which aided the fire crew by limiting the spread of the flames.

The usual run of field fires has been lacking up to this time and this, too, is a welcome relief to farmers who are carrying on harvesting operations shorthanded.

ENSIGN HUGH CRAWFORD TAKES BRIDE SATURDAY

Word received by relatives the past week was to the effect that Ensign Hugh Crawford has an 18-day shore leave and took unto himself a bride at Los Angeles Saturday, July 14. The Ensign and his bride met when he was attending the University of California at Los Angeles. His mother, Mrs. Lera Crawford, received a telephone call from Hugh stating that he was boarding a plane at Seattle for Los Angeles to be married at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and for her to be present. Aside from that bit of information there is not much more to be reported at this time for the excited prospective mother-in-law forgot to tell the Heppner folks her prospective daughter-in-law's name.

BISHOP PAYS TWO VISITS

Bishop William P. Remington was called to Heppner twice the past week-end, Friday to officiate at memorial services for Mrs. Harriet Mahoney and Saturday to serve in the same capacity for Mrs. Mary Thomson. Friday he was accompanied by Mrs. Remington. Bishop Remington has accepted the appointment as suffragan bishop in Philadelphia and he and Mrs. Remington will leave for the Quaker city in October.

Rodeo Adds Carnival To List of Attractions

Addition of a carnival to the list of attractions for the 1945 Heppner Rodeo was announced this week by Frank W. Turner, secretary. The Miller shows of Washougal, Wash. have contracted to bring four rides and several other concessions here for the three-day event to be staged Sept. 7, 8 and 9. The concern guarantees that there will be no gambling devices in connection with their shows.

Work of preparing for the annual western exhibition, discontinued the past three years on account of the war, is going ahead. The track and arena are practically ready, barns, sheds and fences are undergoing repairs and lumber is on hand for making over the grand-

Hardware-Electric Firm to Open for Business Monday

Hill and Parker To Offer Varied Line to Public

Heppner's newest business enterprise, the Heppner Hardware and Electric store, will open its doors to the public Monday, July 23, according to announcement by the proprietors, Harold Hill and Loyal R. Parker. The store is located in the Oddfellows building in the room formerly occupied by the Hughes grocery store.

Preparations for the new business have been going on for several weeks. Old shelving was removed and new shelving put in. Display counters have been built along the modern pattern for hardware and electrical goods in the main room and a complete workshop and electrical parts rack set up in the back room.

Harold Hill will continue his electrical service, attending to repairs and outside work, while Parker will be in charge of the retail business. The new firm has acquired representation for several standard lines in both hardware and electrical merchandise and will be in position to give Heppner and vicinity a varied service. Complete stocking of the store will not be accomplished at once, due to war restrictions, but there will be an ample stock in most lines to care for the local trade.

Morgan Resident Found Dead in Field

Funeral services were held under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Morgan Wednesday for Ed Powell, 67, whose death occurred Sunday evening. Powell had been a resident of Morgan for the past 12 years and for a number of years operated a sales wagon throughout the county.

Death apparently was due to a heart attack and the body was found in a field just above Morgan by two young boys, Gene Ransier and a friend. Powell had been visiting at the Martin Bauernfeind home and left in his pickup along in the evening. When found he had a rope and a jug of water having gone into the field to look at some horses. The body was not hidden from the highway but was in such a position as to resemble a tree stump and consequently lay discovered by the boys.

Sunday night and Monday until He is survived by a wife and two sons, residents of Soap Lake, Wash.

BEAN PRICES REVOKED

Price control on green and waxed snap beans has been removed, according to information coming from the regional office of OPA at San Francisco. Retailers are being notified through press releases that bean prices appearing on community ceiling price lists are hereby revoked, and that they are uncontrolled.

Attention, Service Men's Families!

A change has been made in regulations governing sending the home town newspaper to overseas service people. You can readily appreciate the handicap under which the postal service is operating in the Pacific area with the shift of our forces from Europe to the Far East. It calls for close cooperation between the newspaper and its subscribers.

If your soldier, sailor, marine merchant marine, WAC or WAVE now taking the Gazette Times wants to continue getting it, bring their correct address to this office. We receive notification almost daily of numerous papers that must have a new overseas address. Also, it is essential that we have a written request from the service man for a renewal or new subscription. All subscriptions must be paid in advance as the publisher must submit the subscription list to the local postmaster each month. All subscriptions found not in conformity will have to be taken off the overseas list. Anyone wishing to do so may pay for the paper, but the boy or girl will have to express a wish for it.

Game Commission Fixes Regulations For 1945 Season

The 1945 hunting regulations tentatively were set by the Oregon State Game commission when it held its annual hearing in Portland on July 14. The hearing was adjourned until July 28 at which time the final regulations will be passed.

There will be no special cow elk tags issued this year although the same area in southeastern Oregon will be open to the hunting of elk of either sex on the regular elk tag. The elk season will be from Nov. 3 to 25 inclusive, but that part of the state west of the Cascade range will be closed to hunting with the exception of the eastern half of Lane county.

Deer season will be open from Sept. 29 to Oct. 28 for buck deer having not less than forked horns. There will be no special doe deer tags issued except 800 tags for a post-season shoot to be held in the Fort Rock-Silver Lake area from Dec. 1 to 5, inclusive. The fees for these tags are \$3.50 for residents and \$5.00 for nonresidents, in addition to the regular hunting license fees.

There also will be issued 800 tags for the taking of antelope with ear-length horns. The season will be from Sept 22 to 30, inclusive. Fees for antelope tags are \$2.50 for residents and \$5 for nonresidents. Drawings for both the doe deer and antelope tags will be held at dates to be published later if the number of applications exceed the number of tags authorized.

SERVICES SUNDAY

Regular services will be resumed Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The new pastor, Rev. Fletcher Forrester, sent a message from Montana stating he is enroute and expects to be here in time to take up his duties Sunday morning. Rev. Forrester comes from North Dakota.

EFFECTIVE DATE POSTPONED

A price panel release to the local OPA office contained the following information: "The effective date of Supplementary Service Regulation No. 49 under RMPR No. 165 has been postponed from July 14 to Sept. 1, to permit further analysis of data and consultation."

TAKES HARVEST JOB

Lee Howell, for many years connected with the Tum-A-Lum company as manager of stores at Ione and Heppner, has taken a three-months leave from the Heppner office. At present he is helping in the wheat harvest.

ATTEND THOMSON FUNERAL

Here to attend the funeral of their lifelong friend, Mrs. Mary Thomson, were Mrs. Cora Phelps of Pendleton and her sisters, Mrs. Julia Metzler and Mrs. Vira Rechlin of La Grande, all former residents of Heppner.

1945 Wheat Yield Reported Spotty in Volume, Quality

Around 20 Bushel Count Average Is Present Indication

Harvesting of Morrow's 1945 wheat crop is becoming quite general and early returns indicate that the county's average will be around 20 bushels per acre. This is the opinion of conservative observers and it is based on returns from fields already quite well threshed. One indication that yields are well above the previous 10-year average is that since actual cutting has got under way there is less bearish talk than two weeks ago when one might have gained the impression that there would be very little cutting this season.

As related to this newspaper by a competent authority, fall sown grain is holding up well while spring sown grain suffered severely from the antics of the weather earlier in the season. This may not be the universal condition but it holds quite generally over the county. To attain a 20-bushel average the fall grain will have to turn out at least a 25-bushel yield and it is reported that not a few fields will go much heavier than 25 bushels. Uniformity so prevalent during the past four years is not so apparent this season and this factor makes the job of forecasting a bit difficult.

Charles McElligott in town today from his lower Gooseberry farm, stated that his crop is running about one-half of the 1944 average. This conclusion is arrived at on a loading basis, McElligott stating that it requires about twice the distance to load a bulk truck as it did last year.

No report has come in from the upper Gooseberry district where excellent prospects were reported a few weeks ago. Fall sown grain in that neighborhood, if not affected too much by weather, indicated a repetition of previous big year. Cutting has started in that vicinity and results should be available in a few days.

R. B. Rice, in charge of the local office of the U. S. employment service stated this morning that labor for threshing is plentiful but that he is experiencing difficulty in obtaining enough help for hay harvest.

Proposal Made to Name Outstanding Citizen of 1945

Would you like to be named your community's first citizen for the year 1945? To acquire that title, would you be willing to devote your spare time to some civic activity or the development of an enterprise that would be of special benefit to your community, accomplishment of which would make you outstanding?

The board of directors of the Heppner chamber of commerce have under consideration a proposal to name an outstanding citizen each year. The proposal was made by Harry Nelson, comparative newcomer here who has seen the plan carried out in other places and is of the opinion that it would be a good thing for this community, as well as give the chamber of commerce a worthwhile activity. Nelson merely placed the proposal in the hands of the directors, leaving it to them to work out a method for handling it.

BOY SCOUTS PREPARING FOR SUMMER CAMP

Nine boys from the local troop of Boy Scouts are preparing to go to summer camp at Wallowa lake next week. Merle Blake will take the group to the camp which is becoming one of the most popular Scout retreats in the northwest.

Before embarking for the camp the boys will attend Scout troop 61's Court of Honor at 8:30 Monday evening at the Union Labor hall. Parents and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and presentation of awards.