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Road Improvement Curtailed Due to Lack of Equipment

Bridge Building Most Urgent Now, Court Declares

A shortage of equipment and crew personnel is handicapping the county court in carrying out road improvement work and it will be several months before anything like pre-war activity can be inaugurated. This is the viewpoint taken by the court in answering requests from people of the several districts of the county that certain roads be repaired.

Much of the old equipment is no longer fit for heavy duty and new equipment is not yet available. This situation has put the court behind many months, although that body is fully cognizant of the needs and would be happy to get the road service into high gear at an early date.

Right at the present time there are two bridges claiming the attention of the court which must be taken care of. The bridge at McNab has to be rebuilt. This job necessitates straightening the creek channel and cutting away the bank to obtain solid footing for concrete piers. It is the court's policy to make bridge work as permanent as possible and necessary expense and effort will not be spared. The other bridge is near the Phil Griffin place and is badly in need of repair. Heavy truck traffic passes over the bridge during the grain harvest and the approaches are in bad condition.

At the October meeting the court gave permission to the Lexington airport to use the county's bulldozer and a tractor in leveling off runways. The equipment was placed under the supervision of Vernon Munkers, former member of the county road crew and an experienced operator of that type of machinery. The airport officials had asked for assistance from the court and it was deemed proper to loan equipment provided such action did not interfere with road work.

At present the main landing strip at the port is 1800 feet long by 250 feet wide. This strip will be widened to 500 feet as development of the port progresses. A cross strip 1500 feet long by 250 wide is being run to meet changing wind conditions.

DISTRICT MEETING OF EASTERN STAR SLATED

Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star will be host the evening of Oct. 18 to a district meeting to be held in the Star's quarters in the Masonic building.

Mrs. Hazel Graham, Grand Worthy Matron, will be present to offer instruction and advice in presenting lodge work and conduct of business.

RECAPS DON'T COME OFF

In reporting the accident experienced by Mrs. Harold Hill two weeks ago the Gazette Times stated that a recapped tire was the cause. It developed that the rear wheels of the car locked and skidding over the pavement virtually tore one of the recaps off. Frank Engraff, OK Tire shop operator in Heppner, is authority for the statement that recapped tires do not work loose and leave the casing.

HEALTH ASSOCIATION MEET

A meeting of the Morrow county public health association has been scheduled for 8 p. m. Monday, Oct. 15, according to announcement Tuesday by Mrs. Claude Graham, president of the group. The meeting will be held in the music room at the school house and the public not only is invited but urged to attend.

MRS. DAVIDSON RECEIVES MEMORIAL TO SON HERBERT

A memorial to her son, Staff Sergeant Herbert R. Davidson, was received Tuesday by Mrs. Mabel Davidson. The memorial was in the form of a citation to the brave flier who lost his life while on duty over Germany. He was reported missing just prior to Sept. 13, 1944.

The same mail brought a copy of the Purple Heart awarded posthumously to Sgt. Davidson. Both papers were signed by President Harry Truman and Secretary of War Stimson.

Auto Thefts Net Seattle Man Three Years in Prison

Theft of two cars cost Jo Dee DeLapp of Seattle a three-year prison sentence when he appeared before Circuit Judge Calvin L. Sweek at the court house in Heppner Wednesday forenoon. The convicted man was lodged in jail last week upon the complaint of W. S. Seehafer of Ione, whose pick-up was one of the cars stolen.

DeLapp first stole Joe Barlow's car at Ione and started down the highway. Near the Seehafer place he wrecked the car and Mrs. Seehafer, enroute to church at Ione, offered to take him back there. He refused the ride but followed Mrs. Seehafer and took the pickup she was driving. Missing the car after church, Mrs. Seehafer called Sheriff Mollahan who went at once to the scene. The sheriff notified state police headquarters at Arlington and in a short time word was sent back that the culprit was arrested as he entered that town.

Judge Sweek passed sentence on Burl W. Hilton, charged with issuing checks without funds. Hilton had been released on bail and was picked up by the Sherman county sheriff at Moro upon request from Sheriff Mollahan. He received a three-year sentence on probation and was ordered to make the checks good.

Three divorce suits were settled when the judge issued decrees severing the bonds of matrimony between Melissa and Thomas Howell, Adam and Emma Knoblock, and Lois R. and Silney C. Zinter.

Annual Fire Loss Revealed in Article Read at Luncheon

This being National Fire Week, that was the subject of a paper read by LaVerne Van Marter to the luncheon group of Heppner chamber of commerce Monday at the Lucas Palace. The article revealed figures that conclusively proved the carelessness of American people and pointed to the necessity for studying preventive measures as well as protective measures.

More than \$430,000,000 went up in smoke and several hundred people lost their lives in fires over this land of ours in 1944. It was declared by the writer of the article that much of this astounding loss could have been avoided had the people been more careful about cleaning up trash, handling combustibles and explosives and a thousand and one other things that cause fires. Cigarettes rate as the number one cause, involving both lighted matches and burning stubs.

Blaine Isom, Heppner fire chief, explained one instance in which he cautioned a party about leaving paper scraps and other highly combustibles near the furnace. He warned that such carelessness, even if not responsible for a fire, is cause for voiding insurance on the property.

The matter of asking business houses to close for football games was left optional. It was found that several places closed for last Friday's game and that more intend to close for this week's game with Condon.

Mustang Eleven Defeats Hermiston Bulldogs 7 to Zero

Sting of 1944 Armistice Game Wiped Out Friday

By LaVerne Van Marter

Heppner high school's Mustang football eleven kicked a big dent in the mythical "dope bucket" last Friday when they scored a startling 7 to 0 triumph over the powerful Hermiston high Bulldogs.

With last year's Armistice day 39 to 0 defeat at the hands of these same Hermiston Bulldogs still ranking in the minds of the Mustangs, Coach Leonard Pate's boys asked no quarter and gave none as they out-played and out-fought the Bulldogs throughout the entire game. Although Hermiston was a strong pre-game favorite, Heppner's victory was no "fluke" as they definitely showed themselves to be the better team in Friday's game.

To start the game Hermiston received Heppner's kick-off and returned the ball to the thirty yard line. After gaining nine yards in three plays, the Hermiston quarterback, apparently thinking his team could run through the Heppner defense at will, called a running play instead of kicking. This proved to be a costly mistake as the Hermiston ball carrier was thrown for a loss and Heppner took over the ball on downs.

The ball see-sawed back and forth in Hermiston territory for more than a quarter, then the Mustangs engineered a forty-five yard touchdown drive that carried them for what proved to be the game winning score.

Hermiston fought with their backs to the wall throughout the third quarter in a vain attempt to break through Heppner's burly line, which stubbornly refused to yield. With remaining game time relentlessly ebbing away, Hermiston opened the final period with a series of forward and lateral passes in a desperate attempt to score a tying touchdown.

For a time Heppner seemed unable to cope with the Hermiston passes. The Hermiston receivers consistently snagged passes for sizeable gains as the Bulldogs drove deeper and deeper into Mustang territory.

With two minutes to play Hermiston reached the Heppner 20-yard line. On the next play the visitors again passed, but this time Peterson, Heppner line-backer, intercepted on the 15 and the game ended shortly with the ball in Heppner's possession.

This Friday the Mustangs will meet the Condon high Blue Devils in what points to be a rugged encounter. Condon this season boasts the biggest aggregation in several years and have two impressive victories to their credit thus far, one a 45 to 0 rout over Prairie City and the other a 27 to 13 decision over Arlington, last year's Eastern Oregon "B" champions.

ON WAY TO TOKYO

Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman dropped in to the Gazette Times office Monday to order a change of address for her husband, "Sheriff" as he is known around these parts, succeeded in persuading the navy authorities to give him a hitch of overseas duty and presumably he will go to Tokyo. When home recently he stated if he went to Japan it would likely be for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell were Portland visitors the last of the week visiting with their daughter, Sibyl and Mrs. Howell's mother, Mrs. Hary Sowers.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY COLLECTS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The American Legion auxiliary will hold its regular meeting in the parlor of the Methodist church at 8:30 p. m. Monday Oct. 15.

Families of members of the armed forces in War II as well as World War I veterans are invited.

A window at Heppner Hardware and Electric company has been secured for collection of gifts for "The Yanks Who Gave." Those wishing to give may leave their gifts there.

Tidy Sum Received By Blue Mt. Council

Receipts from the voluntary subscriptions to the Blue Mountain Camp and Hospital Council fund in Morrow county since June 1, 1945, total \$3,033.06, according to a report submitted this week by Miss Florence Bergstrom, treasurer. The funds were collected in nine districts in the county and there also was a gift from Hermiston from former residents of Morrow county.

Taken by districts the amounts include: Heppner \$838.90; Lexington \$643; Ione \$743; Eightmile \$445.41; Lena \$104.75; Hardman \$71; Upper Willow Creek \$100; Sand Hollow \$28, and Boardman \$9. The Hermiston gift was for \$50.

The Morrow county committee, headed by Mrs. Ralph Thompson, is elated over this fine contribution to a worthy cause and all members have expressed appreciation for the work done by the finance director, Mrs. Earle Gilliam and each district chairman, and for the unselfish giving by the contributors.

Mrs. Spurlock to Be Laid to Rest Here Friday Morning

Memorial services will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, Oct. 12 at St. Patrick's Catholic church, for Mrs. Milton Spurlock, 39, who passed away Tuesday evening at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton following a lingering illness. Mrs. Spurlock had been hospitalized the past eight months and her passing was not unexpected.

Florence Cason was born at Spray in 1906, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Cason. She came with the family to Morrow county in 1913, received her schooling here and in 1929 was married to Milton Spurlock. They alternated making their home here and in Ukiah. Mrs. Spurlock had been an invalid for 13 years.

Surviving are the husband, her mother, Mrs. John Cason, a brother, Carl Cason of Portland, and five sisters, Margaret Aiken of Bend, Mrs. Gordon Bender, Portland, Mrs. Vernon Prock, Mrs. Faye Prock and Mrs. Harold Scritsmeier of Heppner.

All members of the family with the exception of Mrs. Scritsmeier are here for the funeral service. Guy Cason accompanied Carl Cason and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bender from Portland.

FIRST DEER WAS BEAR

Skip Connor and a pal hied themselves to the mountains early in the hunting season and were prepared to bring a buck home. After roaming the hills for some time they came upon big game of another type—a brown bear. Skip thought a bear would be better than no game at all and he downed the animal with a well aimed shot. Unable to move the carcass, the boys removed part of its scalp, including the ears and returned home to get help, bringing the ears for conclusive proof. When they returned to the scene of the kill some one had beat them to it and the bear was gone.

SCRITSMEIERS HAVE SON

A baby boy was born at 4 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scritsmeier. Mother and son were reported doing nicely at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Community Chest Campaign Swings Into Action Here

Large Sum Asked From County in Final Fund Drive

A drive to raise around \$4,600, Morrow county's quota in the community chest fund, got under way this week and it is the hope of Chairman Blaine E. Isom to reach the goal by Nov. 1. This is the last of the National War Chest campaigns and it is expected that all requirements will be met.

Some of the countries formerly receiving aid from the National War Chest have been dropped. In Oregon this factor has been offset by adding a request for funds to fight cancer so that in reality we are asked to give more than in past years.

One of the biggest outlays for money is in carrying on the USO activities. It is stated that demands on the USO since cessation of hostilities have been greater than during any period of the war and that the service must be maintained until mustering out is over or has dwindled to a point where other agencies can take care of the men. Funds asked for now are expected to carry the work along until no longer needed.

Countries still requiring assistance are those devastated by the axis in Europe and the Far East.

"This county has come through on every demand made of it," Isom stated, "and I'm sure we will do our part this time. Please remember that while this is the last drive to be made by this organization, contributions must be generous for there is a lot of relief work to be done if millions of people are not to suffer severely this winter."

Bonneville Power Coming to County

Construction of a power line from Umatilla to Ione to carry "juice" from Bonneville was announced Monday by Henry Baker, member of the board of directors of the local REA. Baker stated that although the line will be constructed at an early date it will be about 18 months before electric current will be available from that source. This line will be part of a network which Bonneville is building to serve the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. The local unit comprises Morrow, Gilliam and parts of Wheeler and Grant counties.

Baker, in company with Dr. L. L. Taylor of The Dalles, left Monday night for St. Louis to confer with the national REA administration relative to plans for extension of Bonneville service in this territory.

LEGION SLATES IMPORTANT MEETING MONDAY EVENING

Heppner post of the American Legion has scheduled an important meeting for Monday evening, Oct. 15 at the headquarters in the Odd-fellows hall. There will be a supper, installation of officers and initiatory work.

The supper will start the evening's program, followed by induction ceremonies with George La Fontaine of Pendleton, district commander, in charge. Initiatory work will be put on by the 40 et 8 degree team of Pendleton.

All service and ex-service men have a special invitation to the affair.

ON WEEK-END VISIT

Mrs. Evelyn Bosworth and Miss Merlyn Kirk spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk, coming from Corvallis where they are students at Oregon State college.