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Erect New Jail or Repair Old One Urges Grand Jury

Group Turns in Two True Bills, Secret Indictment

Recommendation that the county build a new jail or make major alterations and repairs on the old one was made by the Morrow county grand jury in session at the court house Tuesday. An inspection of the "hoosegow" revealed it to be in deplorable condition, in the language of the jury.

Other matters on the grand jury agenda included the finding of two true bills and bringing in one secret indictment.

Circuit Judge Calvin L. Sweek held a court session Tuesday at which time the case of John Davis, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was heard. Davis pled guilty and the judge remanded him to the custody of Sheriff Pat Mollahan until next Tuesday when the judge will be here for the regular December term of court at which time sentence will be passed.

An order of default was issued in the case of Mary Patterson, plaintiff, vs Lawrence Patterson, defendant. Patterson made no answer to Mrs. Patterson's suit for divorce.

A decree of divorce was issued in the case of Lucille vs Charles Roseland.

Rev. Francis McCormack, Catholic priest of Heppner, was given naturalization papers, he having hitherto been a subject of the Emerald Isle.

The grand jury, aside from finding the bills aforementioned, made the following recommendations: Finding the county jail in a deplorable condition, we suggest that a new jail be built or major alterations and repairs be made to the present one.

We recommend that additional vault facilities for keeping county records be made available to the county clerk, and that particular attention be given to repairing existing vault to make it more fire-proof, especially the vault door.

Geore N. Peck is foreman of the grand jury which includes Marion A. Palmer, Gerald Swaggart, David Hynd, Howard Evans, Earl Evans and Gordon Banker.

Marcel Nusser, found uilty on a charge of obtaining funds under false pretense, was given a sentence of three years in the state penitentiary. Marshall Dean Gilman took the prisoner to Salem today, substituting for Sheriff Pat Mollahan who is suffering with a severe cold.

Lewis Osmin Dies In Mountain Cabin

The body of Lewis Albert Osmin, 41, was brought to Heppner this afternoon from the Charles Shilling cabin in the mountains where death came to the man last night or early this morning. Osmin had been cutting wood with two other men and appeared in good health last night before retiring. An examination of the body by Coroner A. D. McMurdo indicated that he was the victim of a heart attack.

Lewis, who passed his 41st birthday Nov. 14, was a veteran of World War I. He was born Nov. 14, 1904 at Heppner, the son of Albert William and Emma Brundage Osmin, pioneers of this section. He spent his life on the farm a few miles up Balm Fork south of Heppner.

Funeral arrangements had not been made up to a late hour Thursday, pending word from relatives living at distant points.

Chemurgy Points Way to Steadier Farm Crop Prices

Development of chemurgy in the northwest means greater security for the farmers of the region, declared Peter Van Waveren, sales manager for the Northwest Chemurgy, Inc., in a talk to members of the Morrow County Farm Bureau Monday evening. Processing otherwise waste or low priced products, placing them on a high commercial basis is having its influence in maintaining a better standard price level.

Chemurgy, the processing of agricultural products, started with potatoes and now includes wheat. It is with the latter that farmers of this region are mostly concerned and Van Waveren has been in touch with the farmers in counties adjoining and nearby The Dalles where Northwest Chemurgy is preparing to erect a plant. This plant, by the way, will be a building the farmers as well as the people of The Dalles will be justly proud of, he states. It will be six stories high, built on strictly modern design—an architectural triumph as well as the last word in production efficiency. When in operation it will produce dextrose sugar at the rate of one-half cent per pound.

Low-grade milling wheat is the type sought for processing as it contains more starch. Nearly every farmer has a certain percentage of each crop that grades down and it is this percentage the processors are after, or as much as membership in the cooperative permits.

MASONS HAVE BIG MEETING TUESDAY

An unusual attendance was recorded at the Masonic lodge Tuesday evening, one which probably will go down in lodge annals as THE meeting of 1945. Prompting the large attendance were two factors. First, that work in the third degree was put on entirely by past masters of the lodge and second, that the worshipful master John Lane, was host to the lodge at an oyster supper.

Included in the visitor list were two Masons from Echo, A. C. Ebert and Edward Liesegang, who came to see Mr. Ebert's son Arnold, take the degree, and Carl Ewing of Pendleton who is in town in his official capacity with the forest service. Visiting brothers also were present from Ione.

Mr. Lane was assisted in supper preparations by Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Harley Anderson, Mrs. Gordon Banker and Mrs. Blaine Isom.

Barnett Store at Lexington to Pass To New Ownership

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warner Will Take Over January 2

Sale of the W. F. Barnett & Co. store in Lexington was announced Monday of this week by Dona E. Barnett and Trannie B. Parker, owners since the passing of their father, the late W. F. Barnett. Purchasers are Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warner of Lexington who will take possession Jan. 2, 1946. The store has been operated continuously by the Barnett family for 43 years. Ill health of Miss Barnett and Mrs. Parker made it advisable that they dispose of the property.

The Barnett family bought the store building vacated by Nichols & Leach in December 1902. Growth of the mercantile business necessitated larger quarters and in January 1917 they built a structure 34 by 66 feet and installed all new equipment.

Throughout all the years members of the Barnett family have been in charge and much of the time have carried on with only limited assistance. With the passing of Mr. Barnett the burden of operating the business fell upon his daughters and this, combined with caring for their mother until her death has been a drain upon their health.

County Exceeds Quota on E Bonds

Morrow county's quota of E bonds was taken up and passed during the week and there is a comfortable margin left over to help atone for the failure experienced here in the 7th war loan. All issues have been subscribed except corporation purchases and these will be taken care of in due time.

Figures quoted Monday by bond officials showed that up to that time the Victory loan had been over-subscribed more than \$28,000 with E bonds oversold by at least \$3,000. It is not expected that purchases will continue to any extent, but sales made up to Dec. 31 will count in the county's quota.

Mrs. Howard Keithley is a patient in St. Anthony's hospital, her husband having taken her there Wednesday.

County Selected as Testing Ground in Conservation Work

Morrow is one of two counties in Oregon selected to make test surveys of soil conservation needs which will become statewide for the next three months, said R. B. Taylor, supervisor of field service branch of the production and marketing association of the United States Department of Agriculture, at the county AAA meeting in Heppner Saturday.

Marion is the other county selected for testing the survey in which 1200 AAA farmer committeemen will participate Taylor said. The inventory of needs resulting from the surveys are intended to show the extent and type of farm practices needed to check erosion, repair damages already done, restore fertility and improve soil and water resources. The study will also help determine to what extent AAA practice payments are necessary to obtain the needed volume of conservation. Survey results will be used in planning programs and allocating funds to counties for practice payments.

To start the test in Morrow county Saturday's newly elected community and county committeemen will meet in Heppner Wednesday, Dec. 12 when initial plans will be drawn

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Rainfall Heavy in Gooseberry Section

Precipitation in the Gooseberry district of Morrow county during the month of November was quite satisfactory to farmers of the area, according to Leonard Carlson, official weather observer. A total of 2.15 inches fell for the month bringing the mark since Sept. 1 up to 4.10. This is one and one-half inches more than fell during the same period in 1944.

While recordings are not the same in the several districts of the county, it is quite safe to say that the Gooseberry readings quite generally represent the county.

High winds have prevailed for several days and a tendency in that direction today was followed by a generous shower this evening. Precipitation this season is considerably above the figure recorded in 1944 and at the same time there has been more wind.

LIKES SHANGHAI

Mrs. Cyrene Barratt is in receipt of a letter from her son Jimmy who is now in Shanghai, China. Jim says it is a beautiful city, practically untouched by the war, and he likes it very much.

Meeting Peacetime Tasks in Changed World Largely Matter of Educating Youth

If America is to maintain its world prestige in an era of changing conditions it will have to be accomplished through the education of our youth. That was the principal thought in two addresses made in the county Monday by Dr. Roben J. Maaske, president of Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande. Dr. Maaske spoke Monday to the luncheon forum of the Heppner chamber of commerce and again in the evening at the December meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau at Rhea Creek grange hall.

The speaker prefaced both talks by brief outlines of work being done at the La Grande college, stressing facilities offered returned service men and women who may wish to further their education under terms offered by the GI bill of rights. The college has set up courses to aid the veterans. Anyone with a service record of 90 or more days is entitled to one calendar year of training and one additional

year for each year in service. Tuition, books and other supplies are furnished and a single person draws \$65 for board and room and miscellaneous expenses. A married man is entitled to \$90 per month.

Sixteen veterans enrolled for the fall term and 25 or more are due for the winter term which opens in January.

Getting down to the subject of his address, Dr. Maaske stated that educating for peace time tasks involves educating for numerous changes. Since older people are the victims of habit and custom and not susceptible to changes, readily at least, the problem lies in educating our youth. He quoted Diogenes who said "The foundation of any state is the education of its youth."

We need renewed impetus on social changes by civic organizations, the speaker declared. Changing conditions demand changing methods to meet them. He also contended that our problems are not technological but human and should

be approached from the human angle.

Looking to the immediate future for an answer to the question of what is ahead of the young people he cited a few figures to show why they should prepare to enter the different fields of endeavor that go to make up our national life. The present demand is for 4,000,000 new automobiles, 2,000,000 refrigerators, 1,500,000 stoves, 1,500,000 radios, 1,200,000 electric irons, 2,500,000 things. These cannot be supplied in new homes, and a host of other a day, a week or a year.

Dr. Maaske believes it is essential to educate ourselves for leisure time, and for the development of our physical and mental health. He closed with a plea for world understanding and tolerance, taking the view that all the sacrifices of the recent war will have been in vain if the nations of the world fail to come to a proper understanding.

The speaker was accompanied on the trip by his wife.

Farm Electrification Here Assured Thru Loan From REA

Money Will Build Lines to Connect With Bonneville

Farm electrification in Morrow and adjoining counties has been assured by news from Washington D. C. that the Rural Electrification Administration has sanctioned a loan of \$510,000 to the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative of Heppner for the purpose of constructing lines purportedly to carry power from Bonneville. Announcement was made Monday evening at the farm bureau meeting at Rhea Creek grange hall by Henry Baker, president of the cooperative, who received official notice from REA headquarters in St. Louis.

On Tuesday, Mayor J. O. Turner and the Gazette Times received wires from Senator Guy Cordon and Representative Lowell Stockman, respectively.

In his statement at the Rhea Creek meeting, Baker said the cooperative's operations will start at Ione where the Bonneville authority will establish a sub-station. Lines will be extended into the farming areas of Morrow county and the general plan includes lines in Gilliam, Wheeler and parts of Grant counties. It is assumed that construction will start as soon as materials are available.

Revival of the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative activities dates back to last spring when the granges and the farm bureau decided that the organization should be ready to renew the program as soon as the war ended. Activities ceased due to the war, at which time nearly all materials for line construction were frozen by the government.

Senator Cordon's message reads: "REA Administrator Claude R. Wickard today approved REA loan allotment in amount of \$510,000 to the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Heppner, Ore., for the purpose of constructing new rural power lines in that area. Please advise interested parties."

Rep. Lowell Stockman wired: "I am today advised that the Rural Electrification Administration has approved a loan allotment of \$510,000 to the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative of Heppner and the money will be used to build new rural power lines."

C. W. Egan Taken By Death Dec. 5

C. W. Egan, retired railroad engineer who came to Heppner in 1928, passed away at 2 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, after an extended illness. Mr. Egan suffered a paralytic stroke about a year ago and has been confined to his home since.

Services will be held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 2 o'clock p. m. Friday, Dec. 7, with Archdeacon Neville Blunt in charge and interment in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Charles William Egan was born Sept. 8, 1869 at Amboy, Ill. He followed railroading most of his adult life, coming to Oregon 33 years ago. He worked on both the Heppner and Condon branches coming here in 1928 to make his home. He was married at Minneapolis, Minn. and is survived besides the widow, Agnes, by two daughters, Helen and Frances Egan of Heppner and a son, Frank Egan of Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Isom expected to go to Pendleton Friday where Mrs. Isom will attend a librarians meeting.