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F. W. Turner New President Heppner Commerce Group Club Starts New Year With Good Financial Set-up

Frank W. Turner, insurance and real estate dealer, was elevated to the presidency of the Heppner chamber of commerce when the board of directors of that organization met Wednesday evening. At the same time J. J. O'Connor of the J. C. Penney company store was named first vice president and L. E. Dick second vice president. The directors selected George A. Corwin to act as secretary and B. C. Pinckney as treasurer.

Turner has been an active worker in the chamber of commerce since it was first organized. He was one of the original members of the board of directors, serving in that capacity until elected secretary in 1943. After serving in that capacity two years he was again elected on the board and made first vice president in 1945.

Directors elected Monday noon were P. W. Mahoney, L. E. Dick, Loyal Parker, J. J. O'Connor and Dr. L. D. Tibbles.

The new president is at work selecting chairmen for the various committees. He announced he will place special stress on the roads and highways group, hoping to renew an interest that was manifest in pre-war days.

A report read by the outgoing president, K. A. House, showed the chamber of commerce is in a strong position financially. The past year's activities were not extensive but the club made various contributions to war and civic calls which added up to a considerable sum.

A paid up membership of 47 was shown in the treasurer's report. It is expected that this number will be enlarged during the coming months with a broadening of the scope of the work of the organization.

McNab Road Being Repaired; Crusher Turning Out Gravel

Work of repairing the McNab-Olex road from McNab station west is underway and will be carried forward as weather permits, announces Judge Bert Johnson. The county crusher has been set up at McNab and a rough surfacing gravel is being turned out to be used on this and other roads in the vicinity.

At present it is contemplated to repair and improve the road to within a short distance of the Gilliam county line turning about a mile or so from there and head south to penetrate the lower Eight-mile section where a considerable amount of heavy hauling is done.

It is the court's policy to work the roads in the lower country in the winter time, weather permitting, waiting until spring or early summer to go into the higher country. Blading roads in the upper stretches during wet weather is more or less wasted effort, the Judge pointed out, as experience has taught the court that people will not wait for the right of way to settle, frequently starting to town with heavily loaded trucks and cutting deep ruts, undoing the road crew's work in one trip.

The court has ordered new parts and repairs for road equipment in preparation for repair and improvement work but an extensive program is not contemplated at this time.

HEY, SKIN-NAY!



Here are five BIG reasons for joining the March of Dimes, January 14-31. The Big Five—Gerald Drigel, Fred Pomnitz, James McCormick, Thomas Kenny and Richard Kresge—were stricken with infantile paralysis in the New Jersey epidemic of last summer. This hydrotherapy tank, important in the modern treatment of poliomyelitis, is used to give under-water exercise to affected muscles—taking one boy at a time! Just for fun, the boys pretend it's the ole swimmin' hole.

- Your contribution to the March of Dimes helps put boys like these back in the swim.

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES—NOW!

ATTENDING WOOLGROWERS MEETING IN PENDLETON

Several people are attending the three-day convention of the Wool Growers and auxiliary which opened in Pendleton Wednesday, Jan. 9. Among those in attendance are Mr. and Mrs. Steven Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Pat McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pinckney.

The auxiliary had its meeting this afternoon for the purpose of electing officers and delegates.

The convention will close with a banquet and dance Friday evening.

Reports on Soil Practices Due Jan. 15

Farm operators who performed soil conservation practices in 1945 must report the performance at the county office not later than Jan. 15 if they are to receive payments for such practices, it was announced by Henry Baker, county AAA chairman, this week.

While most operators who signed to perform practices in 1945 have already completed their reports, there still remains a considerable number who have not responded to the mailed notices, Baker said.

NSF CHECKS GET MAN JAIL SENTENCE, FINE

Sixty days in jail and a fine of \$25 and costs was the price Alvin Oliver Sather had to pay for getting a little careless about writing checks with insufficient funds to cover same. Sather was credited with writing several checks but was prosecuted only on two counts.

An effort is being made to get him released from jail with the understanding that he will go to work and repay funds obtained by too free use of checks. He is an auto mechanic and had worked in some of the Heppner garages.

When Heppner Was Wool Capital of Vast Territory



Reprinting this picture reminiscent of bygone days was prompted by the accompanying article taken from the Heppner Gazette of Nov. 27, 1896. This was a typical scene of that period. The warehouse shown in the picture was the property of Henry Heppner, for whom the town was named. Some of the oldtimers will remember engine No. 65 which was on the branch run for many years. It sometimes had great difficulty in pulling a string of cars into Heppner but could sure ramble with the outgoing train.

Town Was Thriving Center Half Century Ago---and Still Is

This newspaper is indebted to Mrs. W. H. Instone for two old copies of the Heppner Gazette, one dated Nov. 27, 1896 and the other Jan. 19, 1897. The papers were found among things Mrs. Instone was sorting over at their former home in Jones canyon which originally was the home of Henry Jones, Files of the Gazette up to the time pioneer sheepman of the county. Of the big fire in 1918 were destroyed and these occasional copies of earlier editions bring joy to the editor's heart.

One article that intrigued us was reprinted from the Gervais Star, the editor of that paper having visited Heppner in the fall of 1896 and

upon returning home wrote of his trip and impressions of the town and surrounding territory.

"The editor of the Star was a visitor to eastern Oregon last week, going to that thriving town of Heppner, in Morrow county. The winter season was just setting in when we arrived and rain and wind prevailed to considerable extent. We had never before been to Heppner and were surprised to find a lively, bustling, modern town with electric lights, a water system and the irrepressible telephone, and all other accessories except transportation facilities. This section is largely devoted to stock. The immense warehouses contain large

quantities of wool and wheat. Over 3,000,000 pounds of wool alone is shipped from this point. The wheat is not so plump or large as that grown in the Willamette valley—it is graded as No. 3. The wool is heavy with grease and dirt and stands a 70 percent shrinkage. Prices now prevailing for wheat and wool are advancing. Morrow county is republican and this year there are a number of excellent stores, and, in fact, all lines of business are well represented. They have a splendid newspaper there in the Heppner Gazette, owned and operated by Patterson Bros. The

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Death Claims One Of County's Oldest Pioneer Settlers

Franklin Dee Cox Lived on Hinton Creek 68 Years

Death came to Frankl Dee Cox at his home on upper Hinton creek Wednesday morning, Jan. 9, removing from our midst one of the oldest pioneers of Morrow county and one of the early settlers of the Hinton creek district.

Mr. Cox ate breakfast as usual Wednesday morning and sat and visited awhile with members of his family. Stating that he wanted to rest a bit he went into the living room and lay down on a couch. A little later he was found dead, having passed away without a struggle.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday, Jan. 12 from the Heppner Church of Christ with the pastor O. Wendell Herbinson, officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment will be made in the Masonic cemetery beside the grave of his wife and other members of his family who preceded him in death.

Born at Silverton, Oregon, March 2, 1856, Mr. Cox was 89 years, 10 months and six days of age at time of death. His first acquaintance with what is now Morrow county was in 1876, when at the age of 19 he brought a herd of horses from Willamette valley to a ranch in this vicinity. He was so impressed with the possibilities of the area as a stock raising country that he decided to come here to locate, which he did in 1878. He homesteaded the land where he lived almost 68 years, adding to his holdings from time to time until he had acquired sufficient range and hay land for a successful stock ranch operation.

Settling on Hinton creek in 1878 had its difficulties. That was the year of the Indian outbreak and the young homesteader spent a good many nights sleeping out in the brush, leaving his dog at the house to indicate that he had gone away.

In 1882 he married Lizzie Hay—Continued on Page Twelve

March of Dimes Trek Starts Monday

Postmaster Joe Aiken stated early this week that everything is in readiness to launch the annual March of Dimes campaign which is scheduled to open Monday, Jan. 14 and to continue until Jan. 31. Bottles will be placed in several convenient spots where contributors will be reminded of the great good their dimes will do in helping fight the dreaded poliomyelitis.

This year a five-year-old Oregon boy, Donald Anderson of Prineville, is being featured in the national campaign. Born Oct. 1, 1940, less than three years later he was stricken with poliomyelitis. Months of treatment followed—long months of suffering and pain for the youngster. He received treatment in Portland at Doernbecher hospital and in the Shriners hospital. He is on his way to New York City where he will be acclaimed as the youngster who best demonstrates how infantile paralysis can be fought and defeated.

It is not fully decided whether there will be a president's birthday ball here. Mr. Aiken is trying to interest one of the grange in staging the affair in behalf of the funding campaign. In the meantime he is urging the people to make their contributions early and regularly to maintain the record high up here in the past years.