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## Proposed County Library Discussed Monday Evening

### Definite Action Awaits General Public Expression

Proponents of a county library for Morrow county learned the ins and outs of such a service Monday evening from Miss Neva Le Blond, Umatilla county librarian, who was guest speaker at a meeting in the music room at the Heppner school. Miss Le Blond not only described the operation of the county library system but gave suggestions in the matter of obtaining the service.

As expressed by the speaker, the cost of establishing county library service in Morrow county alone would be expensive and she suggested that perhaps this county and Gilliam might join in which case it would be necessary to provide bookmobile service. This is a desirable service in any event. As an alternative to the two-county unit, Miss Le Blond said she thought the most practical step for this county to take would be to tie up with Umatilla county.

As to the cost, the speaker said the American Library Institute's figures for a library are based on an average of \$1.50 per capita for the territory served. Should the county library plan be adopted here the cost would add somewhat of a burden to get it established but maintenance would require less than one mill per annum. Acquiring the service through the Umatilla county library would average about \$5,000 annually.

The meeting was called at the instance of the Heppner P-TA with a view of getting an expression from all parts of the county. Several were present from Ione and two teachers came from Irrigon. Those present expressed themselves as favoring county library service, either independent or affiliated with Umatilla county. An effort will be made to ascertain the sentiment of a considerable number of taxpayers over the county before taking definite action towards securing the library.

### REWARD OFFERED FOR MISPLACED PAINTING

A large oil painting of the sinking of the battleship Maine, loaned to the Heppner school several years ago has been misplaced or removed from the building. The owner, Mrs. W. H. Instone would like to have the painting returned to her and is offering a reward for its return or for information leading to its whereabouts.

The picture was the work of Mrs. Instone's mother, Mrs. A. J. Woodward, who was a resident of the Lena district for many years.

### MILK PRICES UPPED

The Information Panel of the Price Control board for Morrow and Umatilla counties, located in Pendleton, has announced that notice of increases in milk prices in Morrow county had been received. These increases were granted as a result of an application made to the Office of Price Administration, Washington, D. C. by the milk distributors of Morrow county. Maximum prices for milk in Heppner are: Wholesale, per quart, 13c; per half-pint, 3.5c; retail, per quart, 15c. Prices for Ione and Lexington are: wholesale, per quart, 15c; half-pint, 4c; retail, per quart, 17c.

### VFW PLANS PUBLIC MEETING

The newly organized VFW unit met at the council chambers Friday evening at which time the matter of a meeting place for the installation of officers was discussed. The public will be invited to this meeting. Among other matters discussed, the formation of a VFW auxiliary met with the approval of all present.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Union Missionary society will observe the World Day of Prayer on March 8 at a special service to be held at the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church. The service opens at 2:30 p. m.

## Rodeo Association Grooming for 1946 Wild West Show

Looking forward to presenting a bigger and better show than ever, the Heppner Rodeo association met Friday evening in the office of Turner, Van Marter & Co. to discuss and formulate plans for the 1946 Rodeo, tentative date for which has been set for Sept. 6, 7, and 8.

Bids on stock for the 1946 show were opened but no definite decision was reached. Two of the bidders, Harley Tucker, 1945 exhibitor, and Pat Fisk, former performer of the local show, have made attractive offers and the directors are considering these bids carefully before coming to a decision. The association also joined the cowboy organization, presumably the one affiliated with last year, to assure plenty of talent for this year's Rodeo. To make the main events more attractive to the performers \$50 has been added to each of the five main headliners.

With a small amount of money to start with plans have been laid for improvement to the grounds which will start soon. Cliff Doherity is in charge of this feature, with Orville Smith and Frank Turner as the other committeemen, and they have declared there positively will be no weeds to greet the sun on the Rodeo grounds this year.

Weak points of last year's show were considered and it will be the purpose of the directors to correct these faults. Committees will be named at an early date and an effort will be made to have everything in readiness on the opening day.

## Boardman Realty Moving Briskly

Real estate is moving at Boardman and not in the time honored joking manner, according to Buster Rands who was in Heppner Wednesday from the river town. Real estate sales have been brisk on the project for several months with the result that many changes have taken place and many new faces are seen thereabouts.

Back of this movement is the desire of shipyard workers to remain in Oregon and to have a place they can call home, Rands stated. Most of them are well supplied with money and are paying fancy prices for property that hitherto was not valued too highly. Asked if the prospects of construction on the Umatilla dam was offering an inducement for this feverish quest of project land, Rands said he thought not to any extent.

### MARY VANCE

Funeral services were held Tuesday forenoon at the Christian church in Lexington for Mrs. Mary Vance, 82, who passed away there Sunday. Mrs. Vance has been a resident of the county since 1914, spending the time at Lexington and Heppner. She is survived by two brothers, E. W. Moyer of Heppner and Joe Moyer of Hermiston, and several grandchildren, including Mrs. Howard Bryant, Mrs. Gary Tullis, Arthur and Lois Vance, all of this county.

Mrs. Joe Hughes is now working in the county assessor's office, having started work Monday. She replaces Miss Marie Barlow.

## "Include Me Out" Mayor Announces In Public Statement

After six years of service to the public as mayor of Heppner, J. O. Turner stated today that he positively cannot accept the nomination for another term and does not wish to be considered in the forthcoming spring primary election. The mayor states his reasons as follows:

"The position requires more time than I am able to give to it," he said, "and someone should be elected who can be on the job when so much new construction is to be done in the next few years. A new well is in prospect, new city mains are to be laid, a new city reservoir should be constructed, new sub-divisions to be laid out and built, a hospital to be erected and perhaps the big flood control dam will go in. All of this will require a good man and he on his toes."

"During the three terms I have been in office, I have had splendid support and many things have been accomplished, although nothing spectacular. Bonded indebtedness has been reduced from \$57,000 in 1940 to \$6,000 by June 1945 and there is now cash on hand and a sinking fund amounting to approximately \$25,000. The streets have been maintained and some new oiling done; a new census was taken in 1945 showing an increase in population of about 25 per cent; 6000 feet of transite pipe for the city mains has been bought and paid for. The city is in the strongest financial position it has been in in many years.

"Heppner's ready to make a good sound growth, if its people will only let it."

## UAW-Gen'l Motors Dispute Subject of C of C Forum Talks

An average citizen's viewpoint on the labor-management situation as it exists between the United Automobile Workers union and General Motors Corporation was given expression at Monday's luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce when Harold Becket gave his views from the standpoint of an industrialist and George Corwin took the labor side. Each speaker brought out some good points which were left with their hearers for contemplation. Be it said to their credit, neither of them considered his opinions as conclusive although each had firm convictions relative to certain phases of the current strike situation, the principal one being that there will likely be no new cars for many months.

Becket defended the right of the corporation to refuse to open its books to the investigating committee, while Corwin contended that there was nothing wrong about the request.

Some discussion arose over the issuing of additional pool hall licenses. The discussion led to the suggestion that a poll be taken and this resulted in a vote of one in favor of and 20 against.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goodman have Mrs. C. P. Brown in a hospital returned to their home in Port-in Pendleton this week having en-land after spending the week-end there for a rest for a few days.

## Chivalry Has No Place in Modern Field of Sports

Chivalry had no part in the basketball game played at the high school gymnasium Saturday evening between the Heppner Townies and the Chocolate Co-Eds. The Townies took the lead in the beginning and maintained it throughout, closing the game with a score of 52 to 37.

The crowd which taxed the capacity of the gymnasium expressed some disappointment over the showing made by the "gals", inasmuch as they came highly touted and failed to show much energy, let alone spring any surprises. It was learned later that they are playing a heavy schedule with very little rest between games and having played every night last week were in poor condition for a good showing Saturday night. There were brief flashes of brilliancy but nothing of sufficient length to improve their standing.

Main attraction was the Co-ed center, "Streamline" Smith, whose angular seven feet caused her to tower over the entire court. She is a good backboard player and a good shot usually employing but one hand to toss a basket.

According to La Verne Van Marter, his team played the best game of the season. It is his guess that the boys couldn't bear the thought of being beaten by a bunch of girls, so they put on the pressure and went to town.

### ADDITION COMPLETED TO BOX CO. BUILDING

Completion of an addition to the plant of the Heppner Box company was announced the first of the week. The new room is 32x40 feet and adjoins the original building on the south side. This addition makes it possible for the company to meet the growth in business and expand the facilities of the plant. Door and window frame material is being manufactured under the supervision of Tom Wells.

O. M. Yeager did the construction work for Orville Smith and P. W. Mahoney, owners of the plant.

### OUT OF SERVICE

L. E. Dick Jr. returned home Sunday, having received his discharge from the U. S. navy. Edwin, who was in the store service, spent about 18 months over in the Pacific area. He resumed his old job as truck driver for the Standard Oil company Monday morning due to the illness of his brother Kemp. Incidentally, Edwin had a helper in the person of his young son Laddie who took up with him at first sight.

### MOVE TO CLE ELLUM

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Maynard left early Wednesday morning for Cle Ellum, Wash., where the men have employment as filers in a sawmill. Mrs. Davis will return to Heppner the last of the week to remain until the latter part of May. Mr. Davis was filer at the Heppner Lumber company plant during the absence of his son William, who was in the service, and upon William's return home handed the job over to him.

## Little Interest in Political Offices Displayed Locally

### Four County Posts To Be Filled; Two Candidates So Far

With filing time growing short, little interest is being displayed in the spring primary campaign and so far two county offices which must be filled this year are going begging. Of the other two, one candidate has filed and another is preparing to do likewise.

The people in the capacity of county treasurer, is again seeking the office. He has filed for the office and announced that he will make an active campaign if such a move is necessary. Mr. Briggs is one of the oldest persons in the state serving in political office (which proves that age has nothing to do with the job if one knows his stuff).

W. O. Dix is circulating his petitions and will file in time to get his name on the ballot for the office of county assessor, a post he has filled most satisfactorily since his appointment to fill out the term of Tom Wells, regularly elected in 1942 and leaving at that time to serve his country in the armed forces.

Harry Tamblin has not indicated his intentions regarding the office of county surveyor which he has held several terms. It is possible that whoever gains this post may also eventually become county engineer, should the court decide to reactivate that office.

Garnet Barratt says he is not a candidate to succeed himself as county commissioner. Conditions have arisen which make it inconvenient for him to serve in that capacity and give the position the attention it deserves. It has been hinted that Barratt has his eye on the district senatorship, but this has not been confirmed.

Henry Peterson has filed for the office of representative.

### BARLOW-WARNER NUPTIALS

With all the new things, blue things and borrowed things in their proper places, all the last minute stitches taken and the cakes iced, candles in the right places and flowers ordered, all is in readiness for the wedding of Miss Marie Barlow and Cecil Warner at the Church of Christ Friday evening at seven followed by a reception in the church parlors. The public is invited to both events.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Barlow, will be given in marriage by her father and attended by her sister, Mrs. Robert Walker, as matron of honor, and Misses Edna Hughes and Patsy Warner, bridesmaids. Fern Alber has been selected flower girl and Carol Messenger the ring bearer.

Glenn Warner will act as best man for his brother and the ushers are to be Vernon Fishback of Portland and Ray Hewitt of Milton. Rev. Cecil Warner, father of the groom and pastor of the Church of Christ at The Dalles, will perform the ceremony.

Loma Mae Jones and Phyllis Thrasher will light the candles preceding the ceremony. Miss Rose Hoosier will be soloist and Mrs. C. C. Dunham will accompany her and play the traditional wedding music.

Four aunts of the bride, Mrs. Alma Gilliam of Portland, Mrs. Charles Vaughn of Heppner, Mrs. Truman Messenger, Lexington, and Mrs. Claude Coats of Boardman, will assist at the reception as well as Mrs. Tom Wells, Mrs. Lee Howell, Mrs. Merle Miller, Mrs. Wendell Herbison, Mrs. Frances Mitchell and Mrs. Blaine Elliott of Milton.

The groom who is a returned veteran, is a student at the University of Oregon and the young couple will make their home in Eugene until Mr. Warner graduates at the end of the spring term.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar George and son Kit, and Mrs. Sadie Sigbee drove to Portland Tuesday to spend a few days transacting business.

## Machinery Set in Motion For Big Servicemen's Banquet March 2

Committees are busy this week getting things in shape for the big servicemen's banquet scheduled for 7 o'clock p. m. Saturday, March 2.

A meeting of the general committee was held Monday evening in the city hall at which time sub-committees and chairmen were named to complete organization plans and start actual work of collecting the mass of food, tables, dishes, silverware and other accessories necessary to the successful staging of the banquet.

Some changes were made in committee personnel. J. J. O'Connor was prevailed upon to take the place of Mrs. C. P. Brown as chairman

of the table committee. Mrs. Brown is hospitalized at present and will be unable to participate in the preparations. Mrs. Cyrene Barratt has accepted the chairmanship of the soliciting committee left vacant by the absence of Bob Rynnion from the city.

Members of the soliciting committee held a separate session Monday for coverage of their respective districts. Representatives were present from Ione, Lexington, Eight Mile and Heppner.

The committee chairmanships now stand as follows: Decorations, Mrs. Charles Vaughn; Kitchen, Mrs.

mittee personnel. J. J. O'Connor was Soliciting, Mrs. Cyrene Barratt; Carving, Conley Lanham, and Reception, Mrs. J. O. Hager.

The general chairman, Rev. Fletcher Forster, states that service men now in the county whose names are not upon the Morrow county roster, that is, men who enlisted from another county or state but who now reside here are entitled to an invitation. It is necessary for these men to identify themselves to the invitation chairman, Loyal Parker, Heppner, who will make arrangements for them to attend.