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Work Resumed on Lexington Airport Tuesday Morning

Runway Extension, Roofing of Hangar Get First Attention

Lexington's airport moved one step nearer to full realization Tuesday morning when a crew of men went to work to put the roof on the hangar and finish up the work around the grounds, and a main-tainer was put on the job of extending the east-west runway. The work will be carried on, weather permitting, until the port is put in shape to handle such business as will come this way.

A new road leading from the Hermiston-Lexington highway has been graded, making easy access to the port. It is hoped to get some surface gravel on the road before traffic becomes too heavy, and eventually it will be oiled to keep down the dust and maintain the grade.

A steel tower is being erected to support the wind sock which has been perched on the hangar to guide Pilot Jack Forsythe when he comes in for a landing.

There will be more activity at the port as soon as Forsythe's new Aeronca plane arrives. It was scheduled to come Friday but latest word is that it will be delayed in arriving at Portland where it will be assembled. The Aeronca is a training model and demonstrator and model and will be used more for that purpose than for flight service. The ship ordered is a 1946 model two-seater, three passenger type. The Forsythe Flying Service has on order a Stinson Voyager, a four-passenger job, which is scheduled to arrive in May. This ship will be used exclusively for passenger service.

The east-west runway is being lengthened to 2700 feet. The strip is 300 feet wide, making it possible for big planes to set down there. For the present there will be no surfacing material added, but next fall the runway will be seeded to grass. Port officials have studied the possibility of surfacing runways with the material found up Shaw creek and while the material would not be expensive, hauling it would run up to a considerable figure. Road surfacing gravel will be used around the grounds to keep down dust and make a better approach to the hangar.

Elks Initiate 60 At Annual Party

Sixty candidates were initiated Saturday afternoon by Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. Elks on the occasion of the annual Washington's birthday party. Initiation was put on by the officers of The Dalles lodge and a large number of the candidates were from Condon and surrounding territory, a club having been formed there recently.

Feminine guests of the lodge were entertained with a card party in the lounge room during the afternoon. A buffet dinner was served at 6:30 p. m. followed by the annual ball.

FARM BUREAU TO MEET AT RHEA CREEK MARCH 4

Rhea Creek grange hall will be the scene of the March meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau at 8 o'clock Monday evening, March 4. This announcement was made Wednesday by Oscar Peterson, secretary, who urges that the membership and friends make it a point to attend.

There will be a discussion of local problems, followed by a short program with a speaker from Pendleton. Refreshments will be served at the close of the evening.

2 1/2 Tons Clothing Assembled Here

Just how much longer the store rooms, attics and cellars of Morrow county can disgorge used clothing in quantity is a question that only a careful survey would answer, but the recent collection of discarded garb made a dent in already depleted supply. According to B. C. Pinckney, county drive chairman, 4,500 pounds of old clothes made up the shipment from Heppner.

The figure represents approximately the whole county, inasmuch as Boardman and Irrigon sent their contributions to Heppner and Pinckney states that most people brought their cartons here to be shipped.

Figures representing the national total have not been released but if the response throughout was as good accordingly as here the amount asked for would be assured.

Funeral Services Held Monday for Michael Healy

Services were held at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner for Michael Healy of Boardman who passed away Friday. Mr. Healy suffered a stroke at his home Friday morning and passed away at Stanfield while enroute to a hospital in Pendleton.

The resident priest at Hermiston officiated at the services and arrangements were in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Michael Healy was a native of Ireland. He was born at Clonely, County Langford, May 19, 1885. He came to America in 1905, following the path beaten by so many of his countrymen to the range lands of the west where he, like so many of the sons of the Emerald Isle engaged in the sheep business. He followed this occupation until about 1930 when he disposed of his interests and bought a home at Boardman.

Surviving are the widow, who was Mary Hughes of Heppner, and five children, Mrs. Raymond Gronquist and Mrs. R. B. Rands, Boardman; William P. and John M. Healy, and Mrs. Richard Holmboe, Portland; two brothers, Patrick and John of Heppner, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Kate Howard of Los Angeles.

DISCHARGED AND HOME

Dewitt H. Jones received his discharge from the navy the past week and arrived home Sunday. He started to work Monday in his father's shop at the Heppner Lumber company plant.

LEDBETTER BOYS HOME

Jimmie Ledbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter, recently received his discharge from the navy and has returned to the family home near Heppner. Johnny Ledbetter, another son, who has been stationed at Kodiak, Alaska, is home on a 25-day leave. The family met him Friday at Sunnyside, Wash. He will report to Seattle for reassignment.

ON SHORT LEAVE

Joe McLaughlin was a week-end visitor at home, coming from Bremerton, Wash., where he is stationed at present. Asked if he would soon be on terminal leave he said he thought not as he expected to be at Bremerton for some time.

SKUZESKI BOYS HERE

Happy to be in the old home town once more, John and Walter Skuzeski spent the week-end in Heppner, coming from the parental home at Carson, Wash. to take in the Elks annual ball and party. Both boys are on leave from the navy.

ATTENDING CONFERENCE

Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse, left today for Salem to attend a health conference in the state department of education.

Mustangs Ousted In First Round of Play in Tourney

Umatilla Edges Out One-point Victory At John Day Meet

Team	W	L	Pct
Umatilla	7	2	.777
Heppner	6	3	.666
Boardman	5	3	.625
Ione	2	6	.250
Irrigon	1	7	.125

The orange and black Vikings of Umatilla high school became undisputed owners of the Wheat League trophy as the result of a 19-18 victory over the Heppner Mustangs in the first round of the John Day district tournament on the Grant Union High School masonic court Thursday afternoon Feb. 21.

The Mustang cagers galloped into a tournament berth by dumping the Vikings 32-23 on the losers' floor Tuesday, Feb. 5. The following Tuesday the Mustangs followed this victory with a 37-19 shellacking of the fourth place Ione Cardinals.

Don Kennedy, Bill Barbouletos and Rodenbaugh sank field goals in the first period to set the Viking offense rolling. The Mustang guard Archie Padberg, flipped in a rebound to start the Heppner counter attack. First period: Umatilla 6, Heppner 2.

Skip Connor, Mustang scoring ace, added five points to the Heppner score, but the five-point difference in the two squads' scores remained as the Umatilla boys added five counters more to theirs. Half-time count: U. H. S. 11, H. H. S. 7.

Jack Parrish, Buster Padberg and Bob Mollahan of the Mustangs dropped in a field goal each in a valiant effort to close the gap but found it of no avail. Don Rippee and Clarence Greenup went into play to speed up the Mustang offensive as the home stretch came into view. The effort proved profitable as their new fire sparked the team to within one point of the Viking score as the game ended. Final: Umatilla 19, Heppner 18.

Summary:

HEPPNER	FG	FT	PF	TP
Connor	2	1	2	5
Mollahan	1	0	1	2
Greenup	0	1	1	1
Parrish	1	1	3	3
Hughes	0	0	0	0
B. Padberg	1	1	1	3
A. Padberg	1	0	0	2
Rippee	1	0	3	2
Total	7	4	11	18
UMATILLA	FG	FT	PF	TP
Keeney	1	1	2	3
Barbouletos	3	2	1	8
Rodenbaugh	2	1	2	5
Taylor	1	0	0	2
O'Brien	0	0	0	0
Hiatt	0	1	3	1
Total	7	5	8	19

Free throws missed: Umatilla, Hiatt 4, Barbouletos, Kennedy, Rodenbaugh; Heppner, Parrish 3, Mollahan 3, Connor.

Referee: Carl Kligel, Pendleton.

ROBERT MILO HUSTON

Funeral services were held at the Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Wednesday for Robert Milo, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Huston of Hillcrest, near Bend, Oregon. O. Wendell Herbison conducted the service and arrangements were in charge of Winslow and Nyswonger of Bend.

Robert, who was born July 17, 1941 at Heppner, was coasting with other little boys in a private alley and he was run over by a truck. He lived several hours after the accident, passing away about 9 p. m. Feb. 23. He was the grandson of Guy Huston of Eight Mile.

School Work Shop Gives Grade School Kids 2-Day Vacation

Grade school youngsters in the Heppner system feel they get a break now and then and this week is one of their lucky periods. The reason: Teachers of the county are holding their spring "Work Shop", which is an alternate to the institute which used to bring joy to the kids and produce a sour note in the theme song of a teacher's life.

Thursday's program is being devoted to grade school problems. Grade teachers outside of Heppner are using the local staff as guinea pigs for expounding their theories and demonstrating their teaching practices. On Friday the high school teachers will enter into the activities and the high school students will take a holiday also.

School administrators of the county attended a meeting of superintendents and principals in Pendleton Wednesday. Supt. George Corwin of Heppner, Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent and B. C. Forsythe of Ione were reported among those going from this side of the county.

World Day of Prayer Set for March 8

World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 8, will be observed with two planned programs in town that day, one at the Episcopal church at 2:30 p. m. and the other in the Star Theater at the noon hour.

Plans for the noon hour meeting at the theater are being made by Rev. Fletcher Forster with other members of the ministerial association participating. This meeting is offered by the combined churches as represented in the Union Missionary society for the benefit of those who cannot participate in the afternoon meeting. Hymns familiar to all churches, prayers and program relating to the great opportunities of a world seeking peace at this time will emphasize the interdenominational, cooperative character of the day.

The afternoon meeting, under the leadership of Mrs. Anna Q. Thomson, will use the program planned by a world-wide committee and distributed for world-wide use on this day. For those who cannot attend either of the scheduled meetings the Methodist church bell will ring at intervals all day as a reminder for a call to prayer in every home within its sound.

Anyone wishing to do so may stop in at the church at any time during the day or evening for devotions.

HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The second meeting of the county committee for home demonstration work will be held at 2 o'clock p. m. Friday, March 8 in the office of the county agent in Heppner.

Mrs. Mabel Mack, state specialist in home management, will be here to continue planning with the committee for home demonstration work in the county.

Mrs. Vernon Munkers of Lexington is chairman of the committee.

ATTEND IONE MEETING

About 20 members of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star were guests of the Ione chapter Tuesday evening. Initiation was the order of the evening which was greatly enjoyed. Second only to that order of business was the delicious refreshments which the hostess chapter served.

AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

Woolgrowers auxiliary has scheduled a no-host luncheon at 1:15 Friday, March 1 at the Lucas Place. A large attendance is desired.

Miss Leta Humphreys returned Monday evening from Portland where she spent the past week in the interest of the Humphreys Drug company.

Plans Completed For Big "Welcome Home" Banquet

Cooks Preparing To Serve Upwards Of 500 Persons

Service men home on leave or furlough will be welcome to attend the banquet. Invitations have been sent to those returning home with their discharge papers but this does not exclude men still in uniform who are from Morrow county. Men in uniform should identify themselves with the invitation committee, Loyal Parker, chairman, before the time of the banquet.

Plans are completed for the big "Welcome Home" banquet to be served at the Elks hall Saturday evening. All that is left to be done now is the work, which will start Friday morning with the hauling of chairs and tables, decorating and into a function of this magnitude multitudinous other details enter-tude.

Final instructions were given at a meeting Monday evening at the city hall, at which time the general committee scanned the invitation thought most likely not to attend in list and omitted names of those reaching a calculation on the number of servings to be made. The general figure arrived at was approximately 500 and the cooks are preparing for that number or more.

Mayor J. O. Turner, program chairman, has arranged a program in connection with the banquet, and Judge Bert Johnson will emcee the proceedings. It was the mayor's idea that service men themselves should have a part in the program and he arranged the following numbers: Doxology (standing) led by Mrs. O. G. Crawford; opening remarks, Judge Bert Johnson; group singing, led by Mrs. Crawford; address, Lt. Francis Nickerson; address CPO C. J. D. Bauman; vocal solo, Mrs. Clyde Dunham; address, Lt. Col. John Fisk; address, Rev. Francis McCormack; prayer, Rev. Fletcher Forster, and song (standing) Star Spangled Banner.

Serving will start at 7 o'clock. It those who may be employed up to 6 was placed at this hour to permit p. m. to make it on time.

Committees in charge of preparations such as hauling and setting up tables and chairs will welcome assistance. At least they will not get huffy if aid is offered.

New Building to House Repair Shop

A new building to house his business and provide room for another small business was announced Tuesday by J. W. Farra, proprietor of the Heppner shoe repair shop. Construction of the building is scheduled to begin Monday, March 4 and is expected to be ready for occupancy by April 1.

Farra, who purchased the shoe repair equipment from Edmond E. Gonty early in November, 1945, moved to the Case building. Subsequent plans for converting the building into apartments has caused Farra to vacate and unable to find suitable quarters he decided to buy a lot and put up his own building.

The shoe man has purchased the Casebeer lots, corner of Main and Baltimore, where he will put up a one-story building 32x30 feet. The old service station building is being torn down to make room for the new building.

VISITED HUSBAND

Mrs. Edward Burchell went to Fort Lewis, Wash., Thursday to spend a few days with her husband, Major Edward Burchell.