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School Directors, Clerks Organize Here Wednesday

Group to Work As Unit in Matters Of County Interest

Believing that in unity there is strength, school directors and clerks of the county Wednesday afternoon formed a county organization of school boards in a meeting held in the court room at the county courthouse. The meeting was arranged by County Supt. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers who has been working for some time to get such a move underway.

Directors and clerks were asked to bring in their problems for open discussion and this they did.

B. C. Forsythe, superintendent of the Ione schools discussed maintenance of plant. He stated that pupils, parents and school administrators all are responsible for the care of school property. It requires cooperation of all to keep the plant in good running condition and that he plans a holiday soon when the pupils and community will be invited to come and help clean up the buildings and grounds.

Oscar Peterson spoke on school transportation, which he declared is a matter for each district to handle in its own way as each has own peculiar problems.

Lester Wilcox of the state department of education presented his views on school laws enacted by the 1945 state legislature. He placed special emphasis on House Bill 80, better known as the French bill, designed to equalize school taxes throughout the county to make it possible for the weaker districts to enjoy more of the facilities found in the stronger districts. He also noted the trend toward consolidation of schools all over the state. Preparation of budgets was another topic treated by Mr. Wilcox and he joined in the discussion by Supt. George Corwin of the Heppner schools who spoke on the administrator's point of view in relation to hiring of teachers and scale of wages. A. C. Houghton of Irrigon discussed the same subject from the school board's point of view.

Plans were laid to perfect a permanent organization and the group will meet in April for that purpose. Harold Becket was named temporary president and Oscar Peterson temporary secretary.

Funeral Rites Held For Edward J. Keller

Funeral rites were held for Edward J. Keller, 73, Saturday, Feb. 23 at Jennings La. Mr. Keller passed away Feb. 20 after an illness extending over the past year, during which time he suffered several strokes. He died at the residence of his son, Dr. J. A. Keller, with whom he made his home.

Born in Marine, Ill., Mr. Keller spent his life in the north until two years ago when he left his home in Wisconsin to live with his son in Louisiana. He spent several years in Morrow county and had many friends here who will regret to learn of his passing. Besides the widow, he is survived by three sons, Dr. J. A. Keller, Jennings, La.; Dr. E. M. Keller, Beaver Dam, Wis., and Frank Keller of Muskegon, Mich.

NOTICE TO CHORUS MEMBERS

Next Monday evening, March 11 each member of the Womens chorus is urged to be present at rehearsal and an important business meeting following. If unable to attend please notify the director.

Mrs. Frank Connor has been ill for several days and pneumonia feared for a time. With rest and care she will be able to avert that.

Seeks Second Term



Robert S. Farrell Jr., secretary of state, today announced he would be a candidate in the May primaries for re-election to that office. Serving successfully as legislator, speaker of the house of representatives, and for the past term as one of Oregon's three principle officials, Farrell has been a lifelong republican. A native of Oregon he knows Oregon's problems and he knows of its great future.

Sheriff Believes Paddy Wagon Good Petty Crime Brake

A combination county-city "paddy-wagon" would be a good way to put a brake on petty crimes, in the opinion of Sheriff Clarence Bauman who once more is in harness after helping settle the little difference between Uncle Sam and Hirohito.

"If some of the boys who get a little out of line now and then were aware that their actions would lead to a ride in the 'wagon' they might not get too hilarious. Besides, it's no easy job to carry a drunk up the hill to the county jail. Neither is it practical to get the old city truck out and load it up with inebriated cargo. I think it would be a good investment for the county and city to buy a nice little black panel truck that could be used as a patrol wagon on Saturday nights and other occasions that call for extra policing."

Anyone who has not had the privilege of hauling a drunk in his car and cleaning the car up afterwards will not readily see the sheriff's way but all he asks is that the skeptical try it once and he's sure they will favor the wagon. While on the subject it comes to mind that Washington state highway patrolmen ride their beats in panel body trucks. The rigs are light but efficient.

Forsythe Returns With New Aeronca

Jack Forsythe, manager of Lexington airport, returned Wednesday from Portland in a new Aeronca training plane which will be put into service at once at the port. The new plane is a three-place job, pilot and two passengers, and will be used for both training and passenger flights.

Ray Massey accompanied Forsythe to Portland and flew the old plane back. Massey has over 100 hours solo flying to his credit, receiving his training at Pendleton in the early part of the war.

SHRINE MEETING SATURDAY

A joint meeting of the Morrow County Shrine club and the Shrine auxiliary will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday evening following separate meetings earlier in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Blake will have charge of the refreshments and Mrs. Floyd Worden and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson are arranging the program for the social hour.

Swanson Grocery Ready to Move to Mason Building

New Lockers Now In Use at Ione's Super Market

Pending completion of some of the store furniture and its installation, things are about in readiness to move the A. C. Swanson grocery from its present location in Ione to the Bert Mason corner which Mr. Swanson bought last June. Things have progressed far enough that the proprietor has planned a house warming at the new location this Friday evening, at which time visitors will be shown through the new storage plant and given an opportunity to see what the new market service will be like. When the inspection is over the counters and other equipment will be moved to the rear of the room and an orchestra will strike up dance music for the benefit of those who delight in tripping the light fantastic.

The new market will be one of the county's finest and will provide shopping facilities for the people of Ione and vicinity on a par with larger centers.

Construction of the cold storage plant was in charge of W. B. Kennedy, Corvallis contractor who has been employed regularly in Morrow county the past two years and who superintended the building of the dry kiln at the Heppner Lumber company plant. Kennedy had the following to say about the new plant:

"The locker room and cooler are no doubt without a peer in eastern Oregon. Four hundred sixteen lockers have been built. The locker room as well as the meat cooling room is insulated with eight inches of firtex between the old and new concrete floors. Both ends, sides and ceilings have eight to 12 inches

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More Than 300 Served at Banquet Saturday Evening

Success was written all over, through and around the "Welcome Home" banquet served to more than 300 Morrow county people Saturday evening at the Elks hall in Heppner. The only disappointment expressed was that more of the veterans were not there, and this is not to say that the veterans did not turn out, for they did. More of them would have made just that much more of a party of it and brought greater joy to those responsible for staging the affair.

There was plenty of good food which was served by a corps of high school girls under the direction of Mrs. Ellis-Carlson, home economics teacher at the Heppner school. And there was a splendid program to round out an evening proclaimed by many of the veterans as a highlight in their lives.

The veterans entered into the spirit of the occasion by joining lustily in the group singing. Each of the three veteran speakers left something with their hearers to ponder over, and from all appearances vets and civilians alike did ample justice to the food. Judge Bert Johnson was on his toes as emcee, injecting wit and humor into his introductions and at times assuming a serious attitude. Francis Nickerson, Clarence Bauman Jiggs Fisk and Father Francis McCormack were the speakers, Mrs. Clyde Dunham soloist, Mrs. O. G. Crawford song leader, Mrs. J. O. Turner accompanist. Rev. Fletcher Forster offered prayer at the close of the program.

Half Hour Service At Star Theater 12:30-1:00 Friday

A union service observing the World Day of Prayer will be held at the Star Theater from 12:30 to 1 o'clock p. m. Friday. Business houses are urged to close for this one-half hour service.

O. Wendell Herbison, pastor of Heppner Church of Christ, will preside at the meeting for which the following program has been arranged:

Prelude, "O Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him," Mrs. Fletcher Forster.

Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Prayers led by Archdeacon Neville Blunt.

Hymn, "Lord for Tomorrow and Its Needs."

Scripture, O. Wendell Herbison. Hymn "How Gentle God's Commands."

Meditation, Rev. Forster. Benediction.

Postlude, "The Heavens Declare His Glory," Mrs. Forster.

Fire in Upstairs of Bank Building Does Considerable Damage

No small amount of excitement was created Tuesday evening about six o'clock when the fire department was called out to suppress a fire in the First National bank building. It took the department some little time to bring the blaze under control but not until considerable damage had been done.

Of undetermined origin, the fire started in the room formerly occupied by Dr. Dwight Miller as his operating room. It was burning itself free of the room in several directions when water from the truck pump was applied. Doors leading in to the room were badly damaged, as was the window in the north wall. A cupboard left by Dr. Miller was destroyed and walls ceilings and floor will need repairing.

Workmen had just finished redecorating the room prior to it being taken by the Rural Electrification Administration as an office. Practically the entire upper floor suffered smoke damage and will have to be redecorated.

Taylor Choice of Farm Bureau for Northwest Council

Robert Taylor of Helix is the choice of the Morrow County Farm Bureau for Oregon director on the Northwest farm bureau council. That was the sentiment put in a motion and passed at the meeting of the local group at the Rhea Creek grange hall Monday evening. Taylor, recently resigned state AAA director, is looked upon by the bureau as the strongest man for the position. He was present at the meeting Monday evening, not as a candidate for the job but to discuss the subject, "Wheat and the Farm Bureau."

Taylor gave an over all picture of the wheat situation from 1932 until 1942. This covered a decade wherein the wheatraiser experienced poor crops, low prices and much legislation. Then in the early '40's came a turn in the tide. Moisture was more plentiful and prices began moving upward. Measures sought and obtained by the farmers in the dark days have been retained to a large extent and the farmer's chief concern as in the past is with the weather.

The speaker stated that the 1945 export of wheat was 380,000,000 bushels and the carryover has fallen to the long-time low of 175,000,000 bushels.

Matters of local interest were discussed, after which there was a social hour with refreshments.

Red Cross Drive To Be Launched Monday Morning

Annual Campaign Designed to Raise Fund of \$3,000

Monday, March 11 is the date selected by the Morrow county chapter of the American Red Cross to launch the annual membership campaign. The drive started that day will continue throughout the month in an effort to meet the county's share of the national \$100,000,000 Red Cross fund, \$2,000.

The 1946 campaign theme is "War is never over for the Red Cross." The battle goes on for our men in uniform who are destined to remain overseas indefinitely; for the men in hospitals in this country and overseas, and for the veterans through the home service.

"This organization still has a big job ahead giving emergency assistance to the war's victims through the sister Red Cross societies and other welfare agencies as long as needed," Chairman Jack O'Connor stated Wednesday.

Business establishments and plants in Heppner are being contacted this week and no employes will be solicited on the job. They will, however, be contacted at their places of residence by the volunteer workers.

Solicitor chairmen for the several districts in the county have been named and include the following: Rhea Creek (upper and lower) E. E. Rugg, assistant, Mrs. Ray Wright; Eight Mile, Mrs. Ben Anderson, assistant, Mrs. Clive Huston; Heppner Hill, Mrs. C. N. Jones, assistant O. G. Haguewood; Willow creek, Mrs. Ralph Thompson; Balm Fork, Mrs. Hugh Smith; Hinton Creek, Mrs. Don Greenup; Gooseberry, Mrs. Leonard Carlson, assistant Mrs. Algott Lundell; Lexington, Mrs. Vernon Munkers, assistant, Mrs. Kenneth Marshall; Ione, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, assistant Mrs. Gar Swanson, Mrs. Charles Carlson; Cecil, Mrs. Herbert Hynd; Morgan, Mrs. Ed Buschke, assistant Mrs. Martin Bauernfeind; Lena, Mrs. Edwin Hughes; Pine City, Mrs. Marion Finch; Alpine, Mrs. W. J. Doherty; Sand Hollow, Mrs. James Valentine; Irrigon, Mrs. A. C. Houghton; Boardman, Mrs. Clyde Tannehill; Hardman, Mrs. J. E. Hams, and Reed's Mill, Mrs. Fred Reed.

Grain Moving Out On Heppner Branch

Pressing demand for milling wheat has caused a pickup in branch line freight traffic and extra trains are being run to keep the precious grain rolling toward terminal docks. An extra is plying the Heppner and Condon branches, alternating the schedule of the regular freight.

There has been a pickup in lumber shipments, according to Agent Floyd Tolleson, who states that a fleet of trucks has resumed hauling from Reed's mill.

There has been a pickup in lumber car situation and advantage is being taken of this condition to clear branch elevators and warehouses so they may be readied for the 1946 crop.

MCPHA TO MEET

A meeting of the Morrow County Public Health association has been called for 8 o'clock Monday evening, March 11 in the city hall. Mrs. Claude Graham, president, states that the annual business meeting and banquet will be the principal subject for consideration and urges a good turnout of members.