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Contracts Handed To Teaching Staff Early This Week

Board Decides to Put in Full Time Music Teacher

Directors of school district No. 1, Heppner, wound up a series of board meetings Monday evening by tendering contracts to the entire corps of teachers for another year. The question of hiring has been under consideration for some time and was brought to a conclusion at this time to give teachers an opportunity to reject, if they so desire, in time to apply elsewhere.

It is probable that some of the staff may look elsewhere for future work and in one grade room it is indicated there will be a change. Mrs. Lena Kelly expects to make her home in Grant county at conclusion of the present school year, she and her husband having bought a ranch in the John Day valley. Otherwise, there has been no indication that vacancies will occur but that is always a contingency that the board and the superintendent have to prepare for.

Some changes in teaching set-up have been arranged, one in particular calling for a new grade teacher. The board decided to install a full-time music teacher and has given the job to Miss Rose Hoosier, sixth grade teacher who has had charge of grade school music here several years. Miss Hoosier will supervise and instruct both grade and high school, reviving a course that was in vogue for many years starting about 1902.

Plans are underway to improve the tennis courts and other recreational facilities. It is the hope of school authorities that the courts can be resurfaced when the road crew is busy in this vicinity patching highways. In their present condition they are hardly suitable for competitive play with visiting teams.

Cutsforth Bids in Champion Hereford

Several Morrow county stockmen attended the Polled Hereford sale in Walla Walla Monday and at least one grand champion was added to the list of fine cattle which is becoming a feature of the livestock industry here. O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington wheat and cattle rancher, purchased the champion bull at the sale but was outbid by a woman from the Willamette valley on a heifer which caught his eye. The local man was willing to risk \$1300 on the bull but refused to go over \$800 on the heifer.

Others from this county attending the sale were Charles McElligott and Harvey Smith of Ione and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Hardman.

Mrs. Anna Bayless has returned to her home in Heppner after spending the winter at the ranch home of her son Howard near Monument.

Mrs. Lillie Aiken, who has been very ill for some time plans to go to Portland Friday to be nearer her daughters and sisters. She will be accompanied by her son Paul who has been spending a few days here coming up from The Dalles. Mrs. Aiken will be taken by ambulance.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bloom of Albany drove to Heppner Thursday and returned home Friday, taking Mr. Bloom's mother, Mrs. Ada Bloom, for an indefinite visit. Mrs. Bloom has been making her home here with her sister and husband, E. R. Hustons.

Mrs. Lera Crawford, accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crawford, arrived in Heppner Wednesday afternoon from Berkeley and have been making hurried visits with relatives and friends. Hugh has just been discharged from the navy, the first and only of Mrs. Crawford's sons to be discharged so far, and he and his wife plan to live in Eugene if a house or reasonable facsimile can be found, while he finishes his college course. Mrs. Lera Crawford has to be back at her job in Berkeley Monday morn-

Spring Planting Bodes Good Harvest —For Fishermen

Spring planting of trout has begun in this vicinity and the disciples of Izaak Walton are beginning to polish up their fishing rods and to untangle the tackle in anticipation of their favorite sport when the season opens next month.

A fish wagon from the Oak Springs hatchery near Maupin was in the first of the week and released 12,000 legal size trout in the waters of Willow and Rhea creeks —maybe some other streams our informant didn't mention. At any rate, there will be the start of a good fishing season and while the trout are quite uniform in size, no doubt some of them will measure up to the tall tales that spring from the earlier part of the season.

Boardman Typist First in Contest

Maxine Ely of Boardman high school took first place in the typing group in which Marietta Hadcox of Irrigon high school took second place.

The Heppner school had the field in the second year entries. Duane Gentry won top honors in this class from Beverly Yocum.

Figures on word count and other scoring features were not reported to the press.

Better Community Life P-TA Theme

"A Better Community Life" was the theme of a round table discussion at the March meeting of the Heppner P. T. A. Wednesday evening.

Led in discussion by Mrs. James Valentine, a group consisting of Mrs. Cyrene Barratt, Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Roy Neill, and Jack O'Connor analyzed the question of what constitutes a better home. The audience responded with enthusiasm to an invitation to participate. A suggestion by Mrs. Barratt that a young people's own employment bureau be set up, operated by and for young people, is to be followed up as soon as possible.

Jo Jean Dix entertained with several piano compositions.

The regular business meeting was held and delegates were elected to the state convention at La Grande on April 30, May 1 and 2. Delegates chosen were Mrs. Conley Lanham and Harold Becket.

A report on the community plays showed the P-T. A. to be about \$65 richer thereby. This fund is raised annually to be used for a scholarship in teacher training.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Harold Becket, Mrs. Blaine Isom and Mrs. Oral Wright.

THREE HEPPNER YOUTHS ENLIST IN REGULAR ARMY

The Pendleton army recruiting office announces enlistment in the regular army of three young men from Heppner, Calvin Dale Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Cox, George Eldon Tucker, son of Mrs. Mildred Tucker, and Lionel F. Huston, son of Orlen Huston.

By reason of enlisting for three years they were able to choose their own branch of service and theater of operations. All three have decided to serve in the army air forces and when basic training is completed will come home on a furlough before leaving for the European theater of operations.

RANGER MEETING HELD

On Wednesday and Thursday, March 6 and 7, a meeting of all Umatilla National Forest rangers was held in the office of the supervisor, Carl Ewing, at Pendleton for the purpose of acting on applications for grazing privileges on the forest for the 1946 season.

During March these actions and other grazing business will be discussed at meeting of cattle associations at Weston, Pendleton, Summerville, Troy, Pilot Rock, Ukiah, Heppner, Spray and the Hughes ranch in Oregon and at Pomeroy, Dayton and Asotin in Washington.

During April meetings of sheep permittees will be held at Walla Walla, Pendleton and Heppner when similar discussions will be held.

ing, so the visitors will be leaving not later than Saturday.

Health Association Selects Date for Annual Meeting

Selection of a date for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Public Health association was announced Monday evening by Mrs. Claude Graham, president, at a meeting of the group held in the welfare office in the city building. The meeting will be a dinner affair and will be held March 26 at the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church with the ladies of the church serving the dinner.

Invitations have been mailed out to the active workers within the organization to attend as guests. All others interested in the work and desiring to attend the dinner meeting have a special invitation to do so. The fee will be \$1 per plate. It is expected that 100 plates will be served.

Reports will be read, new officers elected and above all, Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary and manager of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will be the speaker.

Formation of a social hygiene study class at the home of Mrs. Tress McClintock Wednesday, Mar. 6, was reported at Monday's meeting. The class will start work Mar. 27. In this connection it was noted that the health association has placed several books on the subject in the Heppner public library.

WE MADE A MISTAKE—ONCE

In our haste to get a 12-page paper made up last week we neglected to take notes on some advertising copy, consequently trusting to memory, which to say the least, is bad business. Result: The Heppner Hardware and Electric company was credited with having a new type home freezing unit in stock when the said article had been delivered to a customer. What should have been said was that the local house has been awarded the dealership for the home freezing units and that it is expected that a display model will be here by the time the company moves into the new building. With about 400 other things on the editorial mind at the time we were a bit muddled and couldn't concentrate on the advertisements which came in late. All of which goes to prove that if one wants a thing done right he should do it himself, or to be more specific, the advertiser should prepare his own copy and then if the fool printer gets it wrong he (the advertiser) will have grounds for damning him (the printer) all over the place.

Greenwood Funeral Services at Union

Funeral services for Mary Irene Greenwood, 37, who passed away Friday afternoon in a Pendleton hospital were held Wednesday in the Catholic church at Union, with interment in the Union cemetery. Mrs. Greenwood's death followed a brief illness with which she was stricken at Scritsmeiers' mill, where the husband, Barney Greenwood, is employed.

Surviving, besides the husband, are three daughters, Sherrin, Irene and Donna Jean, all of Heppner.

Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher Forster drove to Pendleton today to meet their son, Lewis, who has come to stay after serving 41 months in the navy. He received his discharge in Minneapolis this week and headed straight for home. He has just returned from Japan where he spent the last three months of his navy career.

Red Cross Fund Campaign In Full Swing Over County

Results of the drive for Red Cross funds were proving quite satisfactory to Chairman J. J. O'Connor who, with Blaine E. Isom, was covering the business district in Heppner today. Owners and managers are being contacted in their respective places of business and up to press time the response had been quite generous. Returns from other sources have not started to come in, but O'Connor is hopeful that the people will be prompted by a desire to carry on the Morrow county tradition of never failing to support

Ridgefield Editor Writes "30" to 38 Years as Printer

E. G. Noble, Heppner's famous saddlemaker for more than half a century, is always on the alert for news about former Heppner folks. One day last week he brought to the office a newspaper clipping telling "Red" Hicks from the newspaper about the retirement of J. R. business at Ridgefield, Wash., where he has been the owner and publisher, as well as printer for the past 22 years.

"Red", as he was familiarly known to everyone hereabouts, began his apprenticeship in the Heppner Times office on April 6, 1908, working for his father, the late A. J. Hicks. Later when the Times and Gazette were consolidated he worked for several months for Vawter and Spencer Crawford, leaving in May 1912 for Kalama, Wash., then to Beaverton, Ore., where he again assisted his father and later joined him in the purchase of the Sumas (Wash.) News. The partnership lasted until April 1924 when "Red" and his family moved to Ridgefield, where he bought the Reflector. He set up something of a record by taking only 11 days vacation in the 22 years he published the Reflector.

A note of sorrow clouded the otherwise happy retirement when on Feb. 27 Ensign Frank D. Hicks, son of Mr. Hicks, was killed in an airplane crash at Elizabeth City, N. C.

DeMolay Chapter Masons' Objective

With a view to organizing a chapter in Morrow county, several Shriner and Masons attended a meeting of the Freewater DeMolay chapter Tuesday evening to get first hand information relative to the purposes and work of the order. The visitors were highly pleased with what they saw and heard and returned home with the conviction that no greater step could be taken in the direction of solving local social problems than the formation of a DeMolay chapter here.

Attending the meeting were Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Loyal Parker and Blaine E. Isom of the Heppner Masonic lodge and Rodney Wentworth, George Ely, Ernest Lundell and Herbert Ekstrom of the Ione lodge.

Home Talent Plays Delight Audience

Friday night was home talent night in Heppner when three one-act plays were presented at the school gymnasium in behalf of the public health association and the high school. A crowded house greeted the Clark Gables and Hedy LaMars in what is being pronounced some of the best amateur acting seen in these parts in modern times. At least one tragedy was enacted in comedy style which for the nonce cost the Pacific Power & Light company a faithful employee. "This said he acted the death scene most naturally."

As a result of the evening's entertainment the three interested groups were richer to the extent of better than \$60 each and the funds will be used in scholarships and other projects on their programs of activity.

ROBERT BEARD PASSES

Robert Beard, old time resident of Heppner, was found dead in bed at the Ed Bucknum home this morning. Particulars were lacking but he evidently suffered a heart attack. Funeral arrangements had not been made up to a late hour Thursday.

There is one thing the county chairman would like to impress on the people and that is to subscribe early. It will help to complete the drive on schedule if subscribers will be prepared to meet the solicitor at the door with a smile and a substantial donation. Residents of the outlying districts who find it inconvenient to get to town or to contact the district chairman will be doing a real service by remitting by mail.

Heppner Given Bid To Present Radio Program May 9

Kiwanis Club of The Dalles Makes Offer to C. of C.

An opportunity to tell part of the world about the greatness of Morrow county has been offered the Heppner chamber of commerce by the Kiwanis club of The Dalles. A letter was read at Monday's meeting inviting the chamber of commerce to present a program at the Kiwanians' regular meeting Thursday, May 9, at The Dalles.

The invitation was accepted and Pres. Frank W. Turner placed the task of arranging a program in the hands of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, who has submitted a tentative plan to the local organization and to the Kiwanis club.

The letter stated that the program time will be 40 minutes. The Heppner delegation will be guests of the Kiwanians at luncheon. The program will be broadcast over Station KODL.

Miss Grace Gadeken emergency home demonstration agent, had charge of Monday's program, which was devoted to explanation of the agent's work. She introduced Mrs. Norman Nelson who told of her work as demonstration agent in Yamhill county and treated on the benefits derived from this type of service to the households of the county. Mrs. L. A. McCabe of Ione told of the work done by the emergency agent and expressed the desire of the women of the county for a full time agent. A petition asking for establishment of the office was circulated and received approximately a 100 percent sign-up.

Guests introduced were Dr. Bernard McMurdo and Ben Burnett of Pendleton. Mr. Burnett was in town in connection with an insulating job at the First National Bank building.

J. J. O'Connor, Red Cross chairman, announced the date for opening the annual fund campaign.

Ladies' Lounge in Hotel Project of New Management

Numerous improvements have been going on at Hotel Heppner in recent weeks, including a renovating program, rearrangement of office rental space and addition of new furniture, and now comes word from Manager H. A. Sanders that work will start soon on converting the small office room adjoining Coxen's barbershop into a ladies lounge. Furnishings for the lounge are already on hand and when the installation is complete there will be at least one spot in town for the convenience of the ladies that will be convenient.

There will be an entrance from the lobby in addition to the Main street entrance. Furnishings will include a chesterfield, comfortable upholstered chairs, a handsome parlor lamp, a writing desk and other items to give the room a homey atmosphere. The arrangement will provide strict privacy.

Carpeting and runner material were recently acquired from the Multnomah hotel in Portland to replace the materials in use for many years. Special carpet sewers are here to do the replacement work. Hallways and stairways are being painted white and as fast as equipment can be acquired the rooms are being refurbished with new innersprings mattresses and other furniture. Medicine cabinets are being installed in the bathrooms.

It is the desire of the hotel to make a restful, homelike place for its patrons and improvements will continue along that line.

ORGANIZING ADULT C. E.

An adult Christian Endeavor society will be organized Sunday evening, March 17, in a special meeting called for 6:30 o'clock. The group which includes all adults, will meet in the Crusaders room at the Church of Christ. Anyone interested is urged to be present, or if unable to attend, please notify Mrs. Frances Mitchell or C. W. Barlow.