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County Has Four Less Precincts in Current Election

Confusion Due if Voters Uninformed Of Changed Status

Some confusion may develop as a result of consolidations made during the past year unless voters seek to find out which precinct they are now in. This was pointed out Wednesday by County Clerk C. W. Barlow, who stated that many voters are unaware of the changes made and may go to the accustomed voting places to cast their ballots.

The clerk suggests that those not sure of their new status contact his office and obtain necessary information.

Because of the thinning out in some of the precincts and the light vote cast in the past few elections, the county court decided to make more consolidations. This may necessitate longer drives by some of the voters, but if they live 15 miles or more from the voting place they have the privilege of using the absentee ballot. The latest consolidations, published in the court proceedings a few months back but evidently read by few people, reduced the number of precincts from 13 to nine. The north two-thirds of Gooseberry precinct was put in Ione precinct, the other one-third in Eight Mile. Cecil was consolidated with Ione. Most of Alpine is now in Lexington precinct and Lena was divided between South Heppner and Pine City.

The nine precincts now include Hardman, Eightmile, North Heppner, South Heppner, Lexington, Ione, Pine City, Irrigon and Boardman.

C. of C. Group at The Dalles Today

Representatives of the Heppner chamber of commerce, including the Women's Choral club, Mayor J. O. Turner, Henry Baker and Mrs. L. E. Dick Jr., and several members appeared on the Kiwanis program at The Dalles at noon today, carrying a message about the greatness of Morrow county to a generous slice of Oregon and part of Washington over Station KODL.

If local people heard the program through they were more fortunate than ye ed. The family radio put up a squawk that completely obliterated the program after the chorus started on the second number and continued acting up for the rest of the 40-minute period.

From what was heard, the talent got off to a good start and it is quite certain both chorus and speakers acquitted themselves creditably.

DeMolay Formally Organized Here

Formal organization of the Morrow County-Arlington chapter of the Order of DeMolay was accomplished in a special meeting at the Masonic hall in Heppner Wednesday evening. Degree work was given by the team of the Milton-Freewater chapter under direction of Jerry Summerhays, leader.

Thirty boys from Heppner, Ione and Arlington were initiated and officers chosen at a preliminary meeting here two weeks ago were installed.

A chapter meeting will be held Monday evening in Ione. In order of rotation, the following meeting will be held at Arlington.

LEXINGTON GRANGE

All members are urged to be present at the meeting of Lexington grange at 8 p. m. Friday, May 10, according to the secretary, Mrs. Ray Dolven.

Young Says Only One Tax Source Remains Untouched

There is but one tax source left to Oregonians and the time is not far distant when we will be dipping into that, in the opinion of F. H. Young, manager of the Oregon Tax & Research bureau. Young was speaking before the Morrow County Farm bureau at Willows Grange hall in Ione Monday evening when he brought up the subject.

There are nine main sources of taxation open to the state. Of these, eight have been employed and the ninth, he thinks, is not far distant. That is the sales tax. He cited the success with which Washington and California have handled the sales tax, how those states have met many of the funding problems that are causing Oregon taxing bodies tremendous headaches, and he thinks that although the sales tax has been rejected several times, circumstances will force the issue again and it might be that the next time it comes up enough objectors will have changed their viewpoint to carry it.

George A. Corwin, superintendent of Heppner schools, spoke in behalf of the state teacher association sponsored measure to raise per capita cost per school census child from 30 cents a day basis to 50 cents per day. Young commented upon this and other measures calling for increased taxes but refrained from handing out advice.

PRINTER TO JOIN

GAZETTE TIMES STAFF

This newspaper is happy to announce that beginning Monday, May 13, Charles E. Jonas of Milwaukie, Ore. will be a member of the office staff. Mr. Jonas is a printer-operator and will preside in the shop, where mechanical assistance has been so badly needed for many months. He has been employed at Sheridan, Ore. since leaving the navy last year, but being a native of eastern Oregon he has a yearning to get back to the land of sunshine (or where the sun shines occasionally, at least), and the Gazette Times was able to induce him to come to Heppner.

Jonas is the son of R. A. Jonas, former publisher of the Central Oregonian at Prineville, and has spent most of his life in eastern Oregon.

Heppner Edges Out 15-12 Win Over Wasco Here Sunday

Legionnaires Trail 3 Innings Before Hitting Pay Dirt

Heppner's Legionnaire baseball club notched its first victory of the season Sunday afternoon at the Rodeo field by edging Wasco 15-12 in a ball game that had its ups and downs for both teams.

At the end of three innings a black picture was painted for Heppner rooters when Wasco had things all to themselves with an 8 to 1 lead. From then on, however, it was a different story as the Heppner boys settled down to play hard, tight ball, holding Wasco scoreless until the seventh inning and meanwhile scoring ten runs to lead 11 to 8. Wasco tied it up with a three-run outburst in the eighth inning, but Heppner came back with four more runs to stretch the lead to 15 to 11. A would-be Wasco rally in the ninth was nipped short when McCurdy struck out the last man after one run had crossed the plate.

Ray Massey was the big gun at the plate for Heppner. On two occasions he smashed balls into the right center field fence for doubles. Van Horn, Hoyt and Hayes also garnered two hits each.

Jack Miller pitched the first five innings for the Legionnaires and gave way to Harlan McCurdy who pitched the last four. McCurdy had the Wasco batters on his hip most of the time, striking out seven in four innings.

Next on the schedule for Heppner is Arlington. The game will be played Sunday at Arlington.

OUT OF NAVY

Three Morrow county enlistees who served with the navy during the war received discharge papers at Bremerton last week. Kenneth E. Bailey, SM2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey of Heppner; John Skuzeski, EM2c, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Skuzeski of Carson, Wash., for many years residents of Heppner, and Donald Peterson, MM3c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Peterson of Ione, have returned to their respective homes to again take up civilian life.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! SATURDAY MAY 11 IS STRAW HAT DAY

Come rain or shine, Saturday, May 11, has been definitely declared as the date for opening the straw hat season in Heppner. The mayor has not so proclaimed, but dealers who furnish their customers with straw fedoras are taking the responsibility of naming the day.

So come Saturday morning it will be meet and right that you get out the old panama and dust it off, or lacking such a head piece, there is little doubt that the aforesaid dealers will deem it a great pleasure to show you what you should wear on sunshiny days.

Coal Strike Hits

Postal Service

Postmaster Joe Aiken is in receipt of a telegram from the postmaster general stating that as of midnight tonight a reduction in weight and size of parcel post packages will go into effect. This reduction is directly due to the coal strike in the east, which has necessitated a sharp cut in train service.

Parcels weighing more than 11 pounds or measuring over 60 inches in length and girth are not to be accepted for mailing until further orders.

The postmaster general was scheduled to speak over the radio from 5 to 6 p. m. today and all postmasters have been asked to listen in to receive instructions.

Loan Association Meets Here Today

The Morrow County National Farm Loan association held its annual meeting in Heppner today, attended by between 45 and 50 members. The meeting was held at the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church, where the ladies of the church served an excellent dinner.

Arnold Anderson of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane was the principal speaker and entertainment features consisted of a piano solo by Terry Thompson and two numbers by Everett Smith's instrumental ensemble from the school.

Ralph H. Loveless of Pendleton is secretary-treasurer of the association. Walter Moore, manager of the Pendleton Production Credit association, was an interested visitor.

Budget For Fiscal Year Adopted By Committee Monday

Slight Increase Necessary to Meet Advancing Costs

Heppner's budget for the ensuing fiscal year calls for a slight increase in expenditures and possibly a little more taxes if the people approve the figures adopted by the council and budget committee Monday evening. Estimated expenditures amount to \$33,100, which is \$3,270 more than the current year.

Were it not for the fact that the bond redemption payment was reduced from \$7,000 to \$4,000, it would not have been possible to favor some of the projects and meet salary raises that the trend of the times imposes. Salary allowances were made only where additional services may be needed, such as police protection. Improvements to public buildings and property, or repairs to same came in for a little more generous allotment, but in most instances the budget followed last year's estimates.

Monday evening saw quite a grist of business come before the council. Jack O'Connor and Rev. Fletcher Forster, representing the chamber of commerce and other civic bodies, presented a plea for funds to finish the swim tank building. The city agreed to pay for materials and the civic groups will raise the funds necessary to pay for labor.

Conley Lanham and Frank Davis, representing the chamber of commerce, presented the proposal for finishing Main street sidewalks out to the curbs. They were authorized to canvas the property owners and try to get 100 percent co-operation and failing in this the city may pass an ordinance providing for the work and the collection of funds to pay for same.

It was agreed that the city would go in on a 50-50 basis with the county in clarifying certain lots in the Mt. Vernon addition to the city of Heppner.

Mayor Turner announced that all is in readiness for drilling the new city well. Easements have been secured from Frank Monahan and J. G. Barratt, and a road has been graded to the well. A contract has been signed with A. M. Edwards, Lexington well driller, who will start operations here as soon as he has completed drilling a well at Echo. Discussion of the well brought to light the necessity for an additional reservoir and the building of a sewer system.

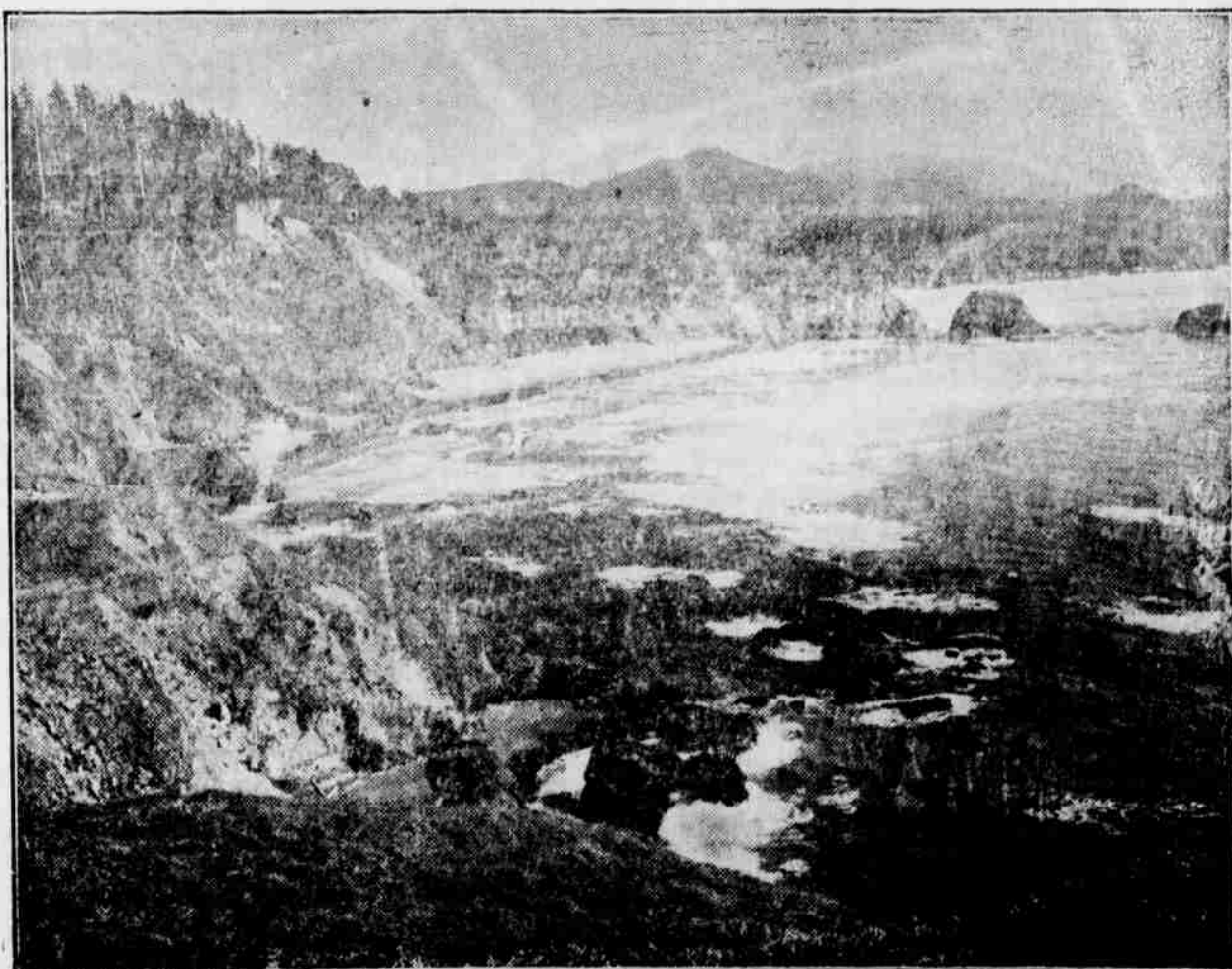
The mayor also reported that he had prepared and forwarded a brief on the Heppner flood situation to the city's representative in Washington, J. G. Crawford and that the proposed dam will be given a hearing May 22 or thereabouts. Telegrams have been forwarded the congressional delegation urging support of the dam. In the meantime, some of the needed and contemplated improvements in town are being held back until it is known what will be done about the project.

Four building permits, all for residences, were issued. R. E. Thomas, \$3500; A. J. Westhoff, \$2500; K. L. Blake, \$4,000, and L. M. Smith, \$1500. Blake has since applied for another permit to construct a dwelling.

IONE MAN ENLISTS

The U. S. army recruiting office in Pendleton announced the enlistment of Mineth E. McClain, Box 205, Ione. He enlisted for duty with the medical corps since he already had five years in the army as a medical technician with 30 months overseas. His sister, Pansy Ekstrom, lives in Ione.

TRAVEL PROGRAM FEATURES OREGON COAST



With tourists and vacationists free once again to take to the open road and travel as far as they wish, Oregon's picturesque coast line is expected to attract a record number of visitors this year. This picture of a stretch of coasters is one of a series of twenty-

five full-color photographs of scenic views of the West that Standard of California will distribute to remind travelers of the beauty spots they should visit. The oil company will give away 20,000 copies of the photographs through its retail outlets.