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Condon Chosen As Meeting Place of Wheat League in '48

Heppner May Be In Line For Meet Following Year

Delegates to the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in session at Baker the past week end selected Condon as the meeting place for the 1948 convention. Invitations from Heppner and The Dalles were given consideration on the floor but after some deliberation, Condon won on the basis of not having entertained the league since 1939, while both Heppner and The Dalles have had that privilege in the meantime.

Orville Cutsforth reported to the chamber of commerce on the wheat league convention, pronouncing it a successful session. While numerous items were on the agenda, he feels that soil erosion and future markets for wheat were the two most important items discussed. An attempt to pass a resolution against House Bill 99, passed in the recent Oregon legislature paving the way for dam construction along the Snake river, was a draw, Cutsforth said. He also reported that Morrow county's 14 representatives comprised the second largest delegation at the convention.

J. J. O'Connor presented the matter of the outstanding citation award proposed by the Junior chamber of commerce to the senior group, explaining the object of the award and the desire of the Jaycees to have a committee from the older group appointed to make the selection. President Tibbles responded by naming B. C. Pinckney, C. J. D. Bauman, Harold Becket, G. W. Lucyan, Harold O. G. Crawford, Terrel J. Engle, and J. O. Turner.

There was some discussion of cooperation between the chamber groups on staging the annual football banquet. This led to the suggestion that townspeople should give more attention to the doings of the grade school, particularly with reference to basketball. Last year's grade school team was tops in this region, yet no notice was given it outside of immediate school backing. The CC decided to do something about it and the chair appointed Harry Van Horn, Conley Lanham and Henry Tetz as a committee of action.

Newby Warns Of Holiday Traffic

Oregonians will be facing the heaviest Christmas-time traffic volumes in history, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has declared in a special plea for safe walking and driving during the coming holidays.

Car registrations and motor vehicle fuel use figures are at all-time highs, giving plenty of notice of what to expect, Newby said. Last December, traffic accidents took 56 lives to double the toll recorded in June of that year.

"December is consistently the worst month in automobile-inflicted deaths," motorists were reminded. "There will be too many cars on the streets and highways to permit even a momentary lapse of attention."

December daytime is shortened three hours from summer daytime, it was pointed out. Most of this extra darkness comes when motor and pedestrian traffic is heaviest.

With throngs of Christmas shoppers added to the usual congestion, all persons were advised to allow more time to perform errands, whether by car or foot.

OBTAIN LITTLE GIRL

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Dunham and Mrs. O. G. Crawford made a trip to Portland Tuesday and returned with a little three-year-old miss who will make her home with the Dunhams. Her name is Camela Margaret and she will assume the name of her foster parents as soon as all legal formalities are attended to. The coming of Camela fills a long-felt want in the family, which includes the Dunhams and the Crawfords and there is great rejoicing hereabouts.

SELL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes are the latest residents to go in search for living quarters. They have sold their residence property at the corner of Gale and Church streets to C. N. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Huddleston and children left today for Tillamook to visit friends several days.

Northwest Christmas Ship To Carry Gifts From Morrow Co.

Morrow county will make a contribution toward raising 10,000 tons of food for starving people of Europe in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana and the territory of Alaska. Initial steps were taken in Heppner Tuesday when Mayor Conley Lanham named a committee headed by Mrs. Tom Wilson and including Rev. J. P. Sorlien, Rev. Joe Jewett and Gordon Grady to organize a campaign for receiving and delivering donations.

Although the movement is a little tardy in getting started, it is expected that by the end of this week the committee will be prepared to announce plans for the campaign in the county.

The federal government has approved the plan, authorized over 10,000 tons of shipping space and will defray the chartering costs. The ship will be made up in Tacoma and stop at Seattle and Portland.

Simultaneously in Oregon and Washington the idea developed, where during the Friendship Train campaign it was noted that both Portland and Seattle, a similar action could take place more conveniently without the long distance hauling. The governors of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska were contacted as soon as the Friendship Train was dispatched. From their warm reception of the idea, was born the Northwest Christmas ship.

With the slogan "From Your Heart Do Your Part" the food gathering organization is under way. In Oregon, Governor John Hall, following the plan of the Northwest states, appointed as state coordinator the Rev. Gilbert B. Christian, who is executive secretary of the Oregon Council of Churches and state director of Church World Service. Also appointed were Ray Smith, the executive secretary of the Citizens Food committee, and Ray Carr as publicity chairman.

The mayors of all the cities, enthusiastic champions of the project from the start, will appoint local people and committees to cooperate in the state plan.

Assurance is given that the food will reach the needy and not slip into black market channels or be used for propaganda purposes, as the American Council for Voluntary Relief will directly handle the distribution. The council is composed of 34

Lexington Grange Bazaar Event of Saturday Evening

Announcement is made this week of the annual dinner and bazaar given by the home economics club of the Lexington grange which has been set for Saturday evening at the grange hall three miles north of Lexington.

Turkey dinner will be served from 6 to 7:30 p. m., followed by the sale of numerous articles which the ladies have prepared. There will be games for everybody including pinocle, "500," Hearts, bridge, Chinese checkers, bingo, flinch, anagrams, monopoly, and other forms of pastime. There will be supervised play for children, which just about removes any reason for folks to stay away from the grange hall Saturday evening.

Oregon Gasoline Consumption High

Oregon gasoline use for the first 10 months of 1947 has soared to an all-time high, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has announced.

October sales reached 37 million gallons to bring the total used so far this year to 361,828,528, or 45 million gallons more than the amount consumed in the first 10 months of 1946.

Although declining since the summer car travel peak of last August, monthly gasoline use is still running well ahead of last year's figures, officials pointed out. Actual vehicle travel on Oregon streets and highways is estimated at four and a quarter billion miles since January 1.

"It's certain that traffic volumes around Christmas time will be the heaviest in history," Newby declared. "That means there is a grave danger of exceeding last year's December toll of 56 dead."

Motorists and pedestrians were urged to double precautionary measures during the holiday season.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

While taking a truck load of lumber from Heppner to Pasco the past week, Vic Johnson had a narrow escape from serious injury when a slide struck the rear of the truck. Johnson is confident that had the front of the rig been hit he would not have been able to make the report. The badly damaged vehicle was taken to Walla Walla for repairs. It is presumed the slide occurred near the Oregon-Washington line where the hills are steep and covered with quantities of loose rock.

L. L. Hiatt Dies At Oregon City

From the Oregon City Banner Courier it is learned that Levi L. Hiatt, 75, resident of the Pet's Mountain district on route 4, Oregon City, for the last eight months, died Friday at Oregon City convalescent home. He had resided in Oregon for 65 years, and came to Oregon City community from Heppner. He was born September 30, 1872, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Surviving include the widow, Mrs. Iva Hiatt; three sons, Darrell E. Roseburg; Ace, Forest Grove, and Carl, Heppner; two daughters, Mrs. James Stout and Mrs. Harold Batson, of route 4, Oregon City; a sister, Mrs. J. A. Pearson, Hermiston, and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Oregon City Funeral home, with Rev. W. C. Piper of the Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Stafford cemetery.

Mr. Hiatt was an uncle of John W. Hiatt of Heppner.

A baby daughter arrived this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ferguson at Corvallis, according to word received by the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ferguson of this city.

Scouts Withdraw From Benefits of Community Chest

After participating in the funds provided through the Community Chest the past four years, the Boy Scouts of America have withdrawn from that support this year and will stage a campaign of their own.

Reason for withdrawal from the Community Chest was to enable other organizations, statewide and local, to carry out their enlarged and important programs. With the Scouts out of the chest the county goal will be lower and easier to attain at this time.

The Scouts will conduct their own educational finance campaign in January which will give a full picture of the Boy Scout program to the public so how it functions may be seen.

At present Heppner has one cub pack for boys 9-10-11 years old and a Scout troop for boys 12 and over. Ione, Lexington and Boardman also have Scout troops.

There are over 75 Cubs and Scouts in the county, 27 men and women assisting in this complete scouting program. Plans are now underway to organize a new troop in Irigoin and Cub packs in Ione and Lexington in 1948.

Degree Of Honor Initiation, Elks' Night For Ladies Are High Spots In Social Week

By Ruth Payne
Initiation ceremonies were presented at the Degree of Honor lodge meeting Tuesday evening at the following candidates: Mrs. Carmel Broadfoot and Miss Beverly Yocom. At the conclusion of the business session, refreshments were served.

Another in the series of ladies' night entertainments was held Thursday by the B. P. O. Elks. Bridge and pinocle were the diversion of the evening with high score in bridge being won by Mrs. James Driscoll, second by Mrs. Dale Lucas, and in pinocle, Mrs. Dale Brown received high score, and Mrs. Walter Becket, second. Mrs. Conley Lanham and Mrs. Joe Hughes left Tuesday for Portland to attend the funeral service Wednesday for her nephew, Pfc Kenneth B. Williams, who was killed November 20, 1943, on the island of Tarawa. Graveside services were held at Lincoln Memorial park with the Colonial mortuary of arrangements. During her stay in Portland, Mrs. Hughes was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Allen E. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bengel were in Pendleton Wednesday to attend the funeral services of Mr. Bengel's nephew, the late Fred Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin W. Furlong arrived Wednesday from Portland to visit briefly with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Furlong, and other relatives.

Donald E. Warner of Ione received a badly lacerated right hand when the motor block with which he was working fell on the hand. Mr. Warner works at the Henderson garage in Lexington and was brought to Heppner to a physician.

Mrs. Olin Applegate and son, Richard, returned to their home in Hood River Wednesday after a few days' visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Farley. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nash, also of Hood River, and who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh Nash during their stay in Heppner.

According to word received in Heppner, Mary M. Wallace and Terrel L. Bengel were married on Sunday afternoon in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. George Snider as officiant.

Pledges 900,000 Elks to Aid Boy Scouts; 1475 Lodges Will Help Local Troops



Boyhood of America to benefit as L. A. Lewis (left), head of B.P.O.E. and Dr. E. K. Fretwell, head of Scouts, lay plans.

New Reservoir To Be Ready For Use In Short Time

Heppner's new 840,000 gallon reservoir is undergoing a test this week and the water department announced that it was filled for the first time this morning. It had been partially filled before for the purpose of testing the floor, as well as to help in cleaning it out. The present water will be let out and upon the next filling the water will be chlorinated. It is hoped to put the big "tank" into regular use by January 1.

Addition of the new reservoir will give Heppner close to 1,200,000 gallons storage. The present reservoir on the west side of town has a capacity of 350,000 gallons.

Mayor Conley Lanham told your reporter that each inch of water in the new reservoir represents 5,000 gallons. The storage depth is 14 feet, or 168 inches, and 168 times 5,000 adds up to 840,000.

Mrs. J. O. Turner entertained the members of the Bookworms club at her home Tuesday evening. The book, "Miracles of The Bible," by Janny, was reviewed by Mrs. J. G. Thomson. Eleven members were present. Refreshments were served.

Local Elks Attend The Dalles Lodge

A group of Heppner lodge officials and brothers drove to The Dalles Monday to attend a meeting of The Dalles lodge of Elks at which time the grand exalted ruler, Lafayette A. Lewis, paid his official visit to Oregon North-east.

Going from Heppner were Harvey White, exalted ruler; Terrel Bengel, esteemed leading knight; J. J. O'Connor, esteemed lecturing knight; J. Palmer Sorlien, assistant chaplain; Frank W. Turner, past exalted ruler; and C. C. Carmichael, Henry Hapwood, W. B. Rice and George Snider.

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Agricultural Planning Meet Not Crystal Gazing Session

The agricultural planning conference to be held in Morrow county on January 22 is no crystal gazing session, but it will bring out some of the factors affecting the future of agriculture in this county. That was the comment of County Agent N. C. Anderson this week as he reviewed the work of the committee that are making preparations for the county-wide planning day.

After record years of wartime production, the farms of Oregon are shifting to a peacetime basis, and farmers generally are wondering what changes should be made in their production plans. Basically, the situation still is the same as in the pre-war years, the agent stated. Oregon must market a large amount of its crops and livestock products outside the state. The domestic market probably will be much more important than foreign outlets, and the volume of industrial employment and trade policies will have a great bearing on the domestic market.

The basic job, the agent stated, is to do the best job of farming we can on the individual farms and to channel our production along the lines that seem best able to meet competition from other regions in out-of-state markets.

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Jaycees Charter Night Dinner Set For December 13

Event Expected To Draw Delegations From Other Towns

Climaxing a year of strenuous activity, the Junior chamber of commerce will hold a banquet Saturday evening at which time a representative of the national Junior chamber of commerce will present the group with a national charter.

The banquet will be held at 7 p. m. in the I.O.O.F. dining hall, with the Elkhorn restaurant doing the catering. There will be musical numbers by local talent and speeches by visiting and local Jaycees. Attendance at the banquet is limited to paid up members of the local unit, their wives, and visiting Jaycees.

Delegations from Walla Walla, La Grande and other points where active chapters are in force have given assurance of representative delegations and it is hoped the Oregon Jaycees president will be able to attend.

The Heppner unit was organized April 1, 1947 and has been an active force in civic affairs since the start. The first project undertaken was the county-city trade which finally culminated in the city taking possession of the fair pavilion and other property on north Main street where the Jaycees have made a good start toward establishing a civic center. They plan ultimate removal of the present buildings and the erection of a civic building. This will be accompanied by the development of adjacent land into a city park, all of which is to serve as a memorial to the men of World War II, living and dead.

Officers elected at the organization meeting were Bill Barratt, president; Glenn Parsons, vice president; Walt Barger, secretary, and Frank E. Davis, treasurer. A. A. Scoulen was named publicity director. The board of directors includes Stephen Thompson, Gerald Swaggart, Tom Loyd, James Healy, Frank Anderson and Nels Anderson.

Shiffer Placed In E. O. State Hospital For Medical Care

Elmer Shiffer, held on a charge of sodomy, was ordered placed in the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton by Judge Homer I. Watts when the case came up for hearing in circuit court here Monday. Judge Watts took the action after being petitioned by members of Shiffer's family who came here from Idaho to give the accused man a chance for medical care rather than impose a prison sentence.

Melvin Moyer, held in the county jail on a charge of non-support, was released on probation.

How Heppner Got Its Name Told By High School Senior

Supt. Henry Tetz of the Heppner schools was rummaging in his office recently and came across an article written by Harold Becket, now chairman of the board of school district No. 1, and having to do with the question of how Heppner got its older residents but to the majority of people living here now name. That is not a secret to know something about the early history of the town and how the name came to be changed from Stansbury Flats to Heppner.

HENRY HEPPNER (1825-1905)
By Harold Becket
Senior in High School

The word "frontier" in the vocabulary of the United States may well become obsolete in the sense we think of it. It has served its purpose; its usefulness is restricted to our histories and western stories. The western frontier, with its untamed characters and thrilling action, exists now mostly in novels and in the minds of some of our imaginative eastern neighbors.

The "Wild West" was never so wild on the Pacific coast as it was farther inland, a little east of us. The explanation to this—the most logical one, it seems to me—may be summed up in a few words.

The cry of the public was "go West!" When people went West they went until they could go no further. The frontier moved quickly over the plains and rolling hills to the mountains and coast. A few people dropped out in the trip to the West, but the main body went on. When the last stand was established, and getting crowded, there was a natural back-flow toward the plains and grassy hills that were left.

It is not surprising that those places were still uncivilized—a

kind of frontier—even though civilization had long since passed through and on to the western coast.

This back-flow swept through the eastern part of the state and over the mountains toward the plains. Here it met the influx from the East, and that was the end of our frontiers. The energetic, but somewhat wasteful methods of the red-blooded Americans soon covered the entire country. In a few years the timber-lands started on a downhill gallop, and of late years the grassy grazing lands of the western range have become a thing of the past. Something in the temperament of the American caused the settlers to rush back and forth over the country like a flood getting all off it they could before they touched the soil. Some of their settled down, and the final settlement came when the plow was put to the sod.

The back-flow brought with it many strange characters. Among all the rest, from California it brought Henry Heppner.

Born in Prussia of Jewish parents, with relatives in Poland, he came as a young man to the gold fields of California. Although he himself did not know the exact date of his birth, it is believed to have been 1825. The young man's progressive character shows, when, at the age of twenty-four or twenty-five, he left his home in Europe and took a long ocean voyage to a big and strange country. At that time there was no Panama canal and one might take his choice of going by boat around the southern end of the lower continent or crossing the isthmus by the American trade route which was established by agreement in 1846. Young Heppner chose the latter, and, taking another boat, from the western side of the isthmus,

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