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Committees Ready With Reports For Planning Meeting

No Long-Winded Speeches To Find Place On Program

What crops and livestock products can Morrow county farms produce for market to best advantage during the peace-time years ahead? What improvements can be made to bring about better farm and rural life?

These are questions to which six committees of the Morrow county planning conference to be held January 30 have been directing their attention during the past several weeks, reports Bill Barratt, general chairman. All farmers of the county are invited to participate in this conference in which every phase of Morrow county agriculture will be given consideration.

"We promise a fast-moving program, plans for which have now been completed," said Chairman Barratt. "The conference will start promptly at 10:30 a. m. at the Lexington grange hall. A plate luncheon will be served at noon with music and other appropriate entertainment," added County Agent Anderson, general conference secretary, who has also served as secretary of many of the committees.

"I have never seen committees work harder or dig into information more searchingly than these have done," he continued. "There has been general agreement among those developing reports that this job of converting agriculture to peace is going to be more difficult and present many more problems than adjustment to war. During the war there were markets for nearly everything that could be produced, at relatively high prices."

Here are some of the questions for which committees have been seeking answers: Are the crops most suitable for and providing highest incomes possible being grown in our north Morrow irrigated section? What kind of a weed control program should our farmers have to prevent further infestation from perennial noxious weeds? How can our farm homes be made a happier place in which to live? How can we provide better opportunities for youth through organization? What conservation practices are most important in saving our soil? Do we need a Brucellosis disease control program to safeguard our farm families' lives?

These and similar questions will be presented by the six conference committees and discussed by those attending the meeting.

"The program will move along promptly with committee reports and brief discussion instead of long-winded speeches," says the chairman. "There should be something of practical interest which applies to every farm."

The program of the day begins with an opening statement by Chairman Barratt which outlines the day's program. A discussion of the county's agriculture and major problems will be made by County Agent N. C. Anderson. Committee reports will follow during the forenoon and afternoon.

Mary Beth Minden, extension specialist in home management, Oregon State college, will speak immediately after the noon, dealing with opportunities for improvement in rural life. F. L. Ballard, associate extension director, Oregon State college, will conclude the conference with a brief summary and statement regarding the obvious values of such conferences.

Ione Topic Club Schedules Benefit Party January 31

People who have a taste for good food and like to play cards will want to keep Saturday evening, January 31, in mind, for that is the date set by the Ione club for a big benefit party in behalf of the Ione Memorial Improvement association. This is an annual event, what with the forming of the improvement association, and the committee has promised that this year's party will be even better than the one given last year.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the smorgasbord, and this in itself should attract a goodly number of people. Entertainment will be provided with bridge, pinocle and Chinese checkers. A door prize will be given.

The affair will be held at the Ione American Legion hall. Fred Buschke of Elgin is pending the week here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke and other relatives. He reports the winter a little more pronounced on the east side of the Blues, but not too severe. Fred was among the Masons in attendance at lodge the night the Elgin Masonic hall was destroyed by fire about the middle of May, 1947. He visited Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M. Tuesday evening.

Home Town Paper Does Yeoman Job In College Town

Sometimes an editor wonders if his efforts are appreciated and when his enthusiasm for his work shrinks to low ebb along comes something to perk him up. That is what happened this week when along came a letter from Mrs. Dessa Hoffstetter, librarian at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth. Says Mrs. Hoffstetter: "It has just occurred to me that you might be interested to know just how widely read is the copy of the Gazette to which I subscribe. Each week I bring my copy and place it on the periodical shelves. Morrow county and vicinity are rather well represented both in our student body and in our faculty."

"The following students are enrolled at the Oregon College of Education this term: Kenneth W. Crow, Echo; Wade Bothwell, James P. Kenny, Jackson Holt and Romona McDonald, Heppner; Archie Padberg, now living at Hermiston, and Felix Johnson, Long Creek, whose grandparents, the Alex Cornetts, lived in Heppner for many years.

"Mr. Corwin, who was superintendent at Heppner and now is city superintendent at Independence, is teaching a class in school organization in the college. Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Knox, who used to be in Heppner, are now teaching classes in physical education and dancing at OCE. The college registrar, R. Elwayne Lieuaellen, came to Monmouth about a year ago from Pilot Rock. The college librarian, Dessa Devlin Hofstetter, is also from Heppner."

Mrs. Hofstetter didn't say how many of the above are reading the GT, but since hers is the only copy mailed to Monmouth it is presumed that most of those mentioned mull over the news of the old stamping ground.

Ione and Umatilla Tied For Lead In Little Wheat League

	Won	Lost
Ione	2	0
Umatilla	2	0
Boardman	0	1
Irrigon	0	1
Lexington	0	2

The Ione Cardinals are off to a good start, winning over Lexington 42-26 and again last Friday defeating the Boardman Yellowjackets 27-22 in a close, hard-fought game.

In the first quarter, neither team found the basket much. It ended 6-4 in Ione's favor. Bergstrom scored 4 for the victors.

In the second quarter, sparked by Graham, Boardman rebounded, putting Ione on top 9-8. Graham scored a gift shot and the half time score stood 9-9.

In the third quarter the Cardinals, sparked by Doherty, outscored the Yellowjackets 7 points, making the score 21-14.

Boardman wasn't quitting tho, and out-scored the Cards 8-6 in the fourth quarter.

	FG	FT	P	FT
Ione	3	6	0	12
Doherty, f	1	3	4	5
Bergstrom, f	1	0	3	2
Herman, c	1	0	3	2
Jepsen, c	0	1	0	2
Pettyjohn, g	0	1	5	1
Salter, g	2	0	4	4
Carlson, g	0	1	3	1
Score	8	11	21	27

	FG	FT	P	FT
Boardman	0	7	3	0
Brown, f	3	7	1	13
Graham, f	2	5	6	2
Robertson, c	0	0	4	0
Beaver, g	0	1	3	2
Miller, g	1	1	3	2
Score	6	10	16	22

Ione B defeated Boardman B in a preliminary, 28-16, with Warren of Ione and Ball of Boardman taking scoring honors with 9 points each.

DEPUTY COLLECTORS WILL HELP INCOME TAXPAYERS

A schedule of deputy collectors to assist income taxpayers of the state has been arranged and those wishing this assistance should keep the dates in mind and contact them.

In this area, the deputy will be at Arlington, Feb. 3, holding forth at the Gilliam County bank, and on Feb. 4 at the court house in Condon.

The date for Heppner is Feb. 2 at the court house.

UMATILLA PUBLISHER BUYS HERMISTON HERALD

Daily papers of the state carried the news this week that Clayton Darrah, publisher of the Columbia Empire at Umatilla, has purchased the Hermiston Herald from Dan Bartlett and change of ownership will take place February 2.

Arlington Takes Close One From Mustang Quintet

Locals Unable To Find Basket For Foul Conversions

The Mustangs dropped a close one to Arlington on the local court last Friday by the score of 31-28. Although the locals outscored their rivals from the field they were sunk via the free throw route. Arlington jumped into a 9-4 lead at the quarter and led 17-16 at the half, the lead having changed hands twice. The score was tied at 25-all at the third quarter mark. The lead changed four times in the final period in which Arlington won a successful stalling game the final minutes. Heppner's strategy in an endeavor to score during these final minutes seemed to consist of attempting to throw the ball through the concrete wall in the forecourt.

Line-ups:
Heppner: Greenup (7) f (7) Sweet Hughes (4) f (1) B. West Waters (2) f (4) Mackey East f (5) J. West Sumner (5) c (5) J. West Padberg (6) g (7) Clough Rippee (4) g (7) Bailey

The Heppner reserves won the preliminary game without difficulty. 31-17. Heppner players were Manners (8), Gabler, East (6), Hughes (8), Smith (2), Bell, Orwick (7), Hammack, Key, Ruhl; was unable to play because of an injury.

MUSTANGS TAKE THRILLER

Heppner stopped Umatilla at the Dam-site town Tuesday in a hair-raising finish by a 37-36 count. The Mustangs seemed to have everything under control at the start, leading 7-4 at the quarter, and 21-14 at intermission. They increased their lead to 10 points by the middle of the third which the Vikings whittled to 26-21 at the third quarter. Umatilla then started to town and by mid-quarter enjoyed a three-point lead themselves. Here the fireworks started, the lead changing hands six times before Sumner was fouled on an under-basket shot with 20 seconds to go and the score 36-36. He made the first, took the second out of bounds and the Mustangs succeeded in stalling out the final seconds of the game.

Line-ups:
Heppner: Greenup (17) f (19) O'Brian Hughes f (5) Johnson Waters (8) f (2) Thompson Sumner (2) c (2) Hiatt Padberg (6) g (6) Brog Rippee (4) g (2) Baldwin

Heppner reserves also won, 22-17. Heppner players: East (4), Gabler, Manners (4), Hughes (9), Connor (1), Ruhl (4), Key, Orwick, Hammack, Smith was unable to play because of illness.

Two games are scheduled for this week end, both at Heppner. Condon plays here Friday and Echo Saturday. Condon lost the first two games of the season but has won all the rest. Echo has a nicely balanced team of six footers who gave Heppner their worst shellacking in years at Echo two weeks ago. Preliminary games both nights start at 7:30.

Hugh Porter is spending a few days at Hotel Heppner recuperating from a foot injury received recently while at work at Scribner's mill.

Administrators Propose Minimum Testing Program For Compiling A Satisfactory Guidance Course In Schools

Administrators of the five town schools of the county met at the Boardman school Monday evening, with Gerard Fahey as host. Dinner was served at 5:30 by Mrs. Grace Macomber and Mrs. Flossie Coats, cafeteria cooks at the school. Attending the meeting were John S. Feathers, principal, Lexington; Alf N. Sowold, principal, Irrigon; B. C. Forsythe, principal, Ione; Henry Tetz, superintendent, Heppner; Gerard B. Fahey, principal, Boardman, and Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent.

Following the dinner a meeting was held for the purpose of discussing some of the county-wide school problems. It was decided that all schools should provide a minimum testing program that will make it possible to compile sufficient data on all pupils to implement a satisfactory guidance program and to evaluate the effectiveness of the instructional program. In order to accomplish these goals, it was agreed that: 1. Each of the schools would administer intelligence tests to the pupils in grades one, three, six and nine each year; (2) That achievement tests be given all pupils in the elementary schools in grades three to eight inclusive; (3) That achievement tests be given all high school students; (4) That



Three Portland nurses, Mary McLelland, 5125 S. E. Knapp; Rosie Tang, 3510 S. E. Grant Court, and Evangeline Hule, 3315 S. E. 39th avenue, stop at the bedside of a young Idaho polio victim in Baise's St. Luke's hospital. The March of Dimes is paying for transportation, salary, and maintenance of the nurses, three of more than 35 who volunteered from Oregon for service in the Idaho polio epidemic area.

Lodges Preparing For Installation Ceremony Friday

By Ruth Payne

Plans for installation of officers were made at the meeting of San Souci Rebekah lodge Friday evening. This will be a joint installation with the Oddfellows and will be held on the evening of February 4 following the annual turkey dinner for the combined orders. Mrs. Ruth Bergstrom, noble grand, has announced that a practice for installation ceremonies will be held January 28 following the meeting of Oddfellows. Mrs. Bergstrom was presented with a gift from her officers for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dix were hosts for a dinner party at their home on Baltimore street, complimenting Mrs. Sara McNamee on her birthday. Other guests were Lucy Rodgers, Margaret Gillis, Leta Humphreys, Josephine Mahoney and JoJean Dix.

Rev. Joe Jewett motored to Portland Monday to attend a conference of the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Runnion motored to Portland Sunday where Mrs. Runnion will enter Portland General hospital for a short time.

The adult Bible class is making plans for the dedication of a shelf at the Heppner Public library in memory of the late Thomas J. Humphreys. Books of a religious nature and those on subjects in which Mr. Humphreys was interested will be presented. L. D. Neill and Rev. Joe Jewett are in charge of arrangements.

Bob Runnion, Jr., is spending a few days in Heppner with relatives prior to his departure for Laramie, Wyo., where he will remain for a time. Bob plans to re-enter the University of Oregon for the fall term.

Bill Badurina of The Dalles was a week-end visitor in Heppner. During his stay he was a guest of A. C. L. Jetley.

Mrs. Florence Hughes has returned from Yakima where she has been visiting relatives since the holidays.

Joe Coleman, representative of the Kinzua Pine Mills, was a business visitor in Heppner early in the week.

Mrs. James Barratt Jr. of Corvallis was a week-end visitor here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Wilson. Mrs. Barratt came up to receive a new Chevrolet. Returning Sunday, she was accompanied as far as Portland by her mother, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Alva Jones.

Marvin R. Wightman returned

Feb. 5 Selected For Presentation Of Student Play

"We Shook the Family Tree," a comedy in three acts, will be presented in the high school auditorium Thursday, Feb. 5, at 8 p. m. by an all-school cast, according to W. A. Jackson, director. The proceeds of the play will go towards the expense of publishing the Hehisch, high school paper.

The characters are: Hildegard Dolson, played by Beverly Yocom; "Mrs. Dolson," the mother, played by Edda Mae Thorpe, gets a date for Hildegard with "Freddie," played by Roy Carter. The remaining members of the cast include "Father," Malcolm East; Hildegard's brothers, "Bob," Jerry Waters, and "Jimmy," Eddie Anderson; "Sally," her young sister, Beverly Maness; "Ellis-May," Bob's heart-throb, Marlene DuBois; her friend, "Jill," Beverly Eberhardt; "Palge," a little neighbor girl, Nancy Adams; "Mr. Sherman," Freddie's father, Orville Cutford; and his mother, "Mrs. Sherman," Corabelle Nutting.

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Monday from a week-end business trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gentry motored over from Bend Saturday bringing his mother, Mrs. Ordrie Gentry, who will remain here for a time with her sister, Mrs. Alice Gentry. Mr. and Mrs. Gentry returned to Bend Sunday evening. Hubert Hudson returned to his work at the Heppner Lumber Co. Tuesday following an absence of several days following an injury to his left leg received when the carrier on which he was riding overturned. The carrier was being towed by a truck but failed to make the turn.

Mrs. Alonzo Edwards of Lexington was shopping in Heppner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gleaton of Cannonville, were transacting business in town Monday. They report considerable cold and frost out their way.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mahone of Hardman were business visitors in Heppner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay of Kinzua were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll.

Among those from Heppner going to Pendleton Tuesday to attend the funeral services of the late Pat Doherty of Vinson were Mrs. Rose Francis, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bucknum and Mr. and Mrs. James Farley.

Special Committee Reports Findings On Road Financing

Group Favors 10 Mill Levy Over Period Of Years

Voters of the county will more than likely have the privilege of voting on a special 10-mill road levy at the forthcoming primary election. This is based on the recommendation of the special road committee's findings after meetings held the past two Monday afternoons, January 12 and 19. After contemplating four methods, the committee came up with the following report:

We, your special committee on roads, having been requested to study ways and means of bolstering the depleted road funds of the county, so that a program of good roads can be carried forward in a businesslike manner, respectfully submit the following report.

We have considered four possible methods of raising revenue for roads, they are:

First: The usual method of increasing the budget by not more than the 6% limitation which the county court and the budget committee have done. This has not produced enough revenue and necessitates searching for other methods.

Second: The county court may increase the budget over the 6% limitation by any amount that necessary and submit it to the legal voters of the county for approval. This would require a high levy if all raised the first year, of possibly 30 mills which would be acceptable to taxpayers in the high income brackets but quite burdensome to those less fortunate, or the levy could be divided over a number of years which would require approval of the voters each year at a special county-wide election costing approximately \$800,000 per election, and if rejected by the voters in any year would jeopardize our road program.

Third: A bond issue. This was looked on with favor at first because of the low interest rates prevailing but after consideration, it was rejected because money from the sale of bonds must be used on certain specified roads only, it would not yield readily to county-wide use. It would also require a mandatory levy each year until the bonds were retired.

Fourth: A special road levy of a certain amount to be raised each year for a specified number of years. This requires approval of the voters of the county.

Your committee favors this method and suggests a 10-mill levy for five years which would raise about \$110,000,000 annually. This amount, plus approximately \$24,000,000 from the regular budget, should be sufficient to carry on any necessary road program, with the assurance that the money would be forthcoming without additional reference to the voters. However, the voters could by their own initiative change the amount of the levy or eliminate it entirely, if in their judgment it should become burdensome. It is the opinion of your committee that this method of providing funds for the road program appears to be the best, in that it lends itself to a stabilized, over-all program, for a number of years.

The acceptance of this program at the primary election in May would enable the county court to start work on our poorly maintained roads soon after approval.

Casaba Game, Dance To Aid Polio Campaign

Road Plans Should Be Presented To Interim Committee

Road needs and plans should be carefully compiled and presented to the legislative interim committee on roads and streets, Rep. Henry Peterson told the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday. The committee is making a comprehensive survey of road and street needs throughout the state and will hold two meetings that will be available to Morrow county groups, one at The Dalles on March 22 and another at Pendleton closely following.

The committee needs to know what is needed, or desired, in each county in order to compile a report to submit to the next session of the legislature. It will be no run-of-the-mill interim report, according to Ralph T. Moore, chairman, who says "the boys may not agree with all of our findings and recommendations, but they will have the dependable data to use in drawing up intelligent action on highway matters. I think the gathering of this data is more important than our eventual interpretation of it."

Peterson urged the chamber of commerce to lay particular stress on matters of county roads and city streets. The state highway program takes care of the trunk lines in every community, to a large degree, but it may be difficult to get action by the legislature on the equally important county roads and streets unless local folks cooperate in getting their picture before the interim committee.

The chamber of commerce has several road matters in its program for which data will be gathered and compiled in time to present to the interim committee. It is understood the Pomona grange is also considering a program, and the forthcoming planning conference will more than likely include a general county program.

Driller Brings In 7 Wells In County

Water, water, and more water is the slogan in the Eight Mile-Gooseberry section of the county these days.

Leonard Carlson, in from the Gooseberry ranch, Monday, reported that seven wells have been bored since September 27, 1947, and the driller, G. M. Janssen of Portland, started Saturday morning on the eighth. Janssen started on September 27 at the Henry Baker place where a good flow was obtained at 80 feet. Moving from the Baker place he struck a good flow at 115 feet. Next was the Harley Anderson well where the drilling ceased at 60 feet, followed by a well at the Oscar Peterson place at 62 feet. At the Fred Buschke ranch the drill penetrated to 190 feet and at the Walter Becket ranch it required a 200-foot depth to get an ample flow. At 139 feet a good flow was obtained on the Jesse Warfield place. The outfit is now working at the Clarence Warren ranch in Dry Fork.

The wells were located by Michael Wirtzfeld of Anacortes, Wn. He has located 650 wells during the 30 years he has followed the business.

GO FOR CARS

F. W. Turner, Luke Bibby, Cal Sumner and Noel Hampton left Monday evening by Streamliner from Pendleton for Detroit, Mich., where they are to pick up cars and drive back to Heppner. Robert Turner went to Detroit last week to arrange for delivery of the cars and will accompany one of the men home. F. W. Turner expected to return by a southern route and might be gone for two weeks.

On the same train Monday evening was Mrs. William McCaleb and baby who were bound for Wisconsin Falls, Wis., on an extended visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard J. Warren have purchased a lot from F. W. Turner upon which they plan to erect a home. The lot is next door to the Vic Groshens home in the Ayers addition.

James, John and Dick Logan, ranchers from the west Cecil district, were transacting business in Heppner Saturday, on one of their infrequent visits to the county seat.

Mrs. Carey Hastings motored to Hardman Sunday to attend the birthday dinner given in honor of her father, Sam McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell motored to The Dalles Sunday where Mrs. Howell entered The Dalles hospital.

Two events have been scheduled by Francis Nickerson, director of the March of Dimes campaign in Morrow county, to boost the revenues toward the quota mark. The first will be a big dance at the Ione American Legion hall Saturday evening, January 24 and the other a basketball game at the Heppner school gymnasium between the Condon Rover Boys and the Heppner Townies. All net proceeds from the two events will go into the polio fund.

Farrow's orchestra will furnish the music for the dance.

The basketball game gives promise of being a red hot affair, if LaVerne Van Marter's "stable" of players gets into shape for it. Several of the boys have been suffering from the flu the past few days, which hasn't helped in working up the plays for meeting the Condon lads. The Rover Boys are a fast aggregation and if the Townies should win the local fans can look forward to seeing the Harlem Globe Trotters or some other "big shot" casaba troop play on the local floor.

POLIO ON INCREASE

Pointing to the record of increased numbers of polio patients during the past few years, let the high percentage of maximum recoveries, due to the proper type of medical care, made available through March of Dimes funds, Dr. E. T. Hedlund, state March of Dimes director, urged campaign workers in every county of the state to "keep up the good work of providing necessary funds for the treatment of this crippling disease."

"Oregon's per capita contributions to the March of Dimes ranked third highest in the nation last year," Hedlund said, "and we must maintain our record, for we never know when polio will strike in Oregon as it did in Idaho during 1947, with cases still numbering high during the first part of January 1948," Hedlund emphasized.

Idaho has sent many calls for nurses to the American Red Cross and Oregon nurses have responded to the need of the neighboring state. More than 30 Oregon nurses have volunteered for emergency service to date and the Red Cross is recruiting others.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis pays the nurses' transportation, salary, and maintenance from March of Dimes funds, while they are serving during a polio emergency. The nurses are employees of the hospital in which they are working.

Besides sending nurses to Idaho, Oregon has helped the neighboring state to meet its epidemic needs through local county chapters here sending essential equipment. Hot pack washers and wool have been two of the important items loaned to Idaho. Oregon's professional traveling polio unit, equipped with a resuscitator and hot pack washer, purchased with March of Dimes funds, hastened to Malheur county during the past summer to assist with the polio epidemic which had spread from Idaho into the bordering county in Oregon. The team includes four professional volunteers: a pediatrician, orthopedic surgeon, physical therapist and nurse.

Because no hospital facilities were available to polio patients in Malheur county during the outbreak there this past summer, the team assisted in setting up treatment and training local citizens should the outbreak increase in intensity.

The traveling polio unit is available to any county in Oregon where the services of the professional group are required.

The March of Dimes campaign dates are January 15 to 30.

Ward 7 Veterans Write Thanks

Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Morrow county chairman of the Red Cross hospital service, has received the following communication from members of ward 7 in the U. S. veterans hospital in Walla Walla:

January 10, 1948.

To Our Sponsors,
c/o Mrs. Ralph Thompson:
We, the patients of the Veterans hospital Ward 7 wish to thank you very much for all the nice things you swell folks sent us for Christmas and for all the nice things you have done thru the year 1947.

Signed: O. Fredrickson, Berry Williams, E. E. Bartrill, James Ward, C. Farrier, D. W. Dols, Theodore G. Mandanado, Walter Pete, Fred Blackburn, E. J. Matson, John Benjamin, Wm. New, Alex Memmers, Raymond Griffin, H. M. Pierce, Willard Henion, Dan Hedges, Earl Saultter, Melvin T. Struckness, Wm. K. Watson, William M. Strandrup, David Ross, Joseph R. Librart, Philip J. Giudici, Floyd Murphy, Ray W. Coon, Patrick Osmond, Roy Stroupp, Francis Schindler, Lincoln Kanyak, Chas. W. Gaston, Overt George Eberhard, M. E. Frey, Norman H. Benson, G. A. Siskotich, Creston G. Hill, L. H. Rhoads, Claf Week, Walken Shaw, Roy Stuart, G. T. Jones, Tony Santilippo, Frank Thomas.