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Sentiment Found Lacking For Union High School District

Citizens Express Attitude At Farm Bureau Meeting

Following a discussion of the organization of union high school districts by Lester Wilcox of the state department of education before the Morrow county farm bureau at Willows grange hall in Lone Mountain evening, President Orville Cutsforth of the bureau called for expressions from citizens of the three districts involved in the proposed project in the county. The result of the discussions brought no definite decision for or against, as a whole, and the proposal was tabled for the time being so far as the farm bureau is concerned.

The sentiment expressed by most of those called on was that more study is needed and that first of all the road program should be well underway before undertaking another extensive building program.

The first essential in seeking to form a union high school district is to choose the site, Mr. Wilcox said. Once formed, the union high school district board is a separate levying body, which would mean that a union high school would not save the taxpayers anything in their educational bill. On the other hand, advantages would be gained in securing better teaching staffs, and as far as this particular case is concerned, it would provide better educational facilities for the students of all three schools, Heppner, Lexington and Lone.

George N. Peck explained the road set-up and the proposed plan for financing the program. J. G. Barratt discussed the hospital situation and expressed the hope that the committee will be able to start a building program in the near future. The hospital committee is endeavoring to get the building plans worked down to a figure of approximately \$100,000 for the building alone. With federal assistance of one-third, this would not make it necessary to raise any more county funds above the \$105,000 now on hand.

An effort will be made to increase the membership of the farm bureau. Paid up members can participate in the farm bureau insurance and this is considered a good enough deal to warrant getting more of the farmers and stockmen to keep paid up in the bureau.

Pioneer Of Grant County Buried At Monument Monday

Funeral services were held at the community hall in Monument at 2 o'clock p.m. Monday for Emily Harding Sweek, 87, who passed away Saturday, January 31. The Reverend Mrs. Bach, pastor of the Presbyterian church at John Day, officiated. Interment was made in the family plot in the Monument cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Massey of Heppner, accompanied by Mrs. Irene Sherman and Mrs. Ruth Robinson of Seattle drove to Monument Monday morning to be present at the services.

Mrs. Sweek was a native Oregonian, born January 25, 1861 in the Tualatin valley. She married Lawrence Sweek at Tualatin in 1879. Later the same year they moved to Prairie City where they lived a few years and then moved to Hamilton, later moving on to the farm at Court Rock and finally taking up residence in Monument. Mr. Sweek passed away in 1921.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sweek, three of them preceding her in death. These two daughters, Ona and Gladys, and a son, the late Judge Calvin L. Sweek of Pendleton. Surviving children are Ruth Robinson, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Tom Gay, Anchorage, Alaska; Mrs. Belle Neal, Monument; Mrs. Blanche Earl, Portland, and Rex Sweek, Monument; besides a brother, Calvin Harding, Monument, and 19 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren.

Wreck Fatal To Charles W. Fuller

Charles W. Fuller, 26, was killed in a car wreck Sunday, January 25 at Los Angeles, according to word received here from his mother, Mrs. Walter Matteson. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, January 29, from the Uter, McKinney parlors on Broadway in Los Angeles, with burial taking place in Inglewood cemetery.

Charles was born December 30, 1921 at the home of the late Adam Knoblock on Rhea creek. He was a veteran of World War II and saw service overseas.

Survivors include his widow and a small son, Charles Lee, his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matteson; a grandmother, Mrs. Adam Knoblock, and a great grandmother, Mrs. Millie Gilson.

Wm. Kummerland Laid To Rest Here Sunday Afternoon

Services were held from the Phelps Funeral Home chapel at 2 o'clock p.m. Sunday for William Kummerland who died January 29 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, to which place he had been taken a few days earlier. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien conducted the service and music was provided by Mrs. C. C. Dunham.

A native of Illinois, where he was born August 31, 1859, Mr. Kummerland crossed the plains to the west by team and wagon. He stopped in Pendleton for a few months and then came to Morrow county and located a homestead in the upper Clark's canyon district. That was in 1884 and he lived the rest of his days on the homestead, to which other acreage was added.

Mrs. Kummerland preceded her husband to the grave on December 27, 1938. A daughter, Lena, died in 1912. Surviving members of the family are Leonard Kummerland and Mrs. Nora Periberg.

"Dawn To Dusk" Campaign Set For Tuesday, Feb. 17

The Boy Scout educational finance campaign will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, as a "Dawn to Dusk" campaign, according to J. O. Turner, chairman. The campaign will start with a breakfast for the workers at 7:30 a.m. in the Elkhorn cafe, and continue through the day with workers turning in their receipts that evening.

Dr. Clyde Dunham, Ed Gonty, Bill Blake and Chuck Hodge are team captains working with Mr. Turner. Each team captain is selecting at least five members to work on the campaign.

Troop 61 of Heppner is among the oldest troops in the Blue Mountain Council, and has had a successful scouting program throughout its existence. Some of its present leaders and committeemen were members of the troop as scouts. Frank Davis is the present scoutmaster with Francis Nickerson as assistant. Ted Smith is chairman of the troop committee with C. J. D. Bauman, Rev. J. P. Sorlien, La Verne Van Marter and Henry Tetz as members. Cub pack 61 has been organized since 1945 with R. S. Thompson as cubmaster and J. J. O'Connor as assistant cubmaster. Conley Lanham is chairman of the pack committee with Rev. Francis McCormack, Orville Smith as members. Dr. L. D. Tibbles is the institutional representative. The troop is sponsored by the American Legion post 87 and the pack by the Heppner chamber of commerce.

The funds raised in the campaign are used to support the Blue Mountain council, which gives assistance in programming and training the volunteer leaders of the whole scouting program, and leadership at the four summer camps conducted by the Blue Mountain council aside from the capital investment at these camps.

Services Held For Helen Agnes Moyer

Funeral services for Helen Agnes Moyer, whose death occurred Friday, January 30 at The Dalles, were held at 10 o'clock a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic church, with Father Francis McCormack officiating. Interment was held in Heppner Masonic cemetery with the Phelps Funeral Home in charge.

Helen Cunningham was born November 5, 1917 at Heppner, being 30 years, two months and 25 days of age at the time of her death. She was married November 12, 1941.

Surviving are two children, Francine Jan and Bruce Cleon; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham; two brothers, William of Goldendale, Wash., and Bobby of Heppner, and four sisters, Mary Brannon, Rose Hams and Betty McDonald of Heppner and Kay Kononen, Raymond, Wash.

Notson Family Safe In Far-Off China

Miss Opal Briggs is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Charles Notson which gives assurance of the safety of herself and Mr. Notson, missionaries of the Methodist church at Lintao, Kansu Province, China. Lintao is near the Tibetan border, in a remote section of China and many weeks by travel from the outside world.

Mrs. Notson wrote her letter on January 8 and Miss Briggs received it Tuesday of this week. The letter traveled by air from Lintao to the Chinese coast and by boat to the United States.

The Notsons sent greetings to their friends and from the tone of the letter it would seem that they appreciate hearing from the folks on this side of the world.

Mrs. Faye Bucknum and Mr. and Mrs. William Bucknum left this morning for Portland on a short business trip.

Mustang Casaba Tosses Corral Two Games Past Week

Arlington Reversed 41-31 as Heppner Recovers Accuracy

The Heppner Mustangs increased their winning streak to six straight by defeating Arlington, 41-31, at Arlington last Friday and the following Tuesday journeyed to Boardman where they won, 44-31.

Heppner racked up 10 points against Arlington before the Honkers were able to score and led at the half, 18-12. The Arlington boys sank five long shots in succession at the start of the second half and momentarily led by two counts. The Mustangs then began clicking again, leading 33-24 at the end of the quarter and held a 16-point edge in the middle of the fourth.

Line-ups:
Heppner: Greenup (20) f (6) Sweet Hughes f (3) Mackey Waters (12) f (3) Mackey Manners f Summer c (9) West Padberg (4) g (9) Clough Ruhl g (1) West Rippee (5) g (13) Bailey

Heppner reserves won their game, 30-19. Heppner players: Manners (11), Connor, Hughes (8), Bennett (4), Smith (1), Gunderson, Ruhl (3), Hammock (2), Key (1), Gahler (1).

This win throws Heppner and Condon into a tie for the Wheat League leadership, each having but one loss. The Mustangs dropped an earlier game to Arlington while Condon lost one to Heppner.

Heppner won without difficulty against Boardman, leading throughout the game.

Heppner Boardman Greenup 9 f (4) Brown Hughes f (2) Ball Waters (5) f (15) Robertson Manners f Summer (13) c (7) Graham Padberg (7) g (2) Beaver Ruhl (2) g (2) Earwood Rippee (8) g (1) Carpenter Orwick

Two games are scheduled for the home floor this week end. Fossil plays here Friday and Umatilla, Saturday. Hermiston will play here next Tuesday.

Pancake Luncheon Set For Feb. 10

The annual pancake luncheon, activity of the Women's Auxiliary of All Saints Episcopal church, will be served on Shrove Tuesday, February 10, in the parish house.

While hotcakes will form the piece de resistance, there will be ham and fruit in addition to round out a hearty luncheon. A choice of coffee, tea, milk or just plain aqua pura will be offered in the line of beverages.

Serving starts at 11:30 and continues until 1 p.m.

TELEPHONE MEET SLATED

A meeting of the directors of lines 4, 5, 6 and 16, rural telephone service, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 7, according to Gerald Swaggart, who was transacting business in town Wednesday from his ranch at Leonard.

A reorganization of the system is contemplated with a view to obtaining better service than has prevailed for the past several years. Swaggart said. The meeting will be held in the REA office in Heppner.

Ted Peterson was over from Condon Tuesday attending to business matters in Heppner.

Louis Gilliam motored to Pendleton Wednesday.

LODGE INSTALLATIONS HIGHLIGHT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES IN HEPPNER

By Ruth Payne
Installation of officers was held at the meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge Tuesday evening with the following members taking office: president, Sylvia McDaniel; past-president, Irene Nolan; vice-president, Ethel Pierson; second vice-president, Ida Farra; financial secretary, Clara Gertson; treasurer, Julia Hill; usher, Maude Hughes; assistant usher, Lucille Grady; inner watch, Beulah Barkla; outer watch, Beryna Shamblin; pianist, Harriet Ball; right assistant, Katie Cunningham; left assistant, Alice Gentry; advisor, Melba Quackenbush; color bearer, Mildred O'Connor; drill team captain, Clara Gertson; junior director, Irene Nolan; escorts, Ruth Bergstrom, Mary McMurry, Julia Hill, Mildred Bergstrom and Edna Coxen.

Installing officers were State Director Ethel Lindholm and Past President, State Organizer Minnie D. Card of Portland, and Grand Usher, Past State President, Clara B. Gertson. A surprise birthday cake was presented to Mrs. Alice Gentry and Mrs. Ellen Moore. Hostesses for the evening were Mesdames Edna Coxen, Alena Anderson, Ellen Moore and Mabel Chaffee.

Willows lodge No. 66, I.O.O.F. and San Souci Rebekah lodge observed joint installation ceremonies Wednesday evening with the following being installed, for Oddfellows: noble grand, Manuel Easter; past noble grand, Ralph Beamer; vice-grand, Roy Quackenbush; secretary, Durward Tash; treasurer, C. W. Barlow; chaplain, Joe Devine; warden, Jesse C. Payne; inside guardian, Corbett Green; outside guardian, Ralph Beamer; conductor, Al Troedson; supports, Ernest Hunt, N. D. Bailey, Harold Hill, Ben Anderson and Lee Howell.

Officers installed for San Souci Rebekah lodge were: noble grand, Maude Hughes; past noble grand, Margaret Thomas; vice-grand, Alice Banker; secretary, Ruth F. Payne; treasurer, Ruth E. Bergstrom; chaplain, Julia Hill; warden, Mervyn Kirk; conductor, Jeanne Gaines; inside guardian, Mable Quackenbush; outside guardian, Ella Bengie; musician, Eugenia Huston; supports, Della Davidson, Mabel Chaffee, Mary Bailey and Pearl Devine. Installing officers were district deputy grand president, Corbett Green and Mary Bailey, and district deputy grand marshalls, Lee Howell and Florence Green. Preceding the installation, a turkey dinner was served to lodge members and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen MacLachlin motored to The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Drake are the parents of a daughter born Thursday, January 22, at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Mesdames Alice Gentry and Ellen Moore entertained the Carnation club Thursday afternoon at the Gentry home on Jones street. Present were Mesdames Burl Coxen, Roy Quackenbush, George Gertson, W. P. Hill, Harold Hill, Jack O'Connor and A. Chaffee.

Harold Scritsmier made a business trip to Portland Sunday.

Word has been received in Heppner that Dick Swift, who has been convalescing in an Arcadia, Cal., hospital from a heart attack suffered some time ago, had a relapse early this week and is reportedly in a serious condition.

Mr. Swift, a former resident of Heppner and the Hardman vicinity is well known throughout Morrow county.

Ralph Beamer motored to Portland Friday, taking Lester Gammell to the city for medical treatment. They were accompanied as far as Portland by Bob Runyon Jr., who returned to Eugene to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moyer motored to Portland Tuesday, taking their daughter, Peggy Sue, to a hospital there.

New books received at the Heppner public library this week include: Wohl, "The Living

lone Still Holds Little League Lead With No Defeats

Umatilla Edged Out In Overtime Play Last Week

lone remained in the "Little League" lead after defeating Umatilla, going over to the river town and winning in a torrid 30-29 overtime session. The Cards led until the last few seconds of the game when O'Brien of Umatilla tied the score at 27-27.

In the overtime, Ross Doherty of lone made a free throw. Johnson of Umatilla made a basket and Robert Peterson of the Cards carried the winning basket 'til before the end of the overtime period.

The line-ups:
lone—fg ft f p
Doherty, f 4 1 1 9
Peterson, f 5 1 1 13
Bergstrom, f 2 0 0 4
Hermann, c 0 0 4 0
Jepsen, c 1 1 4 3
Pettijohn, g 0 1 5 0
Salter, g 0 0 5 0
Carlson, g 0 0 2 0
Umatilla—fg ft f p
O'Brien, f 4 7 2 15
Johnson, f 1 2 2 4
Thompson, c 1 2 0 4
Hiatt, g 1 3 4 5
Bray, g 0 1 5 1
7 15 13 29

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aalberg motored to Pendleton Tuesday.

Kenneth Vaughan has gone to Pendleton where he will be associated with Dr. W. P. Browne who opened offices in Pendleton Monday. Mrs. Vaughan and their young son will move over as soon as living quarters have been secured.

J. J. O'Connor motored to Spokane Tuesday to attend a convention of J. C. Penney store managers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Massey, Mrs. Anna Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evans and Mrs. Evans' mother, Mrs. Lotus Robinson, motored to Monument Monday to attend the funeral services for the late Mrs. Lawrence Sweek.

Mr. and Mrs. George Perry of Pendleton were over-night guests Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Perry's son, J. C. Payne.

E. E. Adkins and Lotus Robinson returned the end of the week from a fortnight's vacation at Ritter hot springs.

Mrs. Florence Darnell and daughter, Rosalie, departed by bus Wednesday morning for their home in Woodburn after a week's visit here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Don Grady and Mr. Grady.

State Income Tax Helper Scheduled

A state income tax agent will be at the court house in Heppner from 1 to 5 p.m., March 24, to give free assistance to taxpayers desiring his service. All returns for the calendar year 1947 must be filed on or before April 15, 1948. All returns mailed so they bear postmark of the last date for filing or before will not be considered delinquent.

Returns must be filed by single individuals (or married and not living with husband or wife) having net income from all sources of \$500 or more during the taxable year.

Married couples having combined net income from all sources of \$1,000 or more during the taxable year must make returns.

The agent will be at Kinzua Pine Mills office, Kinzua, 6 to 9 p.m., March 16; Fossil, court house, 9 to 11 a.m., March 17, and Condon court house, 1 to 4 p.m., March 17.

OPEN HOUSE POSTPONED

Due to the doubtful state of the weather, Mr. and Mrs. Markham Baker have decided to postpone the open house planned for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, at their fine new home southwest of lone. The event will be held as conditions warrant, announcement of which will be given thru the columns of this newspaper. Drifting snow which the Bakers encountered Tuesday getting from the ranch to town was the deciding factor in the postponement.

The people of Irrigon enjoyed about three inches of snow and about two degrees below zero weather Monday night.

County Progress Seen In Planners' Reports

REPORT OF THE FARM AND RURAL LIFE COMMITTEE

General Considerations
Morrow county rural families wish to provide an opportunity for a happy and satisfying life for all members of the family. This includes not only the material necessities for comfortable living, such as adequate housing, clothing, and food, but also those intangible factors that make for good family living. The success of rural living depends upon the soundness of the home as much as it does the technical skills which the farmer requires for the operation of the farm.

Success and happiness on a farm can be the vital power to keep our young people in our rural areas.

The population of Morrow county was 4,337 in 1940, with a rural population estimated at 2,800.

According to the 1940 census of 1,243 occupied dwellings in Morrow county, 51 per cent are rural homes. Eighty-four per cent of these dwellings in the county were built between 1890 and 1920, with the biggest building period between 1900-1910. Thirty-two per cent of the rural homes needed major repairs.

The following chart shows a comparison of improvements in Morrow county homes during the past ten years.

CHART OF IMPROVEMENTS IN MORROW COUNTY FARM HOMES

	1937	1948
Painted frame construction	2/3	3/4
Homes with six rooms or more	1/2	2/3
Homes that lack interior walls & ceiling	over 1/2	1/3
Homes that lack good roof	1/2	1/3
House in poor condition	1/5	1/10
Homes that lack bathrooms	1/2	1/3
Homes that need storage for fruit and vegetables	1/3	1/5
Homes that need more bedrooms	1/3	1/6
Homemakers carry over 100 lbs. of clothing	1/2	1/6
Homes with piped cold water	3/4	4/5
Homes with piped hot water	over 1/2	more than 3/4
Homes with inside toilet	more than 1/3	nearly 3/4
Homes with bathtub and shower	over 1/2	nearly 2/3
Homes with electric lights	1/4	nearly 2/3
Homes with mechanical refrigeration	1/4	over 3/4
Homes that have lawns, walks & drives	under 1/2	2/3
Homes with planting & fence around yard	6/7	3/4
(*) 3 are home light plants which will be abandoned when REA lines are installed.)		

Due to the fact that many farm families have been able to pay off old debts and even accumulate savings during the war years, many rural families are planning to use this money for improvements in housing and new labor saving equipment for the home.

The Farm Home and Rural Life Committee believes that because of these facts the improvement of rural homes will be one of the major projects of farm families in the next few years. After careful consideration of these facts, the committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Tenant Houses and Bunk House Improvements in Morrow County. Of the 505 farms in Morrow county, 478 hire labor. Since there is an average of two employees per farm, we recommend attention to be given to adequate housing for tenants as well as other hired help. We further recommend that washrooms with outside entrances be furnished employees, so that it will be unnecessary to use the family bathroom.

2. Housing for Teachers. As the legislature has authorized the spending of schools' funds to provide homes for teachers, we recommend immediate steps be taken to furnish such homes. It is hoped that the housing specialist of the Extension Service will be able to help in planning these units.

3. House Plans. To aid families in planning new homes, we recommend that a program designed to give help and instructions on house planning be given for those interested.

House plans should be chosen with consideration given to the size of family, family activities, available labor, material and costs.

In making a plan to meet the needs of the family, we believe special consideration should be given to planning, size of house, adequate storage space, provision for recreation activities, convenient step saving kitchen, laundry or utility rooms, home freezer units, building materials, insulation, adequate and convenient wiring which will be ready when power line comes in.

We recommend that families take advantage of the "Handbook of House Plans for Farm Homes" available for loan from the county extension office. The plans may be purchased at a minimum cost from Oregon State college. There is a specialist in housing at Oregon State college.

We further recommend that the college include plans for houses built in units in the "Handbook of House Plans for Farm Homes" beginning with a 4- or 5-room complete house, with units to be added at later dates.

4. Home Wiring. We recommend special study be given home lighting and wiring, placing of outlets and purchase and use of appliances previous to the arrival of REA.

5. Safety. We recommend care (Continued Next Week)

Jaycee-ettes Join Ranks Of Growing Social Activities

A chapter of Jaycee-ettes was organized Wednesday evening, January 21, when a group of the wives of local Junior chamber of commerce members got together for that purpose.

Election of officers was held with the following results: Mrs. Edwin Dick, president; Mrs. James Healy, vice president; Mrs. William Barratt, secretary; and Mrs. Frank Davis, treasurer.

Following the reading of a copy of the Pasco Jaycee-ettes charter, it was voted to accept it as the pattern for the local chapter, with some changes to be made by a committee consisting of Mrs. Jack O'Connor, Mrs. Conley Lanham, Mrs. Stephen Thompson and Mrs. Leonard Pate.

The group will meet at 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the youth center, Mrs. Walter Barger, Mrs. Edmond Gonty and Mrs. Howard Kethley will be in charge of the refreshments at the meeting on February 18. A new committee will be named to serve each month.

Mrs. Gordon Grady was chosen publicity chairman.

Dallas Ward New Colorado U Coach

Football enthusiasts and former neighbors and friends of Dallas Ward will be pleased with the news that he has been chosen head coach at the University of Colorado. Ward was picked from among the top four of a class of applicants numbering 100 or more. He succeeds "Uncle Jim" Yeager who has retired from coaching to engage in private business.

Ward a star end on the Oregon State college team has been assistant to Bennie Bierman at the University of Minnesota for 12 years. Prior to that he was football coach of one of the Minneapolis high schools. He is 41 years of age and saw service in the navy during the recent war. He is the son of Mrs. Ola Holloway, formerly of Heppner and now residing at Watsburg, Wash. He was raised at Lexington and was graduated from high school there.

Pruning Forest Trees Makes Better Saw Timber

The life of a forester is not all tied up in fighting forest fires, or building roads and trails, or drawing forest maps or helping hapless hunters escape traps or counting the game life dependent upon forest greenery for subsistence, or any one of numerous other routine chores. There is at least one other job, and that is occupying the attention of the regular force of the Heppner division of the Umatilla National forest.

The accompanying pictures tell quite a story in themselves, and to make them more understandable, Joe Gertson, assistant district ranger, has the following to say regarding timber as a crop:

Timber is a crop. As in grain farming or stock raising, all efforts should be made to produce a high quality product in abundance.

Clear lumber is obtained from our rapidly diminishing old growth stands of virgin timber.

Local loggers admit that the 300- to 500-year-old "yellow-bellies" will disappear during the present cutting cycle. Future cuts will include younger timber that has not yet reached the clear-bolt stage. Such trees will produce a preponderance of knotty lumber of lower quality.

Loggers cutting government stumps are assessed a fee per foot-foot cut to apply in future stand improvement work on the cutover areas. Planting, thinning, and pruning are a few of the possibilities included under this category. The forest service is now engaged in a pruning project in the vicinity of Black Mountain. Young ponderosa pine, commonly referred to as "bull pine," are being trimmed of dead or live limbs to a maximum of 18 feet. This will allow for a clear 16-foot log when the tree becomes mature.

By careful selection and proper pruning, we are aiding nature in producing the favored clear bolt and high grade lumber. Through long range planning we hope to aid in the destiny of our great heritage, the timber resources.



Louis Gilliam approaches a thrifty, young yellow pine in need of pruning.



This tree is destined to produce valuable saw timber for the next crop.