

Hospital Funding Explained To C. C. At Monday Meeting

County Now Has \$189,000 in Sight With Gov't Help

Funds in sight for financing the construction and equipping of the Pioneer Memorial hospital were discussed by Judge Bert Johnson before the Heppner chamber of commerce at the weekly luncheon Monday noon.

According to Judge Johnson's statement the county has on hand for hospital purposes a total of \$127,498.73. Included in this sum is the special hospital levy of \$105,568.73 now in the treasury; \$11,000 due on unpaid taxes; and \$800 invested in the property just south of the court house originally purchased for a hospital site.

Representatives of the state board of health gave it as their opinion that it will cost approximately \$39,850 to run the hospital each of the first two years.

Guests at the luncheon Monday included Mrs. Elta Cuning and Mrs. Frances Oliver of Baker.

President Jack O'Connor took a few minutes to explain the forthcoming Red Cross membership drive.

Baker Open House To Be Held Sunday

With their fingers crossed, Mr. and Mrs. Markham Baker, in Heppner Monday, announced that they have set Sunday March 7 as the date of their postponed open house originally set for early February and canceled due to weather conditions.

For the benefit of those who might want to attend the open house but who do not know the location of the Baker farm, it might be advisable to drive to lone and inquire.

F-TA PRESIDENT COMING - Mrs. H. H. Hargreaves of Portland, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, will be the featured speaker at a meeting of the lone Parent-Teacher association Thursday evening, March 11.

JAYCEES POSTPONE PARTY - The Jaycees and Jaycette membership booster party and box social scheduled for March 17 at the Civic Center building has been postponed to March 24, according to announcement this morning.

School Band At Lexington To Give Concert March 5

The Lexington school band will be presented in concert Friday evening March 5, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium, led by Mrs. Getta-Violet Smith, conductor.

Highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the overture "The Oracle" composed by Otis Taylor, and melodies by Stephen Foster sung by Franklin Messenger, accompanied by the band.

The Lexington band was organized last year and has made rapid progress. This will be the second concert of the school year.

During intermission a collection will be taken and Mr. Feathers, superintendent, will display a new school flag made by girls of the home economics classes and financed through band collections.

Mrs. Smith says this will not be a "finished" concert of the type presented by the more mature players, but that she feels that by appearing often before the public the students will gain a confidence in themselves, and a reward for being a band member.

Judge Johnson said that plans had been approved for a 15-bed building in the beginning. The type of architecture and construction of the original building will permit additions.

All-Star Team To Play Benefit Game At Lone Saturday

An all-star team composed of players from the several town teams in the county will meet the Pendleton Motor in Theatre's all-Indian team at 8 p. m. Saturday in the lone school gymnasium in a benefit game for the lone school's new electric time clock and scoreboard.

The all-star squad has been selected among top-flight players in the several towns and will include Baker, Boardman; Bucknum; Heppner; Campbell; Lexington; Bob Hoskins; Lone; Fred Hoskins; Lone; Jones; Irrigon; Kemp; Lexington; Bob Rietmann; Lone; Stefani; Lone; and Ulrich; Heppner.

Additional entertainment will be furnished by the Heppner and lone grade teams in the preliminary and halftime entertainment by the Lexington school band and the Echo Pep club.

Offensive basketball hit the jackpot Monday night at Helix when the Helix Red Devils topped the visiting firemen from Heppner in the wildest scoring exhibition seen this year by the unbelievable score of 94 to 77.

Both teams set a torrid pace from the opening tip-off which never slackened throughout the contest. Halftime score: Helix 44, Heppner 33. Peterson, Helix, deadeye forward, led all scorers with 39 points, Bucknum, Heppner forward, was next with 26 markers.

The preliminary game between the Helix and Heppner B squads was another thriller with Helix edging out, 48-45.

All Morrow county 4-H club members and their local leaders received letters this week in line with the observance to National 4-H Club week which is being observed March 1-7, 1948.

Three-Way Contest For Judge Opens As Geo. Peck Files

More zest was given the political race in the county when George N. Peck, Lexington farmer and former county commissioner, filed for the office of county judge. This makes three avowed candidates for the post, J. G. Barratt having already filed and the incumbent, Bert Johnson, declaring that he is definitely in the race and will file in due season.

Announcement was also made early in the week that Oscar Peterson, Gooseberry farmer, and Fred Ely of lone have their petitions out for the post of county commissioner, both on the republican ticket.

So far, no competition has sprung up in the clerk and sheriff positions and no one has indicated a desire to become county surveyor.

Dads Honored At Annual Banquet Of Future Farmers

Dads of the ag students of Heppner high school were guests of honor at the annual father-son banquet held at the high school Tuesday evening by the Heppner chapter of Future Farmers of America.

The fathers were the special guests, other guests were included, making a list of 31 guests and members present.

Garnet Barratt was the guest speaker of the evening and gave an interesting history of accomplishments of the local FFA chapter.

Two new honorary members were officially admitted to the chapter at this time, Henry Tetz, superintendent of schools, and Jim Valentine, well-known rancher.

One of the dads, Orville W. Cutsforth Sr., who returned from his flying trip to Mexico in time to be present at the banquet, gave some interesting highlights of his airplane trip "south of the border."

Richard Allstott, president of the chapter, who master of ceremonies and led in the opening and closing ceremony of the FFA in which all the officers and members participated.

Buster Padberg, secretary of the chapter, gave a brief summary of the FFA activities this year, which included an account of the trip to the Pacific International by the FFA livestock judging team, a trip to the FFA conference at La Grande, as well as local school projects of the FFA boys.

Treasurer's report was given by Kenneth Green. Musical numbers were furnished by Bill Cochell's instrumental trio. The invocation was given by Father McCormack.

The table setting carried out the blue and gold colors of the FFA, using daffodils and yellow candles and blue placecards and programs. The food was prepared and served by the high school Home Ec girls under the able supervision of Miss George, and voted excellent by everyone attending the banquet.

Francis Cook, the voc-ag instructor and adviser of the local FFA chapter, stated that while last week was National FFA week, the banquet could not be held then, so was held this week instead.

Church Dedication At 3 P. M. Sunday

Members of the church and friends in Morrow county are looking forward to the dedication at 3 o'clock p. m. Sunday of the new Trinity Lutheran church at Hermiston, announcement of which was made last week. The Rev. S. C. Siefkes, district president of the Northwestern district of the American Lutheran church, will be the guest speaker and the choir of the First Lutheran church of Baker, under the direction of Rev. T. M. Gibbard will present the sacred oratorio, "The Holy City," by Gaud. Rev. E. Philippi, pastor of the Hermiston church, and Mrs. Philippi will sing solo parts in the oratorio.

The new church is constructed of pumice block and has beam interior. Estimated value is \$30,000, although costs were kept considerably lower by much volunteer labor.

Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse, lost her keys at the meeting at the Civic Center Tuesday evening, probably between the door and the car. The license number and an Indian charm are on the chain and Miss Gillis is very anxious to have them returned to her.

County 4-H Work Cited As National Week Observed

Typical Schedule Shows How Stock Clubbers Perform

In observing National 4-H Club week, March 1-7, 1948, many people are asking what some of the activities are that 4-H club members carry out through the club year. No better example of what 4-H club work is actually doing for our boys and girls can be given than by the following 4-H program of work. Programs of work are worked up by club members and their leaders so that they will have definite projects to work on. The program outlined here is a program that is used by the Senior Livestock club led by E. M. Baker, lone, with John Graves as assistant local leader.

The Junior Livestock club, led by Elmer Palmer, is meeting with this club also during March, April, May, June, August, September and October to take part in judging, showmanship, grooming and demonstration work.

PROGRAM OF WORK

November, 1947: November 2—Lexington grange hall: Reorganization meeting for all old club members, inviting prospective members and parents. All parents MUST be present.

December, 1947: December 7—Gottfried Hermann farm: Record books—program of work.

January, 1948: January 4—Graves farm: Picture judging—record books.

February, 1948: February 1—Baker farm: Sheep judging; sheep showmanship; record books; list of demonstrations; assigning to club members.

March, 1948: March 14—Cutsforth farm: Hereford judging; beef showmanship; grooming; proper display of the flag.

April, 1948: April 11—Brosnan farm: Sheep judging; milking; Shorthorn judging; showmanship (sheep and dairy); grooming (sheep).

May, 1948: May 2—Bill Barratt farm: Judging hogs; hog showmanship; tour to Jim Valentines farm for Shorthorn judging and showmanship.

May 30: Elmer Palmer farm: Final plans for Eastern Oregon Wheat League show and sale; records up to date; announcement of tours, 4-H summer school, etc.

June, 1948: June 27—Tour. Picnic lunch at noon. Visit all farms of 4-H club members.

August, 1948: August 22—Dick Wightman farm: Final arrangements for County and State Fair. Discussions on demonstrations, judging, showmanship.

September, 1948: September 29—E. Hughes farm: Preparation for Pacific International; demonstrations and judging teams for P.I.; records for P.I.

October, 1948: October 24—L. L. Howton farm: Finish record books; suggestions for improvement of club program and activities; ready for reorganization in November.

Morrow county figured prominently in the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford show and sale held Sunday and Monday at Walla Walla. The champion 2-year-old bull was shown by Roy Robinson of Hardman and was later bid in by Floyd Worden of Eight Mile for \$4,050. Worden outbid John Rice of Sheridan, Wyo., and Buford Webb of Gifford, Idaho, in buying the animal.

An average of \$696 per head was paid for the 60 head of polled Herefords auctioned at the sale. The champion cow, about two years old, shown by Hibbard Polled Hereford ranch, Imbler, Ore., was bid in by Dr. J. L. Guyer of Walla Walla, who paid \$2,000 for her. The bull and cow brought the highest price paid for polled Herefords at consignment sale in the northwest.

Attending the sale from Morrow county were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson and Mrs. Donald of Hardman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn and Floyd Worden of Heppner.

65TH ANNIVERSARY COMING UP THIS WEEK END

Ray McAlister reported this morning that it would be 65 years ago this coming Saturday when the W. B. McAlister family moved into the county and located north of Lexington. He said he thought it was worthy of some kind of a celebration but hadn't made up his mind what to do about it. If nothing notable happens, his 65 years here makes Ray one of the long-time residents—before it was Morrow county and five years ahead of the railroad.

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK



These four Oregon 4-H club members, as they part in National 4-H Club Week March 1 to 7, show the 4-H pledge. Left to right, Dick Larkin, 18, Monroe, says "I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking," Bonnie Klein, 18, Aumsville, states "I pledge my HEART to greater loyalty," Donna Wiederkehr, 17, Jefferson, continues with, "I pledge my HANDS to larger service," and Bill Heardrick, 16, Oregon City, finishes the four H's of the pledge with, "I pledge my HEALTH to better living for my club, my community, and my country."

Soroptimist Club, Civic Organization, Started by Business, Professional Women

By Ruth Payne - The Heppner club of Soroptimists, an international service organization for business women, was formed at a meeting Tuesday evening at the Civic Center building.

Mr. and Mrs. William Collins motored to Cottage Grove Saturday to spend the week end with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Saager and Mrs. Bob Grabbill motored to Walla Walla Tuesday to spend the day shopping and attending to business matters.

Mrs. Walter Barger and daughter left Saturday for Tacoma where they will visit for a time with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leathers of Monument were transacting business in Heppner Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dorset of Yakima were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Murdock of Kahler basin spent a few days in Heppner the first of the week attending to business and visiting friends.

Mrs. Mary Edwards is here from Hillsboro visiting friends. While in Heppner Mrs. Edwards is a guest at Hotel Heppner.

Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter of the Rhea creek district and her daughter, Mrs. Norman Bergstrom of Boardman were shopping in Heppner Monday.

Among lone shoppers in Heppner Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Mrs. Fannie Griffith, Mrs. Clell Rhea and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan Jr.

Mrs. Carolyn Allstott has accepted the position as bookkeeper in the Heppner Water department, vacated recently by the resignation of Mrs. B. C. Pinckney who is leaving soon to make her home in The Dalles.

J. J. O'Connor spent Thursday in Walla Walla in attendance at a conference for the J. C. Penney Co. managers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dick motored to Portland Monday to spend a few days in the city on business and pleasure.

Mrs. Victor Lovgren and Yvonne Hastings were hostesses for a dinner party complimenting Mrs. Carey Hastings and Victor Lovgren on the occasion of their birthdays Tuesday evening at the Hastings home on Gilmore street.

John Brosnan of Lena was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw were over from Hermiston Saturday visiting friends and transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Tress McClintock were hosts for a pinchup party at their home on Cannon street Saturday evening. Two tables were in play.

Mustangs Win 4th Place in B-Ball Tourny at Dalles

Greenup, Rippee Awarded Spots On All-Star Selection

The Heppner basketball team wound up in fourth place in the district 6B tournament held at The Dalles Feb. 26-27-28.

The Mustangs won their first game without difficulty from Culver, 30-15. All ten members of the Heppner squad saw action in this game.

The locals dropped their second game to the Madras five. Madras jumped to an early lead but a Mustang spurt at the end of the second quarter tied the score at 16-all at the half.

Madras scored two quick goals the second half and held this margin until the middle of the fourth. At this point Padberg left the game on fouls and Madras went on to win, 38-28.

The game between Heppner and Moro to determine the third place team went to Moro. Heppner held an 11-1 advantage at the quarter and from all appearances it seemed the game would turn into a rout.

However, something happened and the locals struck a cold streak. Even easy lay-in shots refused to drop in. The final score, 29-23.

Madras won the finals from St. Mary's of The Dalles in a walk, 44-24.

The Heppner team was awarded the tournament ball as fourth place award.

Greenup and Rippee of the Heppner squad made the all-star team selected by coaches and officials.

Heppner boys to make the trip were Clarence Greenup, Junior Hughes, Harold Manners, Jim Orwick, Buster Padberg, Don Rippee, Norman Ruhl, Phil Smith, Jim Sumner and Jerry Waters.

Construction Of Substation Marks Beginning of REA

Work started Monday at Hermiston on a sub-station of the Pacific Power & Light company which marks the beginning of construction for the Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, the local REA service.

The new addition will be the point where electric current carried from Pendleton by the P. P. & L. will be transferred to the new high line to be constructed from Hermiston to Jordan Siding.

Materials are being assembled here and at other points in preparation for construction on the lines that will carry current to the farms of Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties. First construction, it is understood, will be the high line from Hermiston to Jordan that will bring the Bonneville current for distribution in this territory.

However, there are obstacles in the way which will have to be removed before general construction work can start. The REA is working in that direction.

Interim Committee To Be Informed Of County Road Needs

Citizens Outline Program to Offer At Pendleton 23rd

Morrow county's road problems will be given an airing before the special roads and highways interim committee of the legislature when that group meets with representative groups of the area at Pendleton on March 23. This was decided upon Tuesday when representatives of the Morrow county farm bureau, the granges and the Heppner chamber of commerce met in the county court room at the court house to formulate a road program for the next few years.

Object of the interim committee is to ascertain road and street needs of the entire state so that the state highway commission, and back of it the legislature, will get the outlook for the next ten to 15 years and be in better position to formulate a financing program.

Proposal of the Heppner chamber of commerce regarding a highway from the mouth of Chapin creek to Monument, making connection between that section and Heppner at a distance of approximately 52 miles, drew considerable comment but it was accepted as a part of the over-all county program inasmuch as it is being referred to the state highway commission and would not involve county road funds. The chamber of commerce also asked that the highway between Hardman and the mouth of Chapin creek be hard surfaced at once and that the hard surfacing from Chapin creek to Spray junction be done as early as possible. It was also recommended that the Heppner-Spray highway from the junction with the John Day highway to Heppner, and the Oregon-Washington highway from Heppner Junction to Heppner be placed on federal aid.

Farm group representatives—the farm bureau, Pomona and individual granges proposed that the lone-Gooseberry highway be taken over by the state highway commission and completed from the Morgan ranch to the junction with the Heppner-Condon highway. This road, known as road 444 to the commission since 1946 when it was approved by the Public Roads administration as part of the system of secondary highways, suffered considerable damage during the violent storms which visited the west end of the county in 1947 and at present is in need of substantial repairs.

The same group would also have the Rhea creek highway from Jordan Siding to Rugg's taken over by the state highway commission, as well as the road down little Buster creek to the Lexington-Hermiston highway. The Willow creek road from Heppner to the forest boundary is designated as a primary road and the group recommended that the road through Sand Hollow, taking off about three miles east of Heppner and extending to the Cutsforth ranch (the Hynd ranch) thence west on the base line to the Barnett ranch north of Lexington; and the Clarks canyon road from Lexington to Social ridge, across Social ridge to Rhea creek, should be designated as county primary roads. It was also proposed that east-west roads through Irrigon and Boardman projects should be built, looking to giving the residents of the upper parts of the projects better road service.

As to the lone-Boardman road, no recommendation could be incorporated, inasmuch as the federal government still retains control of most of the land between the two towns particularly the bombing field, and until this land is returned to the county nothing of a permanent nature can be done. It was suggested that some minor repairs might be done to the present road without offence to the government but general use of the road is not advocated under the present status of ownership.

Permanent improvement of the Blackhorse-Lexington road and several other roads over the county was recommended.

It was recommended that the state highway commission, at the request of the counties, furnish engineering services. As the regulation now stands, such service will be furnished on request but the counties must pay for it. The citizens would have the highway commission absorb the charges for such service.

Other recommendations included information provided by the highway commission to counties in which the commission proposes road improvements, and that motor fuel taxes be increased to help meet expanded highway program rather than the voting of more highway bonds. As to the first proposition it was recalled that no reason was given in lion dollars on rebuilding the Lexington-Jarman section and

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