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Committees Start Work To Complete Hospital Finances

Frank W. Turner
Heads Move For
Raising \$20,000

Headed by Frank W. Turner, veteran fund raising campaigner, committees are out to raise the \$20,000 needed to complete financing of the Pioneer Memorial hospital. Turner was chosen Monday evening, much against his better judgment (he alleged), and only accepted because there is not time to hunt for a chairman. He set to work immediately choosing committee chairmen and announced this morning that everything is set to go.

A second meeting was held at the council chambers Wednesday evening at which time names were submitted and final plans adopted for the drive. At the same time, solicitors present were briefed on the status of the hospital financing in order to be prepared to give the right answers to inquiring prospective donors.

It is understood that part of the \$20,000 needed has been subscribed and it is expected that not only will pledges be in but that the funds will be mostly subscribed within the next ten days.

"It will be an effort to raise the needed fund unless every citizen is ready and willing to do his part. I believe the fund should be subscribed in smaller sums by the many rather than by a few citizens putting it up in large amounts, and we have planned our campaign to give everybody a chance to contribute," Turner said. "It is essential to get this fund in hand as quickly as possible if actual construction on the hospital is to get underway this year. By this plan of raising the needed funds no one will be imposed upon or hurt financially."

Contributions by check should be made payable to Morrow county. They will be placed in the hospital equipment fund and donors will be given credit, according to Judge Bert Johnson.

(Further discussion of this subject will be found on the editorial page.)

Library Assn. To Sponsor 3-Act Play

"Hillbilly Courtship," a comedy in three acts, has been chosen as the play to be sponsored by the Heppner Library association and to be presented some time in April.

The cast of 13 local people is being coached by Waldo Jackson, grade school principal. "Hillbilly Courtship," as the title suggests, is a screaming farce-comedy and some rare entertainment awaits the public when it is presented.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES MARCH 11 IN PORTLAND

Portland papers carried notices of the death of Mrs. Elora Bartholomew who passed away on March 11 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Tom West, in Portland.

Mrs. Bartholomew, whose husband was the late Herbert Bartholomew, lived with her family in Heppner for a number of years, coming here in the 90's and leaving a year or so after the flood of 1903. She had made her home in Portland ever since. She was a talented pianist and figured prominently in the musical and social life of the community during her residence here. Her husband was an uncle of Charles Bartholomew of Pine City.

Survivors are Mrs. West and Nelson Bartholomew, both of Portland, and four grandchildren.

SCHEDULE BOOSTER NIGHT

To boost membership and at the same time gather in a little "kale," the Junior chamber of commerce, assisted by the members' wives, has scheduled a booster night for March 24. There will be a program starting at 8 o'clock, to be followed with a box social.

Letter From Mariannas Tells Fine Work of War Red Cross

With the Red Cross membership campaign on in full force this week, a letter received early in January by Mrs. E. O. Ferguson seems timely to publish this week. The letter is from Thomas C. Corcoran, Ph.D., who was written Christmas day on the island of Guam. He writes:

Dear Mrs. Ferguson: The local Red Cross here on Guam brought down some gifts to the dispensary here where I have the duty and lo and behold! I find some slippers you women had made. I remember when I was at San Diego Navy hospital last year I thanked you for them, and I thought I'd let you know that your work and time to make some of us guys a little more comfortable is still making patients happy to know that some of the ones at

Basketball Winds Up With Defeat of County's All-Stars

Having defeated the Motor Inn Theatre Indians of Pendleton by the decisive score of 60-35 a week or two ago, the Morrow County All-Stars figured they had a chance to even the score with the Condon Rover Boys in a season wind-up game. Consequently, La Verne Van Marter, business manager for the All-Stars, scheduled a game with the Condon boys for March 16.

The Rover Boys came over Tuesday evening and when they returned home their standing had not been injured in the least. In truth, it had been enhanced. The Morrow countians trailed all the way and the All-Stars were willing to lay their suits away until next season.

Local High School Rated As Standard

Heppner high school has been given a rating of conditionally standard following an inspection of school and plant here on February 4 by Carol B. Howe, supervisor of secondary education, Oregon department of education. In a letter to the district, State Supt. Rex Putnam said in part:

"The school at Heppner offers a very complete educational program for a school of this size and provides an example of what can be done with an interested and progressive school board and a vigorous administration."

There is more comment on the school program and then recommendations are offered for improvements that will make it permanently standard. Due to lack of space this week, further comment will be postponed until next issue, except to quote Mr. Putnam's closing paragraph: "The Heppner high school will be rated as conditionally standard until such time as the laboratory provisions are made for biology. No plan will be required, as the school will automatically become standard as soon as the condition is met."

Churches Prepare Sunrise Service

Rev. Shelby Graves is chairman of the Easter Sunrise service to be held this year at the Assembly of God church. Joe Jewett, pastor of the Heppner church of Christ, will be the speaker. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien will read the scripture, and Mrs. Betty Warren will provide special music, accompanied by Mrs. Ray Taylor at the piano.

Text of the message to be brot at the 6:30 a.m. service on March 28 is "Proper Easter Garments," Luke 24.

WRANGLER RIDE SET FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Members of the Wranglers riding club will be heading for the Jim Valentine ranch in Sand Hollow Sunday morning, according to Oscar George, president of the organization. The group will leave the rodeo grounds at 10 o'clock and ride to the Valentine place where at noon Mrs. Valentine will serve lunch. Jim has promised to provide the hay and oats for the riding stock.

The Wranglers have scheduled a dance for the night of April 10 to be held at the I. O. O. F. hall in Lexington.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud of Pendleton were house guests Tuesday night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien. Dr. and Mrs. Cloud were guest speakers at the school banquet for the athletic teams and the P.T.A. meeting which followed at Lexington.

Miss Lela Tolleson was home Friday evening from Walla Walla where she is employed as a nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Tolleson took her back Saturday and then drove to Wallula and took the train for Spokane. Mr. Tolleson returned home Sunday night and Mrs. Tolleson remained there for a few days for medical treatment.

Funeral Services For Otis Biddle Held Tuesday P.M.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Tuesday at the Methodist church for Otis Biddle, prominent farmer of the Sanford canyon district, whose death occurred Saturday, March 13, at the Portland General hospital, following a lingering illness. The Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiated. Interment followed in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Otis Perry Biddle was a native of Morrow county. He was born July 19, 1894 in the Gooseberry section, the son of Marion and Jennie Elizabeth Biddle. A veteran of the first World War, he enlisted August 7, 1918 at Lafayette, Oregon, serving as a private and later as a quartermaster in the Spruce division. He received his honorable discharge at Vancouver, Wash. Following his army service he was employed for some time by the late R. A. Thompson, later engaging in farming for himself and enjoying considerable success. He was married December 8, 1923 to Alice Eleanor Kirk daughter of James Kirk of Heppner. To this union were born three daughters, Eugenia Eleanor Ball, Fern Marie and Phyllis Mae Biddle, and one son, Marion Otis, who, with the mother survive. Besides his immediate family, he is survived by his father, Marion Biddle of Lafayette; a brother, Orrie Biddle, also of Lafayette; five sisters, Lila Holmes, North Bend; Zola Brockman, Clinton, Wash.; Opal Moe, Salem; Viola Mix, Portland; and Zelma Pearson, Klamath Falls; and a grandson, Leon Jay Ball, Heppner. The mother and a brother, Clarence, preceded Otis in death. The brother, Orrie, was the only member of the family residing away from here able to attend the services.

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Reading Public To Benefit By Additions To Library Shelves

By Ruth Payne
New books placed in circulation this week at the Heppner public library include: The Federal Reserve System, Its Purposes and Functions; Miller, Men and Volts at War; Meany, Babe Ruth; McCrone, Red Plush; Presidential Report on Civil Rights; Freeman, Soldier of Democracy; Davis, Discovering South America; Eisenhower, General Dwight D. Eisenhower; Fay, The Two Franklins; Hahn, The Soong Sisters, the revealing biography of the three greatest women in China; Bourke, Audubon; Charwood, Theodore Roosevelt; Morison, Admiral of the Ocean Sea, the life of Christopher Columbus; White, A Puritan in Babylon, the story of Calvin Coolidge; Simonds, Edison, His Life, His Work and His Genius; Mussolini, My Autobiography; Nash, Nothing But Wodehouse.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson received serious facial injuries and body bruises in a fall Thursday evening when she tripped on a raised place in the sidewalk in front of the Hiatt apartments on Baltimore street. Mrs. Nickerson, walking along with her hands in the pockets of her coat, was unable to remove them quickly enough to break the fall and struck her face on the sidewalk.

Mrs. Charles McDaniel of Hardman was brought to Heppner to a physician the end of the week to receive treatment for injuries she received in a fall when she slipped on the ice. At the time of the accident, Mrs. McDaniel was helping load a truck with their household effects, preparatory to moving to Stanfield where they have purchased a small acreage. During her stay here she was the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bleakman.

Mrs. Charles Hodge Jr. entertained Wednesday evening with a handkerchief shower for Mrs. Harry Anderson who is leaving soon to make her home in Idaho.

Present were Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. William Coehell, Mrs. Louis Gilliam, Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, Mrs. Ike Cole, Mrs. Ambrose Chapin and Mrs. William Barratt. Two tables of bridge were in play for which Mrs. Cole received high score.

Mrs. Grace Turner and Estel "Bud" Fields were married March 12 in Boise, Idaho.

Edward Chidsey of La Grande was a business visitor in Heppner the end of the week. Mr. Chidsey, a former resident of this area, is now with the state highway commission.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Graybe returned to Corning, Cal., the end of the week, having been called to Heppner by the death of her grandfather, the late C. A. Miller. They were accompanied as far as Eugene by Miss Loma Mae Jones who is attending Northwest Christian college in that city.

Mrs. Anna Pierson of White Salmon, Wash., is spending a fortnight in Heppner with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson and family.

Mrs. Walter Barger and daughters have returned from Tacoma where they had been visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty held "open house" at their new country home Sunday afternoon, complimenting his mother, Mrs. Katharine Doherty, on the occasion of her birthday and to give their friends an opportunity to inspect the new house which was recently completed. Forty-four guests were present during the afternoon. Among those from a distance were Miss Helen Doherty from Vallejo, Cal., and John Doherty from San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nickerson motored to Portland Tuesday to spend a few days looking after business matters. They were accompanied by Mrs. Florence Hughes who will visit relatives and friends in the city and in Centralia, Wn., for some six weeks. Although Mrs. Hughes says her plans are indefinite, she hopes to visit in California before returning to Heppner later in the spring.

Allan Cason made a business trip to Portland the first of the week.

Mrs. Floyd Worden and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson were hostesses for the meeting of the Morrow County Shrine club and auxiliary at the Masonic temple Saturday evening. Bridge, pinocle and Chinese checkers were played with Mrs. Allen Cason receiving high for bridge; William Coehell high for pinocle, and David Hynd, high for Chinese checkers. Refreshments were served.

According to word received by Heppner relatives, funeral services for Keith, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Rasmussen, were held in Lyndon, Wash. Thursday afternoon. The Rasmussens lived in Heppner several years ago.

Mrs. C. C. Carmichael of Lexington is a patient at Coffee Memorial hospital in Portland where she recently underwent a major operation.

Mrs. Merle Miller returned Saturday from Portland where she had been receiving medical attention for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Cole and Mrs. Thelma Anderson and Peggy Hayes went to Pendleton Saturday.

Henry Happold returned Sunday evening from Portland where they spent the week end visiting relatives.

Mrs. Neville Blunt returned Tuesday evening from Victoria, B. C., where she had been visiting relatives for the past three weeks. She was met in Walla Walla by Rev. Mr. Blunt.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bucknum were business visitors in Pendleton the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker returned Sunday from Portland. Mrs. Baker had been in the city for some time with her mother who has been ill and Mr. Baker motored down after her the end of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Gosney and children of Hood River spent the week end in Heppner with her mother, Mrs. V. R. Runnion and Mr. Runnion. Other guests this week at the Runnion home are her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoevel of San Francisco.

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Heart Ailment Proves Fatal To Samuel J. Devine

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Death came suddenly Monday evening to S. J. Devine, 70, a resident of the county since 1900. He had been showing an apartment to prospective tenants and was busy turning out lights just after the visitors left when he was stricken with a heart attack. A physician was called but it was too late.

Services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. today at the Church of Christ with the pastor, Joe Jewett officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral home. Interment was made in the Lexington cemetery with the Lexington grange participating in the graveside services.

Samuel Joseph Devine, known to all his acquaintances as Joe, was born April 21, 1877 in Canada. He moved with his parents to North Dakota when three years of age, where he grew to manhood. In 1900, in company with the late T. W. Cutsforth, he came to Oregon and homesteaded north of Lexington where he farmed successfully and made his home until 1943 when he retired to make his home in Heppner, having built a residence here in 1937 looking forward to the time when he could spend his declining years more leisurely. He did not relinquish ownership of the farm.

Mr. Devine was first married in 1898 to Nona Langley in North Dakota. To this union four children were born, three of whom preceded him in death. His second marriage was to Mary Pearl Wright of Heppner. This was in 1924.

Survivors include his wife and a son, Claude Devine of North Bonneville, Wash., and eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Mr. Devine became a member of the Lexington Christian church on December 12, 1928. He was a charter member and first master of the Lexington grange, and served as master of the Pomona grange twice. He was a member of the Oddfellows lodge at Lexington.

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HEC MEETING 25th

A meeting of the Lexington grange home economics club scheduled for today, March 18, has been postponed one week, to March 25. The meeting will open at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Chris Brown in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed LeTrace spent the past week end with Ed's mother, Mrs. J. W. Routson, at Weiser, Idaho. They found Mrs. Routson greatly improved.

Phyllis Quackenbush, Sandra Scoulen, Karen Valentine and Joan Moe, members of the troop, Mrs. Richard Meador, troop leader and Mrs. Jerry Brosnan and young son of Lena, Janet Wightman, a member of the group, was unable to attend because of illness.

Mrs. L. D. Neill entertained at an open house between the hours of 2 to 10, Tuesday afternoon and evening, honoring Mr. Neill on the occasion of his 72nd birthday. Those present from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Kenton and daughters Sharon, Vicki and Nancy of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Neill and daughter, Mrs. Charles Plourd, and daughter Marjorie of Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neill and daughter Kay of Butte Creek; Mrs. Bernice Mather and son Bobby of Echo; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger of Echo; and Mrs. Orpha Goe and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Waldron of Kansas City. Mo. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore and son George, and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Coxen and son Glen.

The beautifully decorated birthday cake was made by Mr. Neill's daughter, Mrs. Eldon Kenton of Salem.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Neill entertained at dinner for Frank S. Parker whose birthday is the same day as Mr. Neill's, and who, incidentally, is just the same age. Present for this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott of Portland.

Woolgrowers Aux Closes Books And Dispenses Funds

Unable to find people willing to serve as officers, the remnants of the Woolgrowers auxiliary, once a flourishing club of women interested in the sheep industry, has decided to "give up the ship." An canvass of about 50 per cent of the membership showed that the ladies were willing to quit and to divide up existing funds among worthy organizations.

Beneficiaries of the auxiliary's funds were the Heppner Parent-Teacher association, \$25; Heppner school Teacher association, \$25; Heppner band, \$25; Junior chamber of commerce, \$25, and the proceeds of three \$25 bonds totaling \$69.21, were turned over to the hospital fund.

March 31 Definite Date For Concert

The concert to be given by the Heppner school band has been given a kind of "off again, on again, gone again, Finnegan" status the past few days, but March 31 has been definitely set as the date for the event, according to both Supt. Henry Tetz and Director Billy Coehell. Postponement from the original date, March 19, was made necessary due to the illness of Mr. Coehell. Then on Tuesday morning of this week the date was given to the press as April 2. Before announcement could appear the school officials definitely decided upon March 31.

In line with the purpose for which the concert is being given—to raise funds with which to pay off the band uniform debt and buy some new instruments, Mr. Coehell reports that the band has received a check from the Heppner Rodeo association in the amount of \$300 for the band's services at the 1947 show. This has made it possible to clear the uniforms debt and to buy a new set of drums. In addition to this check, the band and school acknowledge the gift of a reproducer from C. L. Hodge of the Heppner Appliance company, which is coming in handy for both band and individual practice.

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