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City and Chamber Of Commerce Will Bid Wheat League

Invitation to Be Extended to Group At Condon Meeting

Heppner will again make a bid for the annual convention of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League with the hope that the organization will meet here in 1949. Both the city government and chamber of commerce have gone on record as favoring the move to invite the wheat raisers and the Morrow county member of the executive committee of the league, Don Heliker of Ione, will go to the convention prepared to present Heppner's offer.

This city made a bid for the 1948 convention when the wheat league met in La Grande, but Condon was better organized for presenting its invitation and the league accepted.

Having sanctioned the invitation, the city and the chamber of commerce will be saddled with the responsibility of arranging housing for guests and places of meeting. When the league met here in 1941 the gymnasium at the school was utilized for the main meeting place. Committee rooms were provided at the Elks building. Housing for guests was provided at the hotel, in private homes, at the CCC camp and by the railroad spotting sleeping cars at the depot. A similar arrangement will have to be followed next year, unless the unheard-of should happen and the civic center is improved to the point where it would be available for both meeting place and banquet hall. This would still leave guest housing on about the same basis as in 1941, with more people to be taken care of in private homes.

The matter of providing a roster of names of ex-service men, including the gold star names, is up before the chamber of commerce again after a lapse of two or three years. The subject was brought up at the meeting on November 15 and was again discussed briefly at Monday's luncheon. President O'Connor said he would call a meeting of the board of directors soon and that plans for completing the project would be formulated and a report made back to the membership.

President O'Connor also presented the matter of instituting a plan to cope with outside peddlers and solicitors, some of whom operate under somewhat dubious circumstances. His plan would be along educational lines to familiarize the people with some of the practices engaged in by the itinerants.

Committee Set Up To Administer '49 Triple A Program

Delegates from the nine communities in Morrow county met at the county courthouse, Tuesday, November 23, to elect the county committee to administer the AAA program for the 1949 year. The newly elected committee is as follows: R. S. Thompson, chairman; Heppner; L. L. Howton, vice chairman; Lexington; D. J. Kenney, regular member; Irrigon; Donald E. Heliker, first alternate; Ione; Raymond Lundell, second alternate; Eightmile.

The newly elected committee members for 1949 are as follows: North Heppner: H. L. Duval; chairman; vice chairman, W. E. Hughes; regular member, Jim Valentine; first alternate, Ray K. Drake; second alternate, Gerald Swaggart.

South Heppner: Walter Wright, chairman; A. C. Bechdolt, vice chairman; Frank E. Parker, regular member; Howard Evans, first alternate; Claude Buschke, second alternate.

Morgan: Roy Lindstrom, chairman; Cecil Thorne, vice chairman; Victor R. Rietmann, regular member; David Baker, first alternate; Albert Lindstrom, second alternate.

Eightmile: Frank Anderson, chairman; Chas. Carlson, vice chairman; Harley Anderson, regular member; Earl McKinney, first alternate; Laurence Becket, second alternate.

Lexington: Sam G. McMillan, chairman; Donald Campbell, vice chairman; Millard Nolan, regular member; Vernon Munkers, first alternate; Norman Nelson, second alternate.

Apline: A. C. Lindsey, chairman; L. L. Howton, vice chairman; Harold G. Campbell, regular member; Lloyd Morgan, first alternate; Wm. J. Doherty, second alternate.

Ione: Donald Heliker, chairman; E. Markham Baker, vice chairman; Milton Morgan, regular member; Lloyd Rice, first alternate; Donald McElligott, second alternate.

Irrigon: Paul Slaughter, chairman.

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Heppner Woman Marooned In Nebraska's Worst Blizzard

To most of our readers, reports of the blizzard in the middle west last week probably meant nothing more than just another storm of unusual proportions, but to one Heppner family at least it was a definitely serious matter.

On Monday, November 15, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pate received a message conveying the sad news that Mrs. Pate's father had died. Mr. Pate took her to Pendleton Tuesday evening to catch the Streamliner to Omaha, Neb., from where she would go by other transportation to the home of her parents at Butte, in north central Nebraska. The trip to Omaha was uneventful and it looked like she would reach her destination on schedule. The bus from Omaha had made about 140 of the 200 miles to Butte when the storm broke, a blizzard that piled the snow up so fast the driver could not see the road ten feet ahead and when efforts to force the big machine over a small hill failed he was obliged to back up for two miles before finding a place to turn around. This was outside of Creighton and passengers were returned there and put up at the small hotel, which Mrs. Pate said was fairly bulging

with people at the time she wrote her husband.

Due to the ferocity of the storm, which reached a velocity of 83 miles per hour, telephone and telegraph lines were put out of commission. She could not get in touch with her mother at Butte but did succeed in conveying her plight to a relative in another town.

The strange thing about the storm was that an electric storm got mixed up with the blizzard. While Mrs. Pate was talking on the telephone lightning struck somewhere in the vicinity and she experienced deafness in her left ear as a result of the "jolt" that came through the receiver.

Creighton is a small town, according to Mr. Pate—probably 600 people. Electricity was shut off, so there were no lights, no radio, no communication with the outside world—nothing to do but just keep as comfortable as possible and hope for the storm to subside.

On the bus carrying Mrs. Pate to her father's funeral were many boxes of flowers for his services. She feared that these might be frozen before they reached Butte but nothing could be done about them.

Random Thoughts...

When the Heppner chamber of commerce was organized nine years ago one of the first measures to come before the young club was the matter of how to discourage itinerant peddling and soliciting of funds. A plan was adopted whereby merchants and others were provided with cards printed in large enough type to be read at several feet distant which was worded something like this: "We do not subscribe to anything not sanctioned by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce." In the possession of the secretary of the club were other cards stating in effect that "The credentials of Mr. (or Mrs.) Blank have been duly examined and are found to be (or believed to be) authentic. This, when signed by the secretary was given official sanction of the chamber of commerce to the applicant's request for permission to carry out his work.

In recent years there has been less vigilance on the part of the chamber of commerce with regard to the matter of discouraging peddling and solicitation of funds for various causes. As time goes on there is more activity in these lines and the chamber of commerce now feels that it is time to put a damper on the activities of some types of "salesmen" and solicitors.

Jack O'Connor, president of the CC, Monday related an incident at his home which Mrs. O'Connor handled in a proficient manner. A magazine salesman, one of a crew turned loose on the community recently, rapped at the O'Connors door. Mrs. O'Connor responded. After the chap had introduced himself he launched forth on his sales talk and when he slowed down a little for air she cut in to ask him if he had the sanction of the chamber of commerce to solicit subscriptions in Heppner. Undaunted by the query, he produced a card which had been supplied by the house for which he worked and containing the words Chamber of Commerce, in front of which had been inserted in writing, "Heppner."

To the uninitiated this would be sufficient, but Mrs. O'Connor noticed that the card contained no signatures of "president" and "secretary." The young man glibly informed her that his company, or boss, supplied the salesmen with these cards and that they were "getting by" with them. When she informed him that her husband was president of the local chamber of commerce, he said, "Give me that card! I see I'm in the wrong place!" Shortly thereafter he was seen getting into a station wagon, which appeared to be the mode of transportation for the group, and nothing further has been seen of the wagon or its contents hereabouts.

As a word of caution, if there are others who are approached by house-to-house canvassers and they produce a "Chamber of Commerce card," it would be well to see if it has the authentic signatures of the president and secretary of the local organization.

Wonder what became of the "civil war" which was supposed to be carried into local territory this past week-end? Was there too much warning about the impending attack and too much preparation by officials to greet the invaders?

It is just as well that the feud end before serious consequences result. It is typical of the young bloods that they give vent to excess energy now and then in a lively scrap, but when the destruction of property is included in their exercises it is time to call a halt on their activity. From all accounts the fracas over in the west end of Umatilla county week before last was no boxing

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Crawford-Horton Vows Pledged at Portland Church

A wedding of interest to many Heppner people was solemnized at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Portland at 2:30 o'clock p.m. Sunday, November 21, when the Rev. Val Spinosa read the Episcopal ceremony uniting Miss Jo Ann Crawford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William V. Crawford, and Mr. Richard Purcell Horton. The bride was attended by Mrs. Hugh V. Crawford and Mrs. Arthur Walters. William Duddleson was best man. Ushers were Hugh V. Crawford and Donald E. Turner, cousins of the bride, and her brother-in-law, Richard Zeisler.

A reception was held in the parish hall following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner represented the bride's Heppner relatives at the wedding. Mrs. Horton is a niece of Mrs. Turner. Mrs. Raymond Ferguson, Mrs. Leonard Schwarz and J. V. Crawford on her father's side, and of Mrs. Alva Jones and D. A. Wilson on her mother's side.

The groom is a nephew of Tom Purcell, publisher of the Gresham Outlook and former president of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association.

WEDDING DATE SET

Mrs. Echo Palmateer announces the forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Laurel Ann, to Mr. Pete Cannon. The event will take place at 3 o'clock p.m., Sunday, December 12, at the Cooperative Church of Ione. A reception at the American Legion hall will follow the ceremony. Relatives and friends have been extended an invitation to attend the wedding and reception.

PLEGGED TO FRAT

Thomas Hughes of Heppner has been pledged as a member of Iota Omega Mu, one of the twelve Greek letter organizations on the campus at Linfield college in McMinnville. A total of 184 acceptances was announced at the completion of rush week recently.

Guests at the D. H. Jones home for Thanksgiving are Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones of Kennewick, Wash. The men are brothers.

Rev. John Runyan and family are eating their turkey at the home of friends in Prosser today.

Cast of "A Mind of Her Own"



Left to right: Colleen Connor, Gerald Bergstrom, Rose Pierson, Norman Ruhl, Marlene BuBols, Rita Johnson, Darlene Wise, standing—Vesta Cutsforth, Mrs. Marie Clary, coach; Bob Bergstrom, stage manager; Loren Pieper, Betty Graves; seated—Jim Orwick, Rachel Cox, Marlene Turner.

Accommodations To Be Plentiful At Wheat League Meet

Condon Preparing To Entertain Big Crowd December 2-4

There'll be plenty of accommodations in Condon for the annual meeting there of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League from Dec. 2 to 4. Gilliam county representative Jack Smith told the league's executive committee in Pendleton Monday.

Besides completing arrangements for housing and food, the executive committee has scheduled some top-flight speakers and demonstrations.

Of special interest to growers and their wives, a demonstration at 7:45 p.m., Dec. 2, the opening day, will illustrate steps the millers are taking to increase wheat flour consumption.

Using audio-visual aids, Herman Steen, executive vice-president of the Millers' National Federation, and Mrs. Wilma Lohmeyer, nutrition expert, will show how the millers are conducting their \$2,500,000 advertising and educational campaign.

Among the speakers and participants scheduled for panel discussions are OSC President A. L. Strand; Dr. C. E. Rist, head of the research laboratory, Fred Entenmille, from the Production Marketing association in Washington, D. C.; William A. Haley of Seattle's Fischer's Flouring Mill; Robert Fletcher of Walla Walla, representing the Northwest Crop Improvement association, and E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm crops.

Persons desiring to attend the annual convention are asked to write H. M. Bull, Condon, indicating the number of persons in their party and the date of arrival.

Dinner, Bazaar at Ione Big Event of Current Week End

Entertainment of a wide variety awaits the public this week end when the Home Economics club of Willows grange stages its annual dinner, bazaar, carnival and dance at the hall in Ione.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., continuing until 7:30. (It matters not to the Home Ec ladies how much you may eat today, they know you will not be able to pass up their fine dinner.) Sale of fancy work will also start at 6 o'clock and there will be many nice articles to help in making Christmas gift selections.

Between the dinner hour and the opening of the dance there will be a carnival—for young and old alike.

Dancing will round out the evening. The music will be provided by the Rim Rock Serenaders.

HERE FOR R.A.M. MEETING

Walter Jaeger, Paul Jaeger and Martin Jackson of Condon; Andrew J. Staig, John F. Putnam and Harry Myers of Fossil, and J. O. Hays and Al Rudd of Kinzua were in Heppner Friday evening to attend a special meeting of Royal Arch Masons, called for the purpose of initiating a class of candidates. Another special meeting has been called for this Saturday evening for the same purpose.

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March of Dimes To Be Headed By Charles Ruggles

Machinery was set up here the past week end for the annual March of Dimes campaign when Felix Montez, Portland, met with local supporters of the national movement to combat the great enemy of mankind—polio. C. A. Ruggles of the Blaine E. Isom insurance agency, was chosen chairman of the organization which includes Henry Tetz as vice chairman; Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, secretary; Merle Becket, treasurer; Gordon Grady, campaign director for Heppner, and the postmasters of the other towns of the county as directors for their respective communities, and the Gazette Times as director of publicity.

Ruggles succeeds Francis Nickerson, who headed the organization in the county for two years, resigning early in the fall when he decided to accept a position in Chicago.

Reports from over the state and nation indicate that there is an upsurge of the dreaded crippling killer over the country and all sections it will be expedient for all sections to make ample financial preparation to cope with the situation. Morrow is one of the few

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Girl Scout Troop Holds Award Court At Monday Meeting

Girl Scout troop No. 1 held an investiture ceremony and court of awards in the Masonic hall on Monday, Nov. 22. The traditional candle lighting ceremony was used. The girls marched in and formed a horseshoe and gave the pledge of allegiance followed by singing "America the Beautiful." Thirteen candles were lit, three shining as symbols representing the three parts of the Girl Scout promise and ten standing for a family there. Mr. Majeske has tried for quite some time to get his mother to this country, and with the aid of quite a number of other people and organizations, especially the Red Cross, he has again got to see her after 35 years. Mrs. Majeske speaks no English but is rapidly becoming acquainted with the customs of this country. She was quite ill on the trip, but is improving.

The ship on which she came to this country was one of the U. S. new vessels, the "Ernie Pyle," it being the ship's maiden journey. The sea voyage was three days longer than scheduled due to stormy weather. From New York she shipped directly to Pendleton. The shipping point in Germany was Bremerhaven, to where she was taken from her home. She is the aunt of Mrs. G. Hermann, Mrs. Alex Hunt and Henry, Julian and Fred Rauch of Lexington. Their mother is also in Germany. Mrs. Majeske has had many guests, among them her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ansted from Echo.

The entire troop was presented with their troop crest, the pine cone.

Jean Marie Graham gave a talk on the Juliette Low World Friendship fund. The main purpose of this fund is to assist in promoting Girl Scouting all over the world. The girls brought pennies, as many as they were old, which were dropped in the wishing well. These will be sent as their contribution to this fund.

Following the ceremony cookies and punch were served by the troop committee, Mrs. James Valentine, Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. Alena Anderson, Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mrs. Conley Lanham.

Special guests for the afternoon were the members of the newly organized Girl Scout troop 4 and their leader, Mrs. John Runyan, and members of troop 2 and their leaders, Mrs. Harold Becket and Mrs. Harry Van Horn. Other guests were the girls' mothers, their grandmothers, teachers, and a few special friends.

CHESS AND CHECKER CLUB ORGANIZED HERE

Exponents of chess and checkers, of which there are quite a number hereabouts, met at the Hotel Heppner Monday evening and organized a club.

According to Sheriff Clarence Bauman, one of the chiefest exponents of the game, anyone interested in either chess or checkers is invited to join the group.

It Took 35 Years To Make Reunion Dream Come True

By Delpha Jones

A dream of 35 years came to a reality last Friday at 3 p.m. when Adolph Majeske, resident of Lexington for many years, met his 81 year old mother at the airport in Pendleton. Ernestine Majeske was considered one of the misplaced persons following the war in Germany and has since the war been working for a family there. Mr. Majeske has tried for quite some time to get his mother to this country, and with the aid of quite a number of other people and organizations, especially the Red Cross, he has again got to see her after 35 years. Mrs. Majeske speaks no English but is rapidly becoming acquainted with the customs of this country. She was quite ill on the trip, but is improving.

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Edna Jane Ivey, who has been staying at the C. C. Jones home, is now making her home at the Lonnie Henderson's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan were the Dalles visitors on Wednesday.

Charles Buchanan who spent two weeks in Ellensburg with Jack Dawson is home again.

The local band played in a pep rally in the street Thursday. Those who heard the band were quite pleased, and wish the band lots of success. The director, Miss Joy Gerhart, hopes that they'll be able to play at the basketball games.

Kenneth Peck spent the week end in Eugene where he visited his wife who is spending some time at the home of her parents. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Emma Peck, who visited friends in Corvallis. While there she visited "Grandma" Johnson and reports her fine.

Community Chest Quota 73 Per Cent

A report from Oregon Chest headquarters in Salem indicates that the quota lacks more than 25 per cent of being paid up in Morrow county. The exact figure is not at hand at the moment but is slightly under 73 per cent, which leaves approximately \$600 to raise if this county is to be included in the "over the top" class.

The drive is still open and contributions will be cheerfully accepted by the chairman, Dr. C. C. Dunham and the secretary, J. R. Huffman. To date only three counties have reached their goals but several others lack only a few points of going over. In past years Morrow county has been one of the first to make the grade.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt are here from Corvallis to participate in Thanksgiving festivities at the D. A. Wilson home.