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Councilmen Learn Of City's Program Of Improvements

Mayor Outlines Projects Calling For Early Action

New councilmen taking seats Monday evening were apprised of an active improvement program which has been underway for many months but not claiming too much attention since the fall elections.

Numerous projects were mentioned by Mayor Conley Lanham in presenting "the state of the city" to the council. Principal among these was the drainage problem created by wash from the steep hillsides which fills nearby streets and yards with mud during the spring run-off or when a flash storm strikes. He asked the council to give this problem serious study and to bring up recommendations at the next meeting.

Some light on the proposed sewer system was shed by the mayor and this too was tossed in the laps of the councilmen for careful study. The city has \$78,000 on hand in the sinking fund that can be used for sewer system construction but it will still require approximately \$200,000 to make the job complete.

The mayor announced that the South Court street bridge has been fabricated in Portland and that installation will be made as soon as weather permits the pouring of concrete.

Other business attended to included the reappointment of J. J. Nys as city attorney; promise from members of the volunteer fire department that there will be steps taken at once to reorganize and choose a fire chief, and the raising of the salary of the chief of police from \$250 to \$300 per month. Both Mr. Nys and Chief Grady were paid high compliments by the council.

Lexington Folks Visit, Entertain During Holidays

By Mrs. Cecil Jones

Mrs. Sam McMillan returned to her home Tuesday after a two weeks' stay in the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles where she had a major operation.

News has been received in Lexington that S. G. McMillan is somewhat improved in Portland where he is recuperating from an illness.

Jack O'Hara who is employed in Klamath Falls spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Hara.

Maurice Groves and son Larry returned Saturday after several days spent in Salem. Mr. Groves was held up on his return home by the bad roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cornelison, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers, Marvin Way and Floyd Breeding were New Year's eve visitors at the Ken Way home in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Feathers and children returned New Year's from their vacation spent at Clackamas with Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg.

Miss Joy Gerhartz returned Sunday from Lander, Wyo., where she spent the vacation at the home of her parents.

Jerry Baker returned New Year's from a vacation spent in Portland. Mrs. Baker will remain with her parents in the city for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grant and family from Prineville spent the New Year's vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Martin and while here spent much time with their many acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, Jo McMillan and George Erwin motored to Pendleton Sunday where they met Joy Gerhartz, and all spent some time at the Ken Way home.

Random Thoughts...

Our apologies this week go to the Broadfoot brothers, who comprise the Big Four Lumber company. In mentioning that they were moving their mill from the east fork of Willow creek to Monument we said it would occupy a building being put up by the Heppner Lumber company. This appears to have been an error, inasmuch as the Big Four Lumber company is taking over the operation and putting up the mill plant. Output from the new mill, a good share of it at least, will be processed through the Heppner Lumber company plant here.

If the impression has prevailed that the Junior chamber of commerce is dead, that impression will have to do a right-about face. It is true that the younger men have not been so visibly active in recent months, but they have been meeting regularly and keeping their minds alert on matters of civic interest. Currently, the Jaycees are working on plans to revive the youth center activities in an effort to provide some form of recreational entertainment for the school age folk at least one night each week.

Other groups of the city will be asked to participate in this work. Lack of interest on the part of the older people was largely responsible for the movement slowing down. The sponsoring group could not provide enough supervisors and in reality the chaperone finally dwindled down to one faithful Jaycee.

This would seem to be a matter in which the parents themselves should have some interest. If they would manifest interest it would be an easier matter to do something about the juvenile delinquency problem. We sometimes wonder if it would not be more appropriate to devote more attention to the matter of parental delinquency—if that is not the crux of the situation. We can't blame the young people for veering off to the left if their parents make no attempt to steer them along the right course.

However, it was the intent of this column to discuss juvenile delinquency. The main object was to commend the Jaycees for staying on the job and to give the organizations of the town—churches, lodges, civic clubs—warning to be prepared to take a part in this movement to provide a youth center.

Since winter has been so in evidence one frequently hears the remark that "I believe this is about the coldest winter we've ever had." The record doesn't bear out this belief. In reality, the lowest mark recorded on the local government thermometer was three degrees above zero. Some of the family thermometers here and there have shown lower marks in Heppner, and there is no doubt but that the temperatures have been considerably lower in the higher elevations, but some doubt exists as to this being the coldest winter we've ever had.

That is a broad statement, and broad statements are always subject to scrutiny and analysis. No doubt the older residents of the community can recall numerous winters colder than this one, winter around 10 to 20 below, but such cold snaps were usually accompanied by heavier snowfall than we have experienced this winter.

If the Gazette Times should lapse into a status of missing the mail the next few weeks it will be because one member of the staff is taking a well-deserved rest. Due to heavy work of the past season and carrying a load of civic activities, Mrs. Crawford overtaxed her strength and was forced to bed Tuesday morning following a mild heart attack. If she can remain quiet for 30 days or so she may be able to resume most of her activities, and in the meantime the rest of the force will be carrying on to the best of their respective abilities.

Shamrocks Garner Double Win From Pilot Rock Clubs

The Heppner Shamrock hoopers started their 1949 season impressively Monday night when they journeyed to Pilot Rock to win both games of the double header with the Pilot Rock Townies.

Hitting the hoop from all angles the Shamrocks ran away with both games by large margins. The "B" squad contest ended with the score 45 to 13, and the "A" game final was 59 to 38.

Stan Kemp, husky Heppner center, led all scorers with 22 points, followed by Kupp, Pilot Rock forward, who accounted for 18 tallies.

Thursday night the Shamrocks meet two teams from Hermiston, followed by a return game at Heppner with Pilot Rock on Monday, January 10.

Newt Matteson returned home Monday from St. Joseph's hospital in Pendleton where he recently underwent a surgical operation for a stomach ailment.

BOUQUET OF ROSES

For his fine job in heading the work of decorating Main street for the Christmas holidays, the Junior chamber of commerce has voted Glenn Parsons the man of the month for December and awarded him the club's "Bouquet of Roses."

March Of Dimes Goes Into Action Friday, January 14

Portland, Dec. 30—The annual March of Dimes swings into action in Morrow county and the rest of Oregon and the nation, as well. January 14 continues through January 31 with an unprecedented overall goal of \$30,000,000.

The dates were announced today by Charles Ruggles, 1949 March of Dimes chairman for this county, who urged that "every one give at least 50 per cent more this time."

Oregon volunteers in the forthcoming March of Dimes will gather at radio stations throughout the state at 1:45 Jan. 6 to receive 15 minutes of instructions during a closed-circuit broadcast by President Basil O'Connor of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Stations participating will be KWIL, Albany; KEND, Bend; KOCB, Coos Bay; KORE, Eugene; KUNY, Grants Pass; KFIL, Klamath Falls; KAST, Astoria; KRNR, Roseburg; KSLM, Salem, and POL, Portland.

The Morrow county March of Dimes chairman revealed that he had received a night letter from O'Connor in which the foundation head asserted, "Make no mistake about it—this is an emergency situation." The wire went on to state that "if we are to continue to help polio victims, and be prepared for epidemics next year, and continue our educational and research programs, the next March of Dimes must be the greatest ever and net at least \$30,000,000. Without this we cannot fulfill our pledges to patients and the public."

O'Connor's communication revealed that in 1948 alone it had cost \$17,000,000 to care for polio patients, that the foundation's epidemic aid fund had been exhausted and that many chapter treasurers had been depleted. The local county chairman pointed out that polio in Oregon in 1948 was up 200 per cent over last year's figures.

Jackman Proposes Increased Grass Crops in Forests

A constructive program of increasing grass and reducing useless and dangerous brush growth in national forests is advocated by E. R. Jackman, farm crops specialist at Oregon State college, in an article in the January issue of the Country Gentleman. Jackman, who has been with the O.S.C. extension service for more than 30 years, was author of the recent article on Burns in the Post's cities of America series.

Jackman deplors the current feuding between haters of the forest service on one hand and haters of so-called cattle barons on the other. Cattle barons are few and far between, he says, and few of these use the national forests. Figures show the average number of cattle grazed by each owner on all forests in the nation is 68.

Similarly Jackman believes the forest service is mainly made up of "the finest group of men in any of the government services," ranking high in unselfish and capable public service. Most of them are friendly to multiple use of the forests and for timber production, water supply, recreation, wild life and livestock grazing.

To reverse the admitted reduction in feed resources on forest lands Jackman advocates a six-point program designed to reverse the present trend toward more underbrush thickets which he says reduce both grass and tree growth, increase fire hazards and reduce water supplies. His program follows in condensed form:

1. Reseed with adapted grasses all depleted meadows and other open spaces.
2. Reseed grass after every accidental fire, a practice beneficial both to grazing and new tree growth.
3. Reseed with grass in the wake of all logging operations.
4. Continue water development work to spread stock as widely as possible.
5. Step up forest research in attempt to learn other ways of stopping the thickets.
6. Destroy sagebrush or other useless brush and then seed all such lands within the forest.

PTA MEETING 12TH

"Education for Good Citizenship" will be the theme for the next regular meeting of the Heppner Parent-Teacher association which will be held January 12 in the high school auditorium. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock and will be presided over by Edwin Dick.

Barnstorming Boys From Burns Beat Bohles' Basketeers

Mustang Lead in First Canto Soon Lost to Invaders

By Jim Barratt

Coach Vernon Bohles' Heppner Mustangs displayed a hoop squad of winning talents for the first quarter against the barnstorming Burns Bulldogs here Thursday night, but failed to keep up the pace set by the visitors who went on to win, 40-29. A classy Burns "B" squad passed the Heppner ponies dizzy in the intramural contest to easily win.

Paced by its speed-merchant forward, Harold Manners, the Mustangs grabbed an early lead of 14-12, but after that point the sharp-shooting Burns quint moved ahead to hold a nine point lead throughout most of the fray.

Heppner displayed a fast-break offense unique to others used here in previous years, using long passes and an airtight zone defense in bottling up the visitors at the beginning. Margin of victory for the Burns outfit, however, was ability to hit the hoop wherever Heppner's shots seemed destined to roll in. . . . but then out. Timms, pint-sized Burns guard, showed a world of class with his dribbling and one-handed shots outside the key.

Manners led Heppner scorers with six field goals but gave up scoring honors to Jones of Burns, who tallied 16. Jerry Waters, although off in his shooting, played a good defensive and backboard game as did his running mate, Jimmy Sumner, Mustang center.

Outstanding performers for the Heppner ponies were Connor and Phil Smith, but the Burns Bees showed too much hoop savvy for the Heppnerites to cope with.

Lineups:
Heppner, 29 Burns, 40
Manners 12 f 1 Burdett
Waters 8 f 11 Stewart
Sumner 2 c 11 Walters
Gunderson 6 g 10 Timms
Ruhl 1 g 16 Jones
Substitutions: Heppner, Jones, Piper, Smith and Connor; Burns, White, Fields, Smith, Meykoff, Tilley and Brandt.
Referee: Kliegal of Pendleton.

Dr. J. D. Palmer's Brother Victim Of Airplane Disaster

When news of the airplane wreck at Seattle was heard on local radio Monday morning there was no thought on the part of anyone that Heppner might be concerned. Yet it was for on the plane bearing the Yale students was Russell Palmer, one of the fatalities, brother of Dr. J. D. Palmer, Heppner dentist.

Russell, 28 and a senior in music at Yale, had been a concert pianist for a number of years and was a great favorite with all who knew him.

It was the sad task of Dr. Palmer to go to Seattle and aid in identifying his brother's body. He left Monday morning expecting to remain until after the funeral.

Oregon Highway Users Pay Heavily To Federal Gov't

Oregon highway users paid \$13,505,917 during 1947 to the federal government in special automotive taxes, according to figures made public by the chairmen conference, T. R. Conway, who is manager of the Oregon State Motor association.

The Oregon vehicle users' biggest payment to the federal treasury was in the form of the 1.1-2 cent federal gasoline tax. A total of \$5,496,134 was paid in this one tax alone. Federal excise taxes collected in Oregon on automobiles amounted to \$2,68,790; on tires and tubes, \$2,295,825; on automotive parts and accessories, \$1,550,988; on trucks \$1,042,063, and on lubricating oil \$482,117.

These taxes, Mr. Conway pointed out, go to the national government's general funds, whereas states generally depend on their special automotive taxes for highway purposes. More than 600 organizations, including a number of Oregon groups, have petitioned Congress to end these emergency federal taxes, which were heavily increased during the war.

Lexington Airport In Line For Federal Aid With Local Help

Further development of the Lexington airport is seen if a funding campaign can be met locally. This information was imparted Tuesday by former Mayor Alonzo Henderson of Lexington, who has been a leader in the port project since the beginning.

According to Henderson, the airport is still in line for a \$7000 grant from federal funds. This is contingent upon the airport commission's ability to meet the offer with matching funds in the sum of \$5,500, of which the state board of aeronautics has taken care of \$1,828.17 through the allocation of preliminary engineering costs. This leaves a balance of \$3,671.83 for the local community to raise, or \$1,223.60 per year for three years. Each year the federal agency will post \$2,333.33, making a total of \$3,556.93 available for improvement each of the three years.

Henderson pointed to the fact that there are now nine planes based at the airport. More may be added before the year is out. Additional runways are needed and to permit these there must be more land acquired by the commission. A tract of 17 1/2 acres adjoining the present port property can be obtained and

FOR AN EMERGENCY AMBULANCE

The drive is on for a community emergency ambulance for Morrow county under sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The first person asked generously gave \$150.00. Let us see how many can do the same. No amount too large or too small. We want everybody in Morrow county to give something. This ambulance is to be paid for by the people for the people and operated at actual cost.

Please leave checks at the bank, the postoffice, or at the offices of Dr. C. C. Dunham or Dr. McMurdo, and get your receipt.

Sincerely yours,
Ambulance Committee,
Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Power Company To Spend \$8,000,000 On Construction

A new record construction program in excess of \$8,000,000 is scheduled for the Pacific Power & Light company system for 1949, according to J. R. Huffman, local manager.

This will bring to more than \$25,000,000 the building that has been done on the power system since the end of the war to meet the enormous expansion resulting from continuing growth of the region.

Former construction record for the power company was set just this year, when a total of \$8,000,000 was invested in new facilities and equipment for electrical service.

Major job for this year will see a 50,000-kilowatt generator brot into production at the company's Merwin hydroelectric project. Because of the tight power situation in the Pacific northwest, this is regarded as the year's most important single project.

Including related central substation and transmission facilities, this job calls for an outlay of \$3,800,000 this year, with the total cost expected to be well in excess of \$4,000,000.

Funds for expansion of company lines to bring electric service to new customers or to provide increased service to present power users total some \$2,000,000 for the year. Another large outlay will be used for improvements and expansion of substation facilities. For street lighting improvements alone, approximately \$220,000 has been set up.

Need For Clothing Stressed in Letter From Distant Land

For some years now Josephine Mahoney has been carrying on a kind of solo relief job, gathering clothing from friends which she combined with unused garments of her own and shipping them to a relief agency in Austria. The job and the demand have reached a point where Mrs. Mahoney finds it advisable to let more of the public in on the enterprise.

A letter received from the chairman of the welfare group she has been communicating with throws some light on the situation in this once proud country:

"Thank you so much for the box received this past week. We are so glad that your box arrived in time to help us pack the Christmas boxes for our welfare families. It had been so hard to get enough warm things to put in these boxes. We have such a small supply on hand. All the boxes are being delivered this morning and afternoon so that they will be at the homes in plenty of time for Christmas eve—that is the big day for celebrating over here. Christmas day is strictly a religious day.

"We have had one snow storm so we will have a white Christmas but everyone feels the cold over here for there is so much dampness."

Send parcels to The American Women's Welfare Committee, APO 777 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y., or to the U. S. High Commissioner, Hq. U. S. Forces in Austria, APO 777 c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: DITTO AS TO NAME

Miss Elsie Jepson writes the Gazette Times from Baltimore, Maryland that she is changing her address on January 15, for on that day she will become the bride of Mr. John Loudon and their residence will be at 3123 E. Monument St., Baltimore 5.

Miss Jepson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jepson of Ione. She is a registered nurse, taking her training during the war years following her graduation from the Ione high school.

Mrs. Ralph Aldrich of Ione is reported on the road to recovery following a siege of influenza.

County Officials Take Respective Oaths Of Office

Barratt, Miller, Currin New Faces

Checking in Monday

Monday was swearing in day at the county courthouse, at which time two newly elected and two re-elected officials took their oaths of office.

J. G. Barratt, newly elected county judge and Russell Miller, new commissioner, and C. J. D. Bauman, reelected sheriff, were sworn in by County Clerk C. W. Barlow who was in turn given the oath by Judge Barratt. There was no pomp or ceremony. Mrs. Barratt was present to witness the oath-taking, as was L. D. Neill, outgoing commissioner, and a representative of the press, and Louis Lyons was there to catch a picture or two.

Judge Barratt succeeds Bert Johnson who served two terms, being first elected in 1936 and again in 1942. Barratt is not new to the county court, having served as commissioner succeeding the late C. W. McNamer. After filling out McNamer's term, like the late Cal Coolidge, he "did not choose to run" and Ralph L. Thompson was induced to enter the race.

Barratt conducted a well advertised campaign in the spring to win the nomination. He told the people he wanted to be their county judge and just what kind of a judge he thought he would make. His experience in court matters made him well informed and with this confidence in himself it was not too big a job to sell himself to the voters.

Russell Miller is the first resident of the north end of the county to be elected to a place on the county court. The aptness he has shown in taking hold of county business convinces the other members of the court that the voters have made a good choice.

The courthouse personnel, elective and appointive, now includes Judge J. G. Barratt; Commissioners Ralph L. Thompson and Russell Miller; Ralph Currin, district attorney; Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Clerk C. W. Barlow, Treasurer L. W. Briggs, Assessor W. O. Dix, and Coroner A. D. McMurdo. Appointive are Henry Tetz, elected by the rural school board, superintendent; Mrs. Frances Mitchell and Lelia McLachlan, tax division of the sheriff's office; Mrs. Fred Parrish, deputy county clerk; Mrs. Joe Hughes, deputy assessor; Mrs. Tom Wilson, deputy school superintendent; Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse; Jarvis Chaffee, sanitary engineer; and Thelma, referred to as the courthouse janitor.

Early Approval Of Hospital Drawings Seen By Barratt

That final plans for the Morrow county hospital will be forthcoming soon was the opinion expressed Monday by Judge J. G. Barratt in a brief talk before the chamber of commerce luncheon group. He based this assumption on a statement by the firm of architects drawing the plans that an altered draft had been made and was being forwarded to the regional office in San Francisco which has the authority to give the go ahead signal on construction. Approval of the plans does not necessarily mean that construction can start immediately. There is still the matter of obtaining a satisfactory contract.

In appreciation of his 12 years as a faithful servant of the county, the chamber of commerce presented L. D. Neill with a gift. Mr. Neill was first elected in 1936 and has given faithful and efficient service throughout his three terms of office as county commissioner.

J. J. O'Connor reported on the inaugural dinner to be given on Wednesday evening, January 19 at the Legion hall. An invitation is being extended to all farm groups, city officials and the public in general to attend the affair which will be something new in chamber of commerce procedure.

Brownie Troop 4 Reports Activities

Brownie Troop No. 4 had three meetings in December. The first two we wrote our promise out of letter macaroni and put it on brown paper so we could hang it on the wall. The third one we made embroidery thread holders for our mothers for Christmas.

Officers for month of January are: President, Francine Francis; secretary, Janet Keithley; treasurer, Dolores Easter; party hostess, Judy Barger.

ANNA Marie Winters, Scribe.

MISS BABY GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lindner are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 29, 1948, at Valley Memorial hospital in Sunnyside, Wash. The babe weighed eight pounds, four and three quarters ounces and has been named Patricia Lynette.