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County Red Cross Set-Up Revamped During Past Week

William Richards Succeeds O'Connor In Chairman Spot

The Morrow county Red Cross organization underwent some revamping last week when Miss Betty Bogie, representing the American Red Cross society spent several days here assisting in setting up the year's program. Miss Bogie worked with the nominating committee in selecting the following officers and committee chairmen:

President, William Richards; vice chairman, James Driscoll; treasurer, C. A. Ruggles; secretary, Mrs. Robert Wagner. The executive committee is composed of Mrs. Claude Graham, Mrs. Tom Wilson and Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien. F. W. Turner is the 1949 fund campaign and disaster chairman; Mrs. R. B. Rice, home service chairman; J. J. O'Connor, in charge of water safety program, and C. J. D. Bauman, first aid chairman.

Richards succeeds J. J. O'Connor who has headed the organization for three years, which he says is enough. Aside from successfully heading the membership drives each spring, O'Connor has devoted much time each season to promotion of the Red Cross water safety program, and his interest in this activity led him to consent to take the chairmanship during 1949.

Production Credit Group To Ballot on Stock Retirement

Action to permit retirement of capital stock held by the federal government will be proposed at the 15th annual stockholders meeting of the Pendleton Production Credit Association in the V. F. W. hall at Pendleton, January 31st, it is reported by Walter Moore, secretary-treasurer.

A complimentary luncheon will be served at noon for members and their wives, which will be followed with a business meeting.

While all but \$75,000 of an original \$145,000 investment already has been returned, members are expected to take favorable action to expedite payment of the remaining amount and thus become entirely farmer-owned. The board of directors and advisory committees of three eastern Oregon counties in which the association operates, have already approved the plan.

The association now has capital and reserves of over \$190,000 exclusive of the government investment, representing investments in capital stock by members and reserves built up from operating profits.

The coming meeting will mark 15 years of service by the association to farmers and stockmen located in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Grant counties.

During this period nearly \$15 million has been loaned for producing crops, livestock and for other farm operating expenses.

Two directors are to be elected. The terms of Ralph I. Thompson, Heppner, and Chas. F. Litch, Enterprise, will expire this year. Holdover directors are James K. Hill and Glen E. Storie, Pendleton, and Myron C. Hug, Elgin.

Otto F. Allgair, treasurer of the Production Credit Corporation of Spokane, will be the guest speaker at the business meeting.

COUSIN DIES IN SPOKANE

P. W. Mahoney received a message Thursday of last week telling of the death of a cousin, R. T. Mahoney, in Spokane on that date. Deceased, who was about 54 years of age, had been in poor health the past two years. Mr. Mahoney will be remembered by Heppner residents in the First National bank here when his uncle, T. J. Mahoney, was cashier. Known as "Terah," he was popular with patrons of the bank as well as among the younger set of the town.

Prices Overlooked

Readers of this newspaper may have wondered why the dollar signs and zeros were in the Peterson ad last week. It was because the prices in the articles were not inserted in their stead. The prices in each instance should have read \$22.50, federal tax included.

Frank Wilkinson, son Dick and daughter Shirley went to Portland Wednesday where they are attending the annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers association. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thompson and David Hynd had planned to attend the meeting but cold weather caused them to change their minds.

Plans To Revive Youth Center Left in Hands of Committee

Plans to revive activities at the youth center, or more properly speaking, to revive the youth recreational program, were discussed by a group of representative citizens meeting with the Junior chamber of commerce at the community building Wednesday evening. The meeting was called at the instance of the Jaycees since it was their organization which fostered the program in the beginning.

Representatives were present from three of the churches, Methodist, Catholic and Episcopal; the Elks and Royal Arch Masons, the Heppner chamber of commerce, the Soroptimist club and American Legion. There was no representation from the high school student body, a fact that was somewhat disappointing to other members of the group.

Many angles of the youth movement were discussed but there was a lack of definiteness which all recognized and it was finally voted to have the chairman of the meeting, Edmond Gonty, name a committee of six to meet at an early date and set up a program that would have the backing of organized groups of the community and set out the type of recreation most desired by both the sponsors and the young people. A paid supervisor met with the approval of all present and the committee will be charged with the duty of arranging for a director.

Henry Tetz has accepted the chairmanship of the committee and will be assisted by Mrs. William Rawlins, Rev. Eldon L. Tull, Rev. Francis McCormack, Gordon Grady and Dr. C. C. Dunham.

Shamrocks Go On Rampage To Win Twice Past Week

Heppner's rampaging Shamrock basketball team strengthened their victory string this week as they bowled over opposition from Hermiston and Pilot Rock by sizeable margins.

Thursday night the Shamrocks took the measure of the highly touted and previously unbeaten Valley Builders Supply Co. team of Hermiston by a score of 60 to 37. Both teams battled evenly throughout the first half with Heppner leading as the period ended 26 to 20. The second half found the Heppner boys reaching peak form with their ball handling, passing, and shooting as they steadily increased their lead and went going away. Clarence Greenup, Shamrock forward, led all scorers with 20 points. The Heppner "B" squad dropped the preliminary game to the Hermiston American Legion team by a score of 39 to 29.

Tickets On Sale For Chamber of Commerce Dinner

Tickets were placed on sale today for the get-together dinner sponsored by the Heppner chamber of commerce and to be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 19 at the American Legion hall. The dinner will be a public affair, open to anyone who wants to pay the price for a ticket, and a special invitation has been extended to city officials, grange, farm bureau, and school officials of the county.

The chamber of commerce has been fortunate in securing E. G. Harlan, president of the chamber of commerce at The Dalles, as the principal speaker. Mr. Harlan has long been engaged in chamber of commerce work and at one time edited the Heppner Herald when it was published by his brother, the late L. K. Harlan.

Henry Tetz is program chairman.

Short Section Of Power Line Reset

A short section of the 22,000-volt Sherman transmission line has been relocated near De Moss Springs by Pacific Power & Light Company crews, according to J. R. Huffman, local manager for the power company.

Customers in Gilliam, Morrow and Wheeler county areas served by the line were unaware of the change, however, as the work was done while the lines were energized.

To give more clearance to the highway, a new section of line was built and tied to the transmission line by linemen using "hot sticks." These are specially designed long-handled tools with which the linemen can make the necessary line connections without danger. The old section of the line was then removed.

Lexington Store Looted By Thief

A thief, or thieves, gained entrance to the Yarnell store in Lexington Tuesday night and made away with about \$500 in cash and a small check for cash. The juke box provided the \$500 but apparently nothing but the small check was left in the till by the proprietor.

Officers investigating the case found that entrance was gained at the back of the building and from the way things were handled had the appearance of being the work of someone acquainted with the premises.

William Driscoll Answers Summons Of Death Tuesday

Was Resident of Heppner From 1913 To Spring of 1945

While family and close friends were not surprised, news of the death of William Driscoll Tuesday evening at Corvallis came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances in this community. Mr. Driscoll was the victim of a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. Saturday at the St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner, with Rev. Francis McCormack officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral home. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. Rosary will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

William Driscoll was born March 17, 1875, in Dublin, Ireland. He was brought to the Province of Ontario, Canada, as a child by his foster parents, later settling in Calumet, Mich. His early life was spent in that area and in 1902 he was married to Cecelia King of Calumet. He first came to Oregon in 1913 and the following year returned east for his family. Nearly all of his residence in Heppner was spent as janitor of the school. He entered upon this duty in the winter of 1917-1918 and served until the spring of 1945 when advanced years and failing health compelled him to resign. He and Mrs. Driscoll moved to Corvallis that spring and "Dad," as he was familiarly known to all his acquaintances, made occasional visits here to visit his children and their families and, as he put it, just to see if everything was running smoothly.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll, seven of whom survive. These include Mrs. Fred (Mary) Painter, Corvallis; Mrs. Elaine (Martha) Carney, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Howard (Luella) Zimmerman, Okanogan, Wash.; Clifford Driscoll, Grants Pass; Charles Driscoll, Corvallis; William C. Driscoll, Ione, and James H. Driscoll, Heppner. There are also seven grandchildren. A brother, Thomas Driscoll, lives in Detroit, Mich.

THANKS HEPPNER FRIENDS

Billy Cochell has asked the Gazette Times to convey to the people of Heppner and vicinity his deep appreciation for the many nice things that have been done for him and his family since his hospitalization. The many remembrances at Christmas time brought cheer and a welcome change to the dull hospital routine. He considers his friendships and associations priceless and his fondest hope is to resume former contacts.

(For Billy's benefit, it may be added that his friends join with his relatives in pulling for his speedy recovery.)

Army of Oregon Volunteers To Lay Down Initial Barrage In Gigantic Polio Battle



Pretty polio victims from widely-scattered Oregon points are shown in the solarium of Portland's Holiday Park hospital as they do their bit for the March of Dimes by stuffing envelopes for the campaign that starts tomorrow. They are, left to right, Mrs. Louise Mittit, Astoria; Joan Nelson, Independence; Mrs. C. B. Neely, route one, box 763, Oregon City; Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson, 1115 James St., Salem; Sharolyn Wolfe, McMinnville; Aileen Lettine, Empire; and Mrs. Jean Scrivner, Burns. Seated at the table is Patricia Fuchs, route three, Gresham.

An army of Oregon volunteers whose numbers will eventually total between 15,000 and 20,000 will lay down the initial barrage of the 1949 polio battle tomorrow, opening day of the annual March of Dimes which this year will run through January 31.

C. A. Ruggles, Morrow county March of Dimes chairman, said that the impending campaign shapes up as "the most intensive" in the 11 years that the organized drive for infantile paralysis funds has been conducted. And, he added, "It certainly is the most crucial."

The financial plight of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its chapters was described as "desperate" by Foundation President Basil O'Connor in a nationwide broadcast to March of Dime workers. He said that the Foundation's epidemic aid fund which stood at \$6,000,000 at the start of 1948, wound up the year \$520,000 in the red, and that the 1949 drive must bring in \$30,000,000 "if we are to meet our obligations."

Dr. E. T. Hedlund of Portland, 1949 Oregon March of Dimes chairman, recalled that eight counties in the state had polio epidemic incidence in 1948. He said that the treasuries of these county chapters and several others in Oregon have "reached the vanishing point."

"If we're not now ready for the great effort immediately ahead, then we never will be," Dr. Hedlund said today on his return from Bunk and Bencher, two counties where he checked into campaign organizations. Dr. Hedlund and Felix Montes, state representatives of the National Foundation, have been busy for three months assisting in the setting up of March of Dimes machinery in 36 counties, and they estimated today that an unprecedented 15,000 to 20,000 Oregonians will have lent a hand before the drive ends.

The complete memberships of civic and fraternal groups in many cities will participate, they reported. Granges are planning special basket socials; the 168 American Legion posts in the state have planned a variety of benefit events; high schools and colleges are scheduling benefit athletic contests; labor unions are issuing special appeals to their members, and many theaters contemplate basket collections.

In addition, there will be hundreds of volunteer-manned collection booths throughout the state, and a record number of coin collectors has been distributed.

COMMUNITY AMBULANCE FUND MOVING AHEAD

We, the committee, appreciate the whole hearted spirit the people have shown where contacted. One lady sent a check from Portland.

Beginning in next week's issue will appear the names of the donors so the people will know the progress. Let's have a banner week for a good showing.

The government has no hand in this ambulance.

V.F.W. Committee.

Moro Huskies Too Speedy For Local Basketball Squad

Moro's speedy Huskies jumped the gun early and piled up a 12-4 first period lead against the bewildered Mustangs. But it was no walk away game out of the fire in the dying moments. A final burst by the Huskies gave them a close 44-39 decision.

In the second period the Mustangs slightly tamed down to outscore their white clad opponents, 9-6. The count at half-time favored the Huskies, 18-13.

The last half of the ball game was a wide open affair with the Huskies never relinquishing their lead until the final two minutes of the game when the desperate Mustangs went on a scoring spree to tie the score at 37-all. But again the Huskies could not be stopped as they went on to pour in three quick buckets to the Mustangs one. In the final seconds a Huskie free throw brought the final count to 44-39. Jim Sumner, Mustang center, took scoring honors for the night with 14 points. Harvy and Thompson shared honors for Moro with 11 each. The lineups:

Heppner, 39 Moro, 44
Bennett, 8 f 11, Harvy
Manners, 3 f 9, 3 May
Ruhl, 1 f 9, Wilson
Waters, 10 g 11, Thompson
Gunderson, 4 g 11, Knighten
Substitutes, for Heppner: Sumner 14, Jones, for Moro: Rust, Lane.

HEPPNER VS. LEXINGTON

Heppner, showing their worst form of the season, ran into tougher than expected opposition from the Lexington Jackrabbits. They finally succeeded in downing them 32-26 in the rough affair. Papineau of Lexington took scoring honors with 15 points. The lineups:

Heppner, 32 Lexington, 26
Bennett 1 f 9, J. Edwards
Gunderson 7 f 8, Padberg
Ruhl, 2 c 15, Papineau
Waters, 9 g 2, Messenger
Sumner 3 g 1, Way

Substitutes, for Heppner: Manners 8, Connor 2, Smith; for Lexington: Breeding, Sawyer, Bloodsworth, Buchanan, Fahli.

The Heppner "B" squad trimmed the Lexington reserves, 25-9. In the Moro game the Heppner reserves were edged out 23-27 after holding a 10 point lead at halftime.

Heppner plays two games at home next week, Tuesday, Jan. 18, Ione plays here and on Friday, Jan. 21, the opponents will be Fossil.

Becket Residence Burned To Ground Late Sunday Night

Low Temperature Hampers Work of Fire Department

The moaning of the fire siren about 10 p.m. Sunday called the fire department to the Harold Becket residence on South Court street where a fire originating in the furnace room was rapidly spreading throughout the structure. The fire ladders got one stream into operation from a nearby hydrant and employed the pressure tank on the fire truck, but there was no stopping the blaze and the entire building was consumed.

The family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Becket and daughter Sharon, escaped with what they had on and managed to salvage a few personal effects as well as saving a few pieces of furniture, otherwise everything was consumed in the fire.

The Becket house was unique in that Mr. Becket did just about all the construction work on it. He stated that he started in on it in 1932 and he believed he had fitted in every stick of lumber and every piece of brick and stone. Only Sunday he did some work on it.

Insurance coverage was ample for the time the house was built but will not be sufficient for rebuilding now. The Becketts have taken quarters in the Case apartment building.

To assist the unfortunate family in setting up housekeeping again, the ladies of the Elks have planned a shower for Elks and their ladies this Saturday evening. It has been learned that other groups are planning affairs of like nature.

City Clamps Down On Gambling And One Arm Bandits

The city made a surprise move Wednesday in ordering the slot machines taken out of the various places in which they were operating and in ordering a shut-down on gambling.

Authority under which the order was issued was based on Section 23-930, O.C.L.A. which reads as follows:

"Regardless of whether their operation requires an element of skill on the part of the player, all games of chance such as slot machines, dart games, pin ball games, and/or similar devices or games when operated or played for a profit, either in cash, merchandise or other article of value, hereby are declared unlawful, and their licensing, possession, display, operation or play hereby are prohibited."

The attorney general made the following comment on the law:

A perusal of the above section clearly indicates that not only is the licensing and taxing of lotteries and games of chance such as slot machines, dart games, pinball games, and similar devices or games operated or played for money or merchandise declared to be unlawful, but such licensing and possession is prohibited. This removes any excuse that a municipality or city council has the right to license such games by ordinance.

Grand Jury Indicts Velma Hughes On 1st Degree Count

The Morrow county grand jury meeting in special session Tuesday, returned a true bill against Velma Hughes to an indictment of murder in the first degree. Or arraignment before Circuit Judge Homer I. Watts, the accused woman entered a plea of not guilty. She appeared in court in the custody of Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman and was represented by Charles Peterson, Pendleton attorney. Ralph E. Currin, district attorney for Morrow county, declined to comment on the matter.

While no date for the trial has been set, Mrs. Hughes is held without bail in the women's quarters of the Umatilla county jail at Pendleton.

WRECK AT MESSNER

Main line UP schedules were thrown out of gear yesterday when a west bound freight was wrecked at Messner. Eight nine cars were derailed and late when the wrecker was trying to lift them back on to the track, too upset. The City of Portia was obliged to stay in Arlington overnight, according to Age Floyd Tolleson of Heppner.

Mrs. J. O. Easman returned

Wednesday morning from Portland where she spent several days on a buying trip for her late ready-to-wear, Nora's shop.

Random Thoughts...

Are you the type of person who never has time to go across the street by the regular crossing? If so, take time to read the secretary of state's report on pedestrian traffic in Oregon the past year—and that for 11 months, since December checking could not be reported at this time.

Eighty people lost their lives in Oregon traffic accidents the first 11 months of 1948. This was three fewer than were reported for the same period in 1947. Whether or not 1948 will show less traffic deaths than 1947 depends upon the final December count.

Now we come to the stern realities. "Crossing streets between intersections is one of the largest single factors in pedestrian accidents," according to a study conducted the first six months of 1948; the secretary of state revealed. In 1947, 14 pedestrians were killed while walking in the roadway in the same direction as the flow of traffic, compared to one killed while facing oncoming traffic.

Secretary Newby offers this timely advice: "These facts prove once again that the simple rules for safe walking, if followed, will sharply cut back needless tragedy. Your life literally depends upon following these rules, particularly after dark and when road surfaces are slippery."

With more than one half of all pedestrian fatalities in Oregon involved in violations of law or unsafe action on the part of the walker, it seems the time has arrived for people to give some heed to the advice offered by traffic officials.

Just how far reaching was the big Columbia river flood last spring? You no doubt remember what the physical damage amounted to in round numbers—the loss of life and property—but did you know that the flood waters Continued on page six

"THE COURTHOUSE GANG"



It was Monday, January 3 when these pictures were taken. Photographer Louis Lyons was on hand with his trusty camera and caught County Clerk C. W. Barlow administering the oath of office to Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, Russell Miller and Garnet Barratt, commissioner-elect and judge-elect, respectively. When that part of the ceremony was over, Judge Barratt swore Barlow in as clerk.



Left to right: C. W. Barlow, county clerk; Russell Miller, commissioner; Ralph Currin, district attorney; J. G. Barrett, County Judge; L. W. Briggs, treasurer; W. O. Dix, assessor; Ralph I. Thompson, commissioner; C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff; and Henry Tetz, school administrator. All except Mr. Tetz are elective officers; he is appointed by the rural school board. L. W. Briggs, 89, is probably the oldest county official in the state.

Here we find former commissioner L. D. Neill wishing the new commissioner the best of luck.



Here we find former commissioner L. D. Neill wishing the new commissioner the best of luck. Mr. Neill retired after serving as commissioner for three terms. Boardman rancher, is the first person elected from what is termed the "North End" to serve on the county court. He is adopting himself readily to the task and is showing an eagerness to become an efficient public servant.



Left to right: Mrs. Fred Parrish, deputy county clerk; Mrs. Tom Wilson, assistant to the school administrator; Miss Margaret Gillis, county health nurse; Mrs. Frances Mitchell, deputy sheriff in charge of the tax department; A. J. Chaffee, courthouse janitor; Mrs. Joe Hughes, deputy assessor, and Leila McLaughlin, tax department clerk. Careful selection of deputies has given the officials a capable clerical force.