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Recreation Areas To Be Established By Forest Service

Ranger Prepares Plans For Wider Use By Public

Believing that the public at large should make greater use of the forest areas from a recreational standpoint, the U. S. Forest Service is developing plans to make the mountain retreats more usable and attractive, not only to residents but to tourists as well. Something of the overall picture was given at the luncheon group of the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday noon by Ranger Glenn Parsons of the Heppner district of the Umatilla National Forest. Parsons produced a map including the plans for development in his district, giving the location of various camp sites, picnic grounds, and more or less permanent building sites for summer houses, hunting lodges and the like.

As an inducement to Heppner people and any others residing in the vicinity, Parsons said the service will entertain applications for leases up Willow creek where some cabins now stand, and at the Herren Mill site and the vicinity of the old coal mine. This region in times past has been quite generally utilized by the people of the county and the forest service would like to see it in more general use once more. Ditch Creek and Porter Creek also are adaptable to summer home use, and cabins at these sites would serve well as hunting lodges.

As fast as funds become available the service plans to set up picnic and camping spots in various parts of the area. Sites at or near some of the lookout stations will be utilized, and all spots chosen will be served by the forest service road system.

Parsons said he could not promise elaborate set-ups but that certain conveniences will be provided. It is hoped to get some of the campground and picnic sites ready for use this year.

Women's Society Sponsoring World Day of Prayer

Sponsored by the Women's Missionary society, the World Day of Prayer will be observed in Heppner Friday afternoon, March 4. The service will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Episcopal church.

Originally a program for women, the World Day of Prayer movement has grown to include all who believe in prayer. People in 74 countries participated in observance of the day in 1948. It is observed alike by Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

The theme this year is all of Psalm 121, and the sponsors are particularly stressing the sentence, "The Lord is thy keeper." The missionary society is urging all women planning to attend to commit the psalm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmatier (Rosetta Healy) have returned from a honeymoon trip to British Columbia, Seattle and other points and are now at home at their farm near Ione.

Future Farmers Face Furious Flood To Rescue Members' Project Calves

How to keep the good will of their calves, also to keep their calves—these were the dual problems that faced Elwayne Bergstrom and Kenneth Turner as they looked out into the angry waters of Hinton creek, out to where the young livestock were trapped up against the fence across the corral.

These calves meant much to Kenneth and Elwayne. As supervised farming projects in vocational agriculture they were the start in farming for these two boys. In feeding the animals the boys were learning to do by doing. And now the calves were trapped, at best to spend an unpleasant night in the cold water, perhaps to perish if higher water came. The boys had their problems, but they and their friends solved them.

After a bit of planning it was decided to tear down the fence into the Rodeo holding corral where the calves and bulldozing

Random Thoughts...

That old saying, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," had a counterpart in local journalism last week. With our city reporter, Mrs. Ruth Payne, covering most of the social events, we scribe took it for granted she would report the DeMolay banquet. As a matter of fact she had it written up and withheld it, thinking the editor would report it. It so happened that an account of the banquet failed to materialize. There are two red faces and both Mrs. Payne and the editor are humbly apologetic.

It is surprising how much moisture content may be contained in a few inches of snow. The blanket that fell over this region last Thursday averaged about three inches, yet the run-off here Monday looked like there might have been three feet. But we hesitate to mull over the possible consequences had there been that much snow in the back country. At the rate Donaldson canyon poured water into streets and yards it would not have required many more inches of snow to make a major flood. As it was, no small amount of damage has been done to residences, lawns and streets, and it will require several weeks to clean up the muck and debris left by the angry waters.

Weather is still the leading subject and this calls to mind a brief chat with Will Morgan Monday afternoon. He said that the snowmelt which provided the ammunition for Monday's flood did not reach the south side of the Blue mountains. When he and his family left Monument Monday morning the ground was comparatively dry. They came by way of Fossil and Condon and didn't run into snow until they reached the timber line. They were surprised to find the country north of the mountains white. Can it be that Ma Nature is becoming a bit tickle?

In times of disaster, one of the outstanding units most frequently receiving press notice is the Boy Scouts. We have not heard much about our local troop in recent months but the Scouts are functioning and in the light of their activities Monday evening it might be pertinent to borrow from the vernacular and say "and how!" With their leader, Bill Davis, the boys went into action in the north part of town and did yeoman service for several hours. Davis got them excused from school at 3 p.m. and by 3:30 they were organized and stayed on the job for the next four hours. They watched the Morgan street bridge, directed traffic, moved some people to safety and otherwise disported themselves in a helpful manner.

Fourteen boys are now registered as Scouts. The first meeting was held at the parish house at 7:30 p.m. February 9, when eight boys showed up. At the second meeting, February 16, six more came and signed up. Others are interested and as they learn of the valuable service Scouts can be to their community they will seek membership.

The annual Father-Son banquet was held in the basement of the Methodist church Tuesday evening. A report of the affair is lacking at this time. However, it is encouraging to see the young boys active in Scout work again and the community should lend whatever encouragement needed to carry out a complete program.

To show their appreciation for the Scout's services, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Miller invited the whole troop to their home for supper Tuesday evening. It was quite a chore to feed 14 husky young appetites but the Millers were equal to the occasion.

Patrol leaders are Jack Sumner, Gay Harshman, Wesley Marshall and Wayne Wilson. Ray McDonald, located here temporarily, is giving Bill Davis a lift as assistant leader.

Church and Lodge Install Hammond Electric Organs

Heppner people are becoming organ minded what with the J. O. Turners and Earl Blakes installing new Hammond Electric organs in recent weeks and only last week two more coming to town. Latest installations were in All Saints Episcopal church and at the Elks temple. It is understood the Elks are debating over purchasing one, due to the lack of a regular organist, but may decide to do so on the prospect of developing players hereabouts.

The church organ was installed Saturday evening to stay. Mrs. Tull, wife of Rev. Eldon L. Tull, is the organist and delighted the congregation Sunday morning with her offerings. Mrs. Tull has had many years experience in large and small cities and is a talented and versatile performer.

City Faced With Many Problems In Improvement Work

Flood Waters Add Heavily to Burden Of Street Drainage

Plans of the city council to improve the streets this year were set somewhat awry by Monday's flood and both work and funds that might otherwise have been used for bettering what we had will to a large extent be used in restoring flood-damaged blocks to somewhat of a normal state.

Those blocks affected on upper Main street, Cannon and Chase streets in the south central part of town and Riverside in the north end, present a problem not only of repair but in some instances reconstruction. This is particularly true of Chase and Riverside streets.

The council in session Monday evening tentatively decided that the proposed curb program involving several blocks of Gale street and streets crossing Gale would have to be accomplished by forming improvement districts with the property owners within those districts assuming the cost of putting in the curbs. It will be the city's part to do the engineering and eventually to pave the roadway to the curbing.

Walter Dupuy, upon advice of the city attorney, did not remain Monday evening to be installed as councilman. Just what action will be taken in appointment of a successor to Howard Keithley was not indicated at the time.

Representatives of the pastimes were present and asked what the council intended to do about permitting slot machines and card games to operate, and after some discussion the council voted to close all gambling in the city.

Since Tuesday morning, all of the city's work crew has been engaged in clearing up after the flood. Water pipes were broken in some places and muck and debris hampered the normal pursuit of life everywhere the water struck. A bridge will replace the culvert near the swimming pool and it is hoped this change will remove the danger of a repetition of Monday's overflow.

Early Resident of Heppner Passes At Klamath Falls

Services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Saturday, at the Phelps Funeral home chapel for Anna Elizabeth Potter, John Runyan, pastor of the Heppner Church of Christ, officiated and Mrs. C. C. Dunham was soloist. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery, beside the graves of other members of her family. Mrs. Potter passed away Tuesday, February 15, at the home of one of her sons in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Potter was a member of one of the earlier pioneer families of Heppner. Born at Sacramento, Calif., August 7, 1872, she came with her parents, Townsend and Caroline French, in 1877. They settled on a homestead and wheat farm in Donaldson canyon for many years. Her brothers, George, Uzz, Lee and Owen spent most of their lives here and preceded her to the grave. She married David Morton Potter on December 25, 1891, in Heppner. Mr. Potter passed away in 1914.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Alice Miller, Pendleton, and three sons, Oliver Potter, Prineville and Lee and Linn Potter, Klamath Falls, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Howard, Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Kirk, Modesto, Cal. Two daughters, Willetta Potter, Griffin and Hazel Potter, preceded her in death.

Elks Annual Party Well Attended Despite Adverse Weather Conditions

ELKS ANNUAL—2 col. By Ruth F. Payne
COMING EVENTS
Feb. 25—Card party, St. Patrick's parish hall.
Feb. 26—District convention, Oddfellows lodge hall.
March 1—Pancake luncheon, All Saints parish house.
March 4—Card party and food bazaar, P-TA, American Legion hall.

Adverse weather conditions affected only slightly the attendance at the annual birthday festivities of Heppner B. P. O. Elks, Saturday. A full schedule of entertainment was arranged by the various committees. Following the noon luncheon at the lodge, a class of twenty candidates was initiated with the drill team from the La Grande lodge giving the work. During this time, the ladies were entertained by a card party at the American Legion hall. At 6 p.m. a buffet supper was served at the Elks temple during which time Frank Alexander, organist from the Sherman Clay Music Co. of Portland, entertained at the Hammond organ. At the conclusion of the dinner hour, a floor show was presented featuring a comedy and dance routine, an acrobatic dancer and impersonations by Tony Karloff, son of Boris Karloff of screen and radio fame. Mr. Karloff's impersonations of radio and screen personalities were well received by the large crowd. After the floor show, dancing continued to the early hours of the morning.

Nine tables of bridge and thirteen tables of pinocle were in play at the card party sponsored by the B. P. O. Elks at the American Legion hall Saturday afternoon. High score for bridge was received by Mrs. Grace Nickerson, second high by Mrs. Earle Gilliam; for pinocle, Mrs. Tress McClintock received high, and Mrs. Richard Hayes of Arlington received second. For Chinese checkers, Mrs. May Burkenbine received the prize. Conley Langham received the door prize. Hostesses for the affair were Mesdames Terrel Bengé, Harlan D. McCurdy, Jr., Jack O'Connor, Willard Blake, Jack Van Winkle, Harold Becket, Tom Wilson, Milton Morgan, Jr., Frank Condon, Eugene Ferguson and C. C. Carmichael. Mrs. Carmichael was also mistress of ceremonies.

Preceding the Elks ball Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé entertained with a buffet supper at their home on Gale street complimenting the officers of the local lodge, their wives and drill team of the La Grande lodge. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Layton Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Graham, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Schroth, Ned Jones, John W. Groulx of La Grande; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan D. McCurdy, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket, Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ferguson and Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Palmer. Other guests were expected but due to the weather conditions, they were unable to make the trip over from La Grande.

Along with Friday's snow storm came a flock of some thirty robins. Since that time they have been feasting on the berries of the Russian olive trees on the lawn of the Charles Hodge Jr. residence on South Court street. Tuesday's torrential downpour daunted them little as they were observed bathing in the puddles left by the rain and were thoroughly enjoying the whole thing.

A group of friends entertained with a housewarming Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Casebeer who have just recently moved into their new home on N. Main street. Present were Mr. and Mrs. George Gertson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Farra, Mrs. Edna Turner, Mrs. Madge Bryant, Mrs. Nellie Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Casebeer, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Padberg, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Britt and Mrs. Lucy Wright. Pinocle was the diversion of the evening with Mrs. Anderson receiving high score, and Mrs. Phelan, low. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Joe Farley arrived Thursday from Hood River to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Farley Sr., and to attend the festivities of the Elks annual celebration.

According to reports, Mrs. Bob Joslin of Butter creek suffered a broken leg in an automobile accident early Sunday morning when the car in which she was riding failed to make the turn at the Rector place on the Hinton creek road. Mrs. Joslin was brot to Heppner for treatment at the office of a local physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé motored to Hermiston Tuesday after Mrs. Ralph Bengé who has been visiting there for the past ten days with her sister, Mrs. Ruth Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eberhardt Jr.

Melting Snow Brings Freshet That Overflows On Streets and Yards

REA Construction Halted By Weather

Due to adverse weather conditions, work on the construction of the rural electrification program in Morrow county has been halted temporarily. Road and mud conditions make it impossible to work effectively at the present time. However, as soon as the ground dries out a little, work will be resumed, according to A. A. Scouten, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

Since January 10 the crew has been working out of headquarters in Ione and according to present plans all work in that district will be completed before they are moved to other lines.

To date, 141 miles of poles have been set, ready for conductor. With the coming of good weather, better progress is anticipated.

'Dimes' Campaign Runs About Same As 1948 in County

Charles A. Ruggles, 1949 chairman, filed his final report on the March of Dimes campaign early this week. A total of \$1,626.43 was collected in the nine districts of the county.

Amounts received by various methods include school cards, \$143.63; dime cards, \$391.12; collection containers, \$249.29; events, \$104.39; special contributions, \$348.00.

Totals for the several districts were as follows: Hardman, \$6.60; Heppner, \$1198.34; Lexington, \$142.15; Ione, \$234.58; Morgan, \$15.35; Cecil, \$18.29; Boardman, \$94.11; Irrigon, \$110.01, and Pine City, \$7.00. (Since Mr. Ruggles' report was submitted, the Boardman contribution was upped \$140, making the total receipts \$1,966.43.)

No quota is set for March of Dimes but stress was put on the 1949 campaign for districts to increase their contributions by at least 50 per cent, if possible. Ruggles stated that this year's returns are practically the same as in 1948.

Albert L. Massey Dies in Portland; Funeral Monday

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p.m. Monday at the Heppner Church of Christ for Albert Lee Massey whose death occurred at Providence hospital in Portland Thursday, February 17. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien of the Heppner Methodist church officiated and C. W. Barlow was soloist. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Palbearers were associates of Mr. Massey's at the Heppner Lumber company mill and included Charles Stout, Jack Miller, Walter Dupuy, Sam Johnson, Ned Sweek and Elmer Moe.

Born at Echo December 29, 1911 Mr. Massey was 37 years, two months and five days of age. He was married October 22, 1937 to Juanita Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Alma Morgan, and two children were born to this union. Connie Lee and Marvin Charles. A good player, Mr. Massey had been one of the mainstays of Heppner baseball clubs during his residence here.

Surviving are the wife, Juanita and children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Massey of Yelm, Wash.; and five brothers, Earl Massey of Porterville, Calif.; Floyd Massey of Yelm; William Massey of Kirkland, Wash.; Ray Massey of Heppner and Eugene Massey who is in the U. S. army.

District Tourney To Be Played Sans Heppner Quintet

When the District No. 6-B basketball tournament opened at 2:30 this afternoon at Arlington it was without the Heppner Mustang quintet. The boys failed to make the grade in the sub-district playoff at Condon last week end and the boys are officially remaining at home. This doesn't mean that some or all of them will not attend the games, but they will be casual spectators.

Hood River No. 2 and Wasco No. 1 were paired in the opening game with Jefferson, Sherman and Deschutes and Wheeler-Gilliam No. 1 scheduled to start at 3:30. Hood River No. 1 and Wasco No. 2 will open the evening play at 7:30, followed by Wheeler-Gilliam No. 2 and Arlington.

The winner of the tournament will enter the state tournament at Union, March 3, 4, 5.

A dance will be held in the Arlington gym after the Saturday night games.

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I.O.O.F. District Convention To Be Saturday Event

Willows lodge No. 66 will be host to Oddfellows of Umatilla and Morrow counties when they meet here Saturday for their annual district convention, according to Manuel Easter, convention president.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the introduction of grand lodge officers, roll call of convention officers and reading of minutes of last session; address of welcome by Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien and response by John Young of Echo. The remainder of the afternoon will be taken up with regular business of the convention such as committee reports, selection of a meeting place in 1950 and election of officers. The program will conclude with the conferring of the grand lodge degree.

At 6:30 p.m. a banquet will be served by Sans Souci Rebekah lodge No. 33. During the dinner hour entertainment will be provided by the Quackenbush orchestra and Jack Yeager, local amateur magician.

Following the banquet drill teams from Weston, Echo and Lexington lodges will compete in second degree work.

Mr. Easter states that the finishing touches have been made to the new game and reading rooms and all is in readiness for visitors from over the district.

Snow Beautiful In Pictures But Bad On Citrus Fruits

There is little doubt but that Southern California photographers enjoyed a Roman holiday during the period that snow blanketed that part of the Golden State, but underneath that glossy, white blanket lay a story of tragedy, especially to the citrus growers.

Mrs. Chris Brown, who visited the sunny southland during the unusual spell of weather (and this is not said in jest) Monday received some postal sized pictures in natural color from the Misses Molly and Carol Brown, former residents of upper Blackhawk, who now reside at Redlands, as do their brother, W. E. Brown, and sister, Mrs. Frank Evans. The pictures are beautiful from the standpoint of artistic value, but some of the glamor is lost when one considers the damage done to the citrus groves which comprise so much of the agricultural wealth of the southern half of California. And to make matters worse, it is said the trees were heavier laden than they had been for several seasons.