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Road Conditions Improve Despite Squally Weather

Equipment Lack Handicaps County In Pushing Work

The road situation is far from satisfactory and lacks a lot of being what the county court would like to make it, but despite these facts, the county crews are making some headway in those sectors where men and equipment have been working. This is the opinion of Judge Garnet Barratt after covering the districts where the work is being done. This is largely in the central part of the county and towards the north end in sections where the recent run-off did the greatest damage, especially the Blackhorse and Sand Hollow districts.

The regular spring work is being done in the sand fringe at this time while there is yet moisture to aid in packing the surface of the roads.

At present the county crusher is in Sand Hollow where roads and bridges both suffered extensive damage. An effort will be made to clean up the work there before moving the ponderous equipment to another area, the judge said. This will require several more days to meet the present requirements and to build up stockpiles.

The equipment and crew set up for the lone district are being used in the lower Gooseberry district at present. The plan is to work the lower areas first and move into the higher country as late spring-like conditions warrant. In the meantime, ranchers who have or can get road equipment to work with are doing some fixing on their own, and more of them would do the same thing if equipment were available.

Judge Barratt told how he and Doc Sherer resurrected a grader that had been cast off of the workable list. They took the machine to a welder and had some extensive repairs made and put it back in service. Unfortunately several of the old graders were sold during the past year or they might be put into service again. While no figures are available and there is no possibility of obtaining anything more than a good guess, the judge estimates the county's roads exclusive of the state highway system have suffered more than \$70,000 damage from the winter weather and break-up.

Mrs. Pat McIntyre Laid To Rest Here Wednesday A. M.

News of the death of Mrs. Pat McIntyre came as a shock to the people of this community and to her family and friends in other parts of the state. She passed away at an early hour Monday at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton after a brief illness.

Services were held at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday at St. Patrick's Catholic church in this city, with Rev. Francis McCormack officiating and arrangements in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends gathered at the church to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed.

Genevieve Audrey Smith was born December 29, 1908 in Portland. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith, prominent residents of Portland. Receiving her education in the Portland schools, she became a teacher and was engaged in that line of endeavor for two years at Condon. Returning to Portland she taught in high school there for several years, and on September 4, 1942 was married to Pat McIntyre of Heppner. During her residence here she was active in the Woolgrowers auxiliary, the church, and in social circles of the community.

Surviving besides the husband are her parents, four sisters, Miss Eileen Smith, Portland; Sister Frances, Montreal, Canada; Mrs. Allen Myers, Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. George Cherry, San Francisco, Calif., and two brothers, Leo and Vincent Smith, Portland. All of the family with the exception of Mrs. Myers and Sister Frances were here for the funeral services.

Pearly Forrester of Hardman was treated at the office of a local physician Monday for a wound received when she fell and cut her foot on a piece of glass. She was brought to Heppner by her teacher, Mrs. Bonnie McClintock.

John and Gerald Bergstrom returned to Walla Walla Monday after the Herefords which they purchased on Saturday.

Random Thoughts...

If you are given to experiencing thrills you know what it is to possess a bright, shiny new automobile, or some other cherished article—like a diamond ring, for instance. You fairly glow with pride, like the little boy with his first pair of long pants or red-topped boots! Well, a couple of our enterprising citizens are experiencing one of the rare thrills of a lifetime, for they have just completed a revamping job on their place of business and aside from the justifiable pride they feel in their accomplishment they are getting a thrill out of the way the public is responding to the changes made. In Wilson's Men's Wear store the people of Heppner have something of which to be proud. Stock and fixtures compare favorably with the offerings of most of the larger towns and cities of the state. This column joins the public at large in felicitating the proprietors, Messrs. Wilson and Blake. In this expression of their faith in the community.

Whatever happens during the rest of the month, the first seven days of March were glorious. Of course, the weather had to turn sour Tuesday and bring more snow which in turn brought more moisture and this in turn has played hob or whaley or sumpin' with the roads. Up to the time of writing this (about 8:15 p. m. Wednesday) there had been no flood warning sounded and it isn't likely that there will be, for the ground is open since the February 21 run-off and much of the moisture has been absorbed. The kiljoy weather prophets tell us we will have several more days of winter weather this week and if more snow comes we might have another "spell" of high water, although not on the general scale of the first one. With four months of winter weather to our credit—November, December, January and February—it is about time the weather man pulled a bit of spring out of his hat.

And speaking about roads. Some of the farmers, a good many of them, we dare say, would repair the roads alongside or running to their homes if they had or could get suitable equipment. The county is low on maintainers, graders and the like and such equipment as is usable is certainly being put to the test. Most of the farmers have tractor equipment which could be employed in drawing graders—but no graders.

School bus drivers are having their troubles these days. Some of the busses were late arriving in town Wednesday because of encountering soft roads. One or two of them got stuck and had to get farmer assistance to get out. Gravel surfacing on some of the roads was washed off in the run-off last month, leaving the roads subject to rutting or to becoming very soft, to say the least. It might be too much to ask that school be dismissed for a few days, pending drying up of the roads, but it does seem that some consideration should be given bus drivers and the regular users of the roads under these trying conditions.

A renewed interest in Boy Scout work is in evidence and it is hoped parental concern will be increased to the point that it will be on a more permanent basis. There has been nothing wrong with the juvenile segment of the population that good leadership will not remedy, and fortunately this leadership is developing. Starting with seven boys a few weeks ago, Bill Davis now has 21 boys lined up for Scout work and there are enough boys of that age to make it possible for several patrols. Since the Scout work was renewed, the teachers have observed an improvement in the behavior of the boys enrolling in the troop. This is a healthy condition and parents, teachers, church people and the public in general can ill afford to pass up any opportunity to encourage the Scout movement for both boys and girls.

PAID OFFICIAL VISIT
Mrs. Minnie Card, Portland, national committeewoman and state organizer for the Degree of Honor, paid an official visit to Kate J. Young lodge No. 29 at its regular meeting Tuesday evening in the Legion hall. Mrs. Card spoke briefly to the members outlining the work of the Degree. In her brief talk to the lodge, Past State President Clara B. Gertson mentioned that this lodge was formed in 1894 and in October of this year a homecoming celebration for its 55th anniversary would be held. Plans for a food sale were discussed. This is to be held on the morning of March 19 at the Red and White store. Mrs. Julia Hill is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Betty Pospisil of Riddle arrived in Heppner Tuesday evening to visit for a short time with her mother, Mrs. Virgil Fisher and Mr. Fisher. Mrs. Fisher plans to return to Riddle with Mrs. Pospisil when she leaves and from there go on to California to visit her other daughters.

Junior Chamber of Commerce and Auxiliary Plan Potluck Dinner To Start Off New Year's Activities

By Ruth F. Payne
COMING EVENTS:
March 12—Irish Dance, American Legion hall, lone.
March 15—American Legion Anniversary Potluck Dinner.
March 16—Oddfellow-Rebekah Party, I.O.O.F. hall.
March 16—JayCee-ette and Junior Chamber of Commerce potluck dinner, Recreation Center, 6:45 p. m.
March 18—High School Speech Contest, lone.
March 19—Food Sale, Degree of Honor—Red & White Store, 10:30 a. m.
March 20—American Legion District 6 Conference.

The JayCee-ette and Junior Chamber of Commerce potluck dinner will be held next Wednesday evening, March 16, at 6:45 at the Recreation Center, according to an announcement by the committee in charge of arrangements. Following brief business meetings, a social evening is planned.

Mrs. J. K. Estberg heads the JayCee-ettes for the current year. Other officers are Mrs. Everett Keithley, vice president; Mrs. J. J. O'Connor, secretary; Mrs. Kemp Dick, treasurer; Mrs. Louis Lyons, Mrs. Edmond Gonty, Mrs. William Barratt, directors.

At their February meeting, members formed two teams to stimulate attendance at meetings and to interest new members in joining the organization which is composed of wives of members of the Heppner Junior Chamber of Commerce. The directors plan a year book scheduling the 1949 meetings and hostesses.

Highlights of the group's first year of existence were reviewed by Mrs. Edwin Dick, outgoing president. She mentioned in particular the group's leadership in canvassing the city for donations of the Sam Gordon bridge series, and prize-winning floats entered in the Lexington Fourth of July and Heppner Rodeo parades.

18 TABLES IN PLAY AT P-TA PARTY
Nine tables of bridge and nine tables of pinocle were in play at the card party sponsored by the Parent-Teachers association Friday evening at the Legion hall. High for the ladies was received by Mrs. Eugene Ferguson and for the gentlemen by Walter Barger. In pinocle, Mrs. D. P. Phelan received high for the ladies and Everett Keithley high for the gentlemen. Following the awarding of the prizes, Gordon Grady auctioned some cakes and pies. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. J. R. Huffman, Mrs. Ted Smith and Mrs. E. N. Gonty.

Mrs. P. W. Mahoney entertained the What's Trumps club Wednesday evening at her home on Baltimore street. High score was received by Mrs. Ruth Valentine and low by Mrs. Fay Ferguson. Others present were Mesdames Raymond Ferguson, Harold Cohn, Henry Tetz, D. A. Wilson, L. D. Tibbles and Stephen Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rosewall made a business trip to Pasco the last of the week.
Mrs. Mary Stevens motored to John Day Wednesday where she visited overnight with her sister, Mrs. Ruth Shouse.
Kenneth Smouse and Henry Baker flew to Bozeman, Montana, Thursday on business for the REA. They were taken to Pendleton by John C. Hagan. Messrs. Smouse and Baker returned to Heppner late Saturday evening.

Mrs. Don Jones has returned to her home in Medford after spending several weeks here at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wright on Ebea creek.
S. I. Don Rippee left Sunday for San Diego after spending a 10 day furlough in Heppner and Condon with relatives and friends. On Saturday Sgt. Rippee and his grandmother, Mrs. John Hiatt, motored to Arlington to meet Pvt. Lowell Rippee of the U. S. Army who came over from Ft. Lewis, Wn., to spend the week end with his brother. From San Diego, Sgt. Rippee will be sent to a new station as he has finished his basic training at the California post.

Donkey Basketball
Donkeys take about as much interest in basketball as they do anything else, judging from this picture taken at the Lexington gymnasium two weeks ago. From all accounts, the game was a riotous fun even if the poker-faced little animals show no emotion.

Mrs. George Krebs who has been visiting in Heppner at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans, has returned to Cecil where Mrs. Krebs is assisting with lambing. Later they will return to their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Saager motored to Milton Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. LaMarr Sayers of Moro were week-end houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles. They returned to Moro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinard McDaniel of Lonerock were shopping in Heppner the end of the week.
Mrs. Owen Leathers of Kinzua was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday. During her stay she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Victor Lovgren.

Robert Lacey of Portland was a business visitor in Heppner on Monday.
Mrs. Don Hatfield has returned from Enterprise where she visited her parents for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCoy and family motored to Salem the last of the week where they spent several days visiting with relatives and friends.

The First Church of Christ has purchased an electric organ. Mrs. J. O. Turner is organist for the morning service and Miss Mabel Wilson for the evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Batty of Kimberly were week-end shoppers in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and son of Enterprise are visiting in Heppner with Mrs. Wood's father, E. N. Moyer, and sister, Mrs. Bob Owen. Mr. Wood is assisting for a time in the Marshall-Wellis store.

According to word received by Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Mollahan, their son Bob who is in the army air corps, has been promoted to the rank of corporal and is an assistant classification expert. At present Corporal Mollahan is stationed at Fort Pepperel, Newfoundland.
D. N. Deen of Arlington spent the week-end in Heppner visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Earl Blake motored to Portland Thursday to spend a few days on business and pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Madden and Floyd Pullen of Lonerock were looking after business matters in Heppner the last of the week.
Mrs. Mildred Tucker motored to The Dalles Thursday, taking her father, J. W. Harrison, there for medical attention.

Mrs. Jesse Hurst has returned to her home in Walla Walla after spending a few days in Heppner at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Woodhall. Mrs. Hurst looked after the Woodhall children during Dr. and Mrs. Woodhall's absence while attending the recent dental convention in Portland.

E. E. Rugg returned Friday from Salem where he visited the state legislature in the interest of REA. He was accompanied from Portland by Jack Edmondson who has been attending school in the city and will remain here for a time to work.
A. A. Scouter, Melvin E. Look and Morgan Connor returned to Heppner Thursday from a week's trip to Tombstone, Arizona, where they were looking after property interests. Melvin Look continued on to The Dalles to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Look.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Jewett and children, Joanne, Doris and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett K. Smith and daughter returned to their homes in Baker Saturday after a brief visit here with friends. Rev. Jewett will be remembered as the previous pastor of the First Church of Christ and Mr. Smith was principal of the Heppner grade school for a time.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson and Mrs. Robert Dobbs motored to Walla Walla Monday.
A. C. Crowell of Morgan was a business visitor in Heppner the end of the week.
Frank Cooney arrived from Ireland the end of the week. Mr. Cooney who has been employed as a steeplejack in England for the past several years will work as a lineman on the local REA project.

At the Lone Topic Club's Smorgasbord



Saturday evening, February 5, upwards of 400 people gathered at the American Legion hall in facing the camera, is Mrs. B. C. Forsythe, club president.

New Records Set At Third Annual Shorthorn Auction

New records in top prices paid for both bulls and females were set at the third annual Oregon Shorthorn Breeders association show and sale at Prineville, Mar. 2 and 3, reported Sales Manager Millard R. Eakin of Grass Valley. Average prices for the 66 animals sold, however, was down from a year ago.

Top price of \$1500 was paid for the champion of the show, Mile-Away Red King, bred and consigned by Jim and Ruth Short of Redmond, and sold to Bud Mustard of Powell Butte. The reserve champion bull, T. V. Control, owned and consigned by R. E. Raymond of Helix, was sold to Millard Thompson of Antelope for \$885.

Other bulls which brought \$1000 or better were Mile-Away Comrade, bred and consigned by the Shorts, and sold to Dunn & Peters of Wapato, Wash., for \$1,100, and Kadal Royal Leader 20th, owned and consigned by Claude C. Brennan, Prineville, and sold to Howard Grimsbo of Powell Butte for \$1000.

The champion female, Scenic View W. Duchess, bred and consigned by Kendry Gimlin of Pullman, Wn., was sold to Claude C. Brennan of Prineville for \$775, and the reserve champion female, Wheatdale Gift 3rd, bred and consigned by H. F. Beckley and Ken Killingsworth, Benge, Wn., was sold for \$650 to Bud Mustard of Powell Butte.

The ribbon winners were picked by Harry Lindgren, extension animal husbandman of Oregon State college.

The sale average on 75 head of stock was \$421.20, with 45 bulls bringing an average price of \$447.40, and 21 females \$371.40.

Officers elected at the annual meeting were Roy L. Harris, Prineville, president; Jim Short, Redmond, vice president; E. L. Woods, county agent at Prineville, secretary; directors, R. R. Raymond, Helix; W. H. Morelock, Malin, and Claude C. Brennan, Prineville. Millard Eakin of Grass Valley was returned as sales manager.

Plans were made for the sale next year, again to be held in Prineville in early March, with more rigid specifications anticipated to improve the quality of the offerings and hold down the listings to about 60 head. The officers favored animals not less than 20 months old for range stock sale.

Polled Hereford Show-Sale Draws Local Stockmen

Prominent at the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford association show and sale held at Walla Walla Sunday and Monday were a number of stockmen from Heppner and vicinity.
Consigned to the sale were four head of two-year-old bulls bred by the Roy Robinson ranch at Hardman, one of which placed second in his class. Another consigner was the Kirk-Robinson ranch of Heppner, of which two calves were judged first and second in the yearling class. Kirk-Robinson also purchased two heifers from the Hibbard herd of Imbler and the Callender herd of Cascade, Idaho.

Jimmy Campbell of Lone Rock, who also consigned one animal as well as purchasing another, accompanied Merle Kirk and Donald Robinson to the sale. John Bergstrom and Floyd Worden were among the Heppner buyers present.

Gifts From France Displayed Saturday

Formal ceremonies accepting Morrow county's part of the Gift Train from France were held Saturday afternoon on Main street. Henry Tetz, superintendent of Morrow county schools, was master of ceremonies. Ralph Currin, district attorney, made the presentation speech and J. G. Barratt, county judge, the acceptance. The Heppner school band in full dress uniform entertained the large crowd of spectators with several numbers. Members of the Girl Scout troop were also in the parade.

The gift has been on display in the window of the Pacific Power and Light company during the week and will be moved to the court house where a suitable cabinet will be provided.

Lifetime Resident To Be Buried Here Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for Augusta Fay Aldrich, whose death occurred Tuesday at Pendleton, will be held from the Heppner Church of Christ at 2 o'clock p. m. Friday. J. Palmer Sorlien, pastor of the Methodist church, will officiate and arrangements are in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home.

Mrs. Aldrich was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cox, pioneer residents of the county, and was born January 1, 1887 at the original Cox homestead on Hinton creek.

She was married to Wendell Aldrich June 21, 1943, in Heppner. Surviving besides her husband and a daughter, Mary, by a former marriage, are four brothers, Ben and Doc Cox of Heppner, and Percy and Archie Cox of Olympia, Wash.; and six sisters, Amy Reed of Pendleton; Margaret Geiger, Kelso, Wash.; Wilda Beer and Elizabeth Johnson, Salem, and Alice Missman and Esther Clark, Boise, Idaho, besides numerous nieces and nephews.

WILLIAM E. (BILL) DAVIS VOTED 'MAN OF MONTH'

At the regular monthly business meeting Wednesday evening, March 2, the Junior chamber of commerce summed up activities of the previous month, particularly in relation to the flood of February 21, and decided that William E. (Bill) Davis, master of the Heppner troop of Boy Scouts, was the most likely candidate for the club's "Bouquet of Roses."

The Scouts were right on the job during the high water, rendering valuable service in care of life and property. In giving this recognition to Mr. Davis, the Jaycees are at the same time giving credit to the Boy Scouts for their splendid showing.

TEACHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE ELATED

A teacher education conference has been scheduled by the Eastern Oregon College of Education to be held Saturday on the campus in La Grande. Superintendents, principals, county superintendents and selected teachers have been invited to the all-day meeting.

Henry Tetz, county school administrator, Mrs. Lewis Casson and Mrs. Douglas Ogletree of Heppner have signified their intention of attending the conference and will leave about 6 a. m. Saturday morning to be on hand at the opening session.
Among those from Heppner attending the registered polled Hereford sale in Walla Walla Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden, John Bergstrom and Gerald Bergstrom.
E. W. Adkins has gone to Kinzua where he will be employed in the mill.

Council Excluded From Pay; Mayor Voted \$50 Salary

Citizens Learn Of City's Affairs at Monthly Session

Heppner's city councilmen rejected pay for their services as public servants when the ordinance covering pay for mayor and council was presented at the regular meeting Monday evening. The members were unanimous in their declaration against taking pay but were in favor of the mayor receiving compensation for at least part of the time devoted to city work which is taken from his own business.

The ordinance was presented for the first reading and upon motion of the council was passed to the second and third readings to make it possible for it to become effective by the time the budget committee meets. While the city charter provides for paying the mayor and council, such action may be taken only by ordinance. The mayor's salary was placed at \$50 per month and this item may now be included in the budget for the fiscal year, 1949-50.

W. C. Cox is the new member of the council, succeeding Howard Keithley, resigned to accept the post of city superintendent of work. Cox is a veteran councilman, although it has been several years since he served.

The recent high water has been the cause of many complaints of one kind and another and among these drainage is perhaps the most prominent subject. Residents of West Baltimore street suffered considerable discomfort and damage due to an undirected stream of water running off of the hillside. Walter Dupuy sought permission of the council to divert the stream by means of a ditch above the F. S. Parker fence, throwing the water into the street. He offered to bear the expense of the job. Permission was granted.

Ed LeTrace and F. S. Parker sought action relative to preventing reconstruction of the Gayheart bridge, stating that it was one of the main causes of diverting water from Willow creek onto lower Riverside street and hence on to the Parker place where damage to roadway and property resulted. The street committee was charged with the duty of investigating the complaint.

A statement of the financial condition of the city was read by the mayor. This was followed by Mrs. Edwin Dick who sought light on city affairs and asked several pertinent questions. The answers given by the mayor and council satisfied her that things were not as bad as they had been painted. The report showed that the city fathers have been quite prudent in spending tax money and that unless more troubles from freezing and floods arise between now and July 1 there will be ample funds to keep expenses within the budget.

Wranglers Seeking Club Headquarters

At a meeting of the Wranglers Tuesday evening in the office of Turner, Van Marter & Co., the club temporarily abandoned a proposal to buy a tract of land for the purpose of developing club headquarters and took up the matter of cooperating with the county court in developing the Rodeo grounds and establishing headquarters there.

One of the handicaps under which the club has worked since its organization has been the lack of feeding facilities, and while some of the members residing in Heppner have used the barns at the Rodeo grounds, arrangements have not been made at any time to take care of more than just a few horses.

A report on the dance at Lexington was given, and Mrs. Don Robinson was appointed reporter for the ensuing year. Entertainment for the month of March will be announced by card.

ONE WOMEN HOSTESSES AT ELKS LADIES NIGHT

Four tables of bridge and five tables of pinocle were in play at the ladies' night party at the B. P. O. Elks Thursday evening. High score for bridge was received by Mrs. Orville Smith and low by Mrs. Richard Wells in pinocle. Mrs. Ted Pierson received high and Mrs. Kemp Dick low. The door prize was won by Mrs. Charles Becker. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Garland Swanson, Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Mrs. Donald Holker, Mrs. Dargel Daberg, Mrs. Edmund Bristow, Mrs. Milton Morgan, Mrs. Clifford Carlson and Mrs. Raymond Lundell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas motored to Portland the first of the week. Mr. Thomas is to undergo surgery at a hospital in the city on Thursday. Mrs. Lorena Cole motored to Portland Wednesday to be with Mr. Thomas.

RC GRANGE SCHEDULES HARD TIMES PARTY

The stage is being set for a big time at the Rhea Creek grange hall Saturday evening. Reason? A hard times party.

There will be dancing for those who like to stir the light fantasia in the old-time manner, and games for those who prefer the type of amusement. Prizes will be given for most appropriate costumes in both senior and junior classes.

Refreshments will be served.