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## Curfew And Sewer Problems Occupy Council Session

### Members Sanction Overflow Line For Hospital Disposal

Heppner's official body, the city council, had numerous items of business to discuss in the semi-monthly meeting Monday evening. The unusual volume was due to the fact that the regular session was passed up because of illness of two council members and also to the visit of Judge J. G. Baratt who had a problem in connection with the hospital to present.

The judge first outlined the difficulties confronting the court in obtaining proper sewage drainage from the hospital building. He explained that the plans had been changed three times and that in desperation he went to Portland to talk things out with the state board of health. He was able to convince the board that the plan to drain the overflow from the septic tanks into the hillslope would prove impractical and offered an alternative to run a drainage line into Hinton creek from the north side of the building.

After considering that angle it was agreed that the line to Hinton creek would be serving the hospital only and since the board agreed that drainage into a creek would be permitted on a temporary basis the judge hit on the idea of running the line to Willow creek in a manner to serve numerous residences along North Court street. His proposition to the council was to gain that body's approval on a basis of making the line permanent and so constructed as to be attached to a trunk line of the city sewer system, if and when it is built. He expressed regret that the city had not been able to go ahead with the proposed sewer system, stating that if it were now under construction the court would be in a position to make a substantial donation in lieu of having to construct a sewage disposal system for the hospital.

The council approved Judge Baratt's proposal which is that property owners joining in use of the line will help the county in defraying the expense incurred by its construction.

Another matter in which the judge was interested was the subject of juvenile delinquency. While pointing to the fact that delinquency in the city as well as the county is at a low level he felt that the curfew law should be enforced and that the police officers should be backed up in their efforts to carry out the terms of the ordinance. Some discussion was devoted to the parental responsibility phase which some cities of the state have had in force for some time and it was suggested that it would be a good thing to pass a similar ordinance here.

Water users have been notified that there will be no meter readings in January and that adjustments will be made after the February readings.

## 4-H NEWS

Newest 4-H club in Morrow county is a tractor maintenance club organized this week at Ione. Officers of the club have not been elected but will be chosen from members, Ronald and Duane Baker, Herbert and Dick Ekstrom, Malcolm and Leland McKinney and Loy Keane.

Art Stefani Jr. is the local leader of the club. He attended a tractor maintenance clinic sponsored by General Petroleum company at Portland Jan. 16 and 17. This is a second training meeting for leaders held this fall, the first being held at Corvallis Oct. 30, Nov. 1 and 2.

Art should have the medal for the bravest 4-H leader of the week since he was one of five who braved the storm to Portland which kept away many leaders in western Oregon.

This tractor maintenance club will study safety, operators manual, air cleaner service, cooling system service, spark plugs, wiring, battery service, carburetion and lubrication.

Joe Privett, Heppner, has recently purchased a Poland China gilt from the 4-H club herd owned by Mike Staleup, Boardman. This is Joe's first year as an agricultural club member, although he has carried several projects. He is enthused over his new project which will give him a start in the swine business.

Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter, in town Saturday from the ranch in Blackhorse, reported the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ledbetter January 5 in Portland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Berg of Ames, Iowa.



## NONPARTISAN APPOINTMENT

Republican governors have habit of recognizing the judicial merits of Earl C. Latourette, democrat of Oregon City.

Last week Governor Douglas McKay elevated Latourette from the circuit court bench to the state supreme court. Another republican governor, A. W. Norblad, appointed Latourette circuit judge of the Clackamas judicial district.

Justice Latourette took the position made vacant by the resignation of Justice E. M. Page who resigned to regain his health. Governor McKay appointed Ralph Holman of Oregon City to succeed Latourette.

Judge Holman's appointment was the seventh provision made within a year by Governor McKay in filling supreme and circuit court vacancies.

## ANOTHER MILK BATTLE

Last week Milk Administrator Ohlsen denied Safeway stores' request to sell milk in Salem that had been produced in the Salem area and processed in their Portland plant. The request was opposed by two Salem milk distributors.

Safeway will appeal the decision of the Milk Administrator whom they accuse of "fostering monopoly." The fight is expected to go far. This case evidently is only shadow boxing for a real fight in the legislature or even an appeal to the voters next November to amend the statute.

## MUST BE DULL AT PEN

Three state penitentiary convicts died last week-end from drinking wood alcohol. All were employed as cooks. They are Edward Reese, 24; Samuel E. Malone, 43; and Daniel Riverbark, 40. Warden George Alexander said Reese, who was cooking at the prison hospital, admitted taking the alcohol from the hospital laboratory.

## MERIT SYSTEM

Twenty per cent of the state's 10,275 employees will receive salary increases this month averaging \$10. "The pay increases were made to above average workers only and is not a blanket raise," explained James E. Clinton, acting director of the state civil service commission.

## AND HE SHOULD KNOW

A veteran Salem automobile dealer, Doug McKay by name, issued a word of fatherly advice on Monday to motorists who may have a hard time starting their cars during the cold weather.

The dealer who, incidentally is governor of Oregon, said that most of the cold weather trouble called to his attention involved dead batteries. He said that batteries have little chance to charge during short trips from home to work and suggested that drivers depress their clutches when they step on the starter and thus relieve batteries of the pull caused by working against heavy transmission grease.

"Better than that—if at all possible," dealer McKay added, "leave the car at home until driving conditions are safer."

## ANIMAL CENSUS

It's not insomnia that made the state tax commission count sheep. The law says they have to make an animal census. They found there are more sheep in Oregon than any other kind of animals, 956,495 of them. Cattle are second with 748, 042 then come pigs, 58,020, horses and mules 52,940.

Douglas county has the most sheep, 80,864. Malheur is the biggest livestock county with 80,942 head of cattle and 38,342 sheep.

## GOVERNOR USES GARD

It could have been the governor's good intentions that brought the welcomed thaw.

Wednesday Governor Douglas McKay directed that national Guard personnel and equipment be made available in cities which are experiencing difficulty in handling the heavy snowfall. The Air Guard's four planes with five full-time pilots have been alerted to fly on mercy flights.

## Shamrocks Raise Season Average in Past Week's Play

### Hang Up Scoring Record in Game With Lex Townies

Those Shamrocks, Heppner's red hot independent basketball team, did it again this past week as they claimed two more victories in their drive for league championship honors.

The green and white clad Shamrocks ran wild at Lexington a week ago as they won by the awesome score of 102 to 18. In winning, the Shamrocks set a new league record for the most points scored in a single game, and Harold Whitbeck, Heppner guard, established an individual scoring record as he rang up 42 counters.

Monday night the Shamrocks dumped the visiting Ione Legion team 70 to 35. After a hard-fought, low-scoring first quarter which ended with Heppner leading 11 to 7, the Shamrocks found the range to run away with the game.

The season's record for the Heppnerites thus far is 11 wins and only 2 losses, one loss being at the hands of Irrigon in the opening game of the season and the other administered by the Kansas City Stars. In the 14 games played the Shamrocks have averaged 61 points per game while holding their opponents to an average of 35.

Monday, January 30, the Heppner Shamrocks will play host to the visiting Pendleton Motor In, all Indian team. This game will be the first test of strength between the locals and a representative of the Pendleton League. The Motor In team has won 6 games and lost 3 in league play while the Shamrocks have a league record in this area of 8 wins and 1 loss.

This game Monday night is being played by both teams for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Two games are scheduled with the "B" preliminary to start at 7:30.

## Mustangs Bow To Hermiston Twice, Defeat Irrigonians

It may have been the weather, but after two defeats by the same team within five days the Heppner Mustangs are about convinced that the Hermiston Bulldogs are too much for them this year.

Friday night the Bulldogs came to Heppner and tamed the Mustangs to the tune of 55-43 the local boys couldn't find the hoop with enough regularity while the visitors found it not too difficult to register. Melvin Piper held the scoring honors for his team, accounting for 14 points.

Tuesday evening the Mustangs traveled to Hermiston to try to return the compliment but found that 12-point margin could not be broken, the Bulldogs taking the long end of a 51-39 score. The Heppner lads could neither hit the basket or stop the Bulldogs, although at one point in the game Hermiston was only three points in the lead. This was for a brief period and Hermiston got hot again and pulled away to a safe lead. Orwick was high scorer for Heppner, with 14 points.

Saturday evening the Mustangs drove to Irrigon and came away with a 44-25 victory. Neither team did much in the first quarter, which ended with Irrigon out in front, 5-2. The Mustangs overcame this lead and ran ahead to lead 16-11 by the end of the half. In the third quarter, the lead was ten points, 29-19, and the Heppner boys added 15 points in the final canto while Irrigon was garnering six. Ruhl did the honors for the Mustangs, scoring 20 points.

## Where The Soil Goes

Soil conservation is a subject close to the heart of the average forester, and to Ranger Glenn Parsons it is almost an obsession. He puts over a lesson on the subject wherever occasion presents itself and so it was that when Willow creek was swollen with the murky water of the run-off the past week-end, the ranger took a quart jar and dipped it full of the mud-freighted fluid. He took the jar to his office where the sediment was permitted to settle to the bottom. Almost an inch of good topsoil was captured in one quart of water. "I dread to think of what will be the condition here in a few years hence unless effective conservation methods are universally adopted," Parsons said.

## Steps For Establishing Union High School Outlined by County Superintendent Tetz

For the benefit of all who may be interested, Supt. Henry Tetz has prepared a copy of the steps for establishing a union high school based on the school law.

1. Petitions to your district boundary board are first obtained from all of the school districts involved, including the high school districts. These petitions are not filed, however, until

2. Each high school holds an election to vote on whether or not it wishes to be included in the high school district.

3. If the vote is affirmative in the high school districts, the petitions are filed with the district boundary board. If the vote is negative in any high school district, it is necessary to start all over again with new petitions, leaving out the district with the negative vote.

4. Assuming that the vote is affirmative in all the high school districts and the petitions filed, the district boundary board sets a date for a hearing on the formation of a union high school district. If no remonstrances are filed, signed by 10 legal voters from a particular district, the boundary board proceeds to declare the union high school legally organized. If remonstrances are filed by one or more districts, the boundary board then calls for an election in all of the districts except the high school districts which have previously voted. A majority of the districts outside the high school districts must vote for the proposition and also a majority of the votes cast in said districts must be for a union high school in order for it to be formed.

## Impressive Degree of Honor Ceremony Employed in Annual Installation Rites

Mrs. Ida Farra was installed as president of the Degree of Honor at impressive ceremonies Tuesday evening in the Legion hall. Other officers installed included Adelle Hannan, vice president; Ruth McCoy, second vice president; Clara B. Gertson, financial secretary; Ruth Payne, treasurer; Ethelyn Pierson, past president; Hazel Hart, usher; Patricia Pierson, assistant usher; Katie Cunningham, inside guardian; Nancy Slyuter, outside guardian; Mabel Flint, musician; Dorothy Apple-gate, left assist.; Bernya Shambly, right assist.; Virginia Barger and Eileen Saling, degree staff. Installing officers were past state president Clara Gertson and past presidents Gladys Connor and Mary McMurtry. Following the installation, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Ethelyn Pierson, Ruth Bergstrom, Virginia Barger and Patricia Pierson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dobbs motored to Pendleton Tuesday and from there Mrs. Dobbs took the train for Portland where she will remain with her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Phillips for a month or six weeks. Wednesday evening before her departure, Mrs. Dobbs was the honoree at a stork shower at the Furlong residence on Jones street for which Mrs. Adelle Hannan and Mrs. J. C. Payne were hostesses. Present were Messdames Elvise Huston, F. E. Parker, Walter Becket, Edwin Wilson, Fay Bucknum, LaVerne Van Marter, Ted Hart, Durward Tash, Bonnie Vincent, and Bonnie and Roberta Hannan and Shirlee Gaines. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson left Monday for Portland where they will stay for several weeks. They were accompanied that far by Mrs. Don Jones who was enroute to her home in Medford after a week's visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Wright and family. Over the weekend Mrs. Jones was a house guest of her sister, Mrs. John Bergstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fraters returned Sunday evening from The Dalles where they visited relatives over the weekend after an unsuccessful attempt to go into Portland. They were able to go as far as Hood River but were turned back there because of road conditions in the gorge.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson left Friday for Portland to attend buyers market. She expected to return to Heppner Thursday.

Mrs. Grace Nickerson entertained her bridge club at dinner Saturday evening at her home on Green street. Present were Messdames C. W. McNamer, E. E. Gilliam and J. J. Nys.

Mrs. Lillian Cook of Oregon Oregon Shorthorn Breeder Schedule Fourth Annual Sale

Announcement was made this week of the forthcoming fourth annual show and sale of the Oregon Shorthorn Breeders' association March 1 and 2 at Prineville. Consignors from all over the Pacific northwest will be showing their produce in the beef type.

All bulls entered in the sale will be graded first, with those grading A or better going on for placings. Females in the show will be judged by two prominent Shorthorn breeders selected by the sales committee.

## '21'ers Receive Enlightenment on Political Duties

### Weather Prevents Several "Inductees" From Attending

A combination of bad weather and numerous other engagements was responsible for a light attendance at the "Club 21" dinner at the Legion hall Wednesday evening. Even a number of people who had purchased tickets did not show up. Of the 55 invited guests, the '21'ers, only four appeared. At that, some 50 plates were served by the Jay-Cettes, who distinguished themselves as cooks and waitresses.

When Walter Dennis, Young Democrat speaker, got to his feet he said apologies for the turnout were not in order. From his experience in going out to attend political meetings he felt that the group in front of him was a good showing.

Due to forces over which no one had control, the Republican speaker, Representative Sell of The Dalles, did not make it to Heppner. His place was taken by Judge J. G. Baratt, who did a creditable job of pinch hitting on the spur of the moment, although he didn't class himself as a "young" Republican.

Partisan politics was lacking with both speakers, although they did not agree on some of the problems now confronting the state and nation. Dennis, who is president of the Young Democrats club of Multnomah county and national committeeman for Oregon young Democrats, said he chose the democratic party because he felt the democrats can do a better job of running governmental affairs. He said this in face of the fact that only two of his listeners admitted they were democrats. He urged the new citizens to study both parties carefully, their accomplishments and principles, before deciding which one to choose.

Judge Baratt told of some of the things the young men should be interested in and invited them to attend sessions of the county court to learn some of the processes of democracy at work. He introduced one subject which brought a sharp disagreement from Mr. Dennis—the question of reapportionment of senators. The judge strongly favors the French plan while Dennis is a fervent advocate of the Neuberger plan. The Neuberger plan would reapportion the senators on the population basis which would give western Oregon 25 and the 18 counties of eastern Oregon five.

Mayor Conley Lanham was the first speaker and pursued the line of thought presented by the other speakers. He, too, issued an invitation to the new citizens to gain first hand knowledge of democracy at work by attending sessions of the county council.

The four '21'ers responding to the invitation were Donald Bennett, Lyle Huston, Glen McMurtry and Eldon Tucker.

Jack O'Connor was called upon to present the citizenship award to N. C. Anderson, chosen the county's first citizen for 1949 and a candidate for state honors in last week's canvass by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. This is a story within itself and will be given more attention next week.

## CHARLES M. COX TAKES BRIDE AT PENDLETON

Charles M. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox of Heppner and Miss Lois Sturdevant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sturdevant of Bend, were married Saturday, January 21 at the Baptist church in Pendleton. After a short trip to Idaho and a few days in Heppner they will be at home in Pendleton.

Mr. Cox a veteran of World War II, is in charge of the Veterans Administration office at Pendleton.

## COLD WEATHER CHANGES SOROPTIMIST CLUB PLANS

Due to the extremely cold weather, the members of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner had lunch in the main dining room at the Elkhorn today. The guest speaker could not be present because of road conditions so the time was devoted to reading the recent letters the various members had received from the women of the Soroptimist Club of Tamworth, England. Undoubtedly some sort of record was made for the letters were passed around the table and except for an occasional comment or question, very little talking was indulged in. It was an unusual procedure and the letters from the English women were highly interesting.

Mrs. Conley Lanham returned Tuesday from Rochester, Minn., after being away for a few weeks. She went to consult a physician at the Mayo Bros. clinic.

## Snow To Depth Of 31 Inches in Mts. Before Thaw Came

Snow had reached a depth of 31 inches on Big Rock flat in the Blue Mountains south of Heppner before the thaw started the middle of last week, states Glenn Parsons, ranger for the Heppner district. Parsons was out in that vicinity on another mission and didn't take time to make a survey of snow conditions in general. He thought the depth might have diminished to about 20 inches before the thaw was checked by this week's storm.

Marvin Bennett, Umatilla county watermaster, will come to Heppner next week and accompany Whittier Wright, local forester, into the mountains to measure snow in several districts.

## Barratt Discusses County's Problems At Lunch Meeting

Selection of a county hospital board has been completed, it was announced Monday at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Heppner chamber of commerce. Judge J. G. Barratt made the announcement in the course of a talk on county affairs. Attending the meeting with Judge Barratt were Commissioners Ralph Thompson and Russell Miller, the court being in special session to transact business in connection with the hospital and other county affairs.

The five-man board, selection of which has been in progress for a number of weeks, includes John Krebs, Cecil, one year; Harry Duval, Heppner, two years; J. J. O'Connor, Heppner, three years; Mrs. Fred Smith, Boardman, four years, and F. W. Mahoney, Heppner, five years.

Judge Barratt reported that the hospital building is nearly completed and that with the installation of some equipment and completion of the sewage disposal unit it will be ready to turn over by the contracting firm.

The duty of the hospital board will be to watch over the operation of the establishment, to choose the staff and to transact such other business as may appear from time to time.

## Lexington Teams Defeat Spray On Basketball Court

By MRS. DELPHA JONES

Saturday the Lexington grade and high school teams went to Spray where their grade and B teams won and the A team won 51 to 20.

Rebekahs

Saturday the Oddfellows of the Lexington lodge held installation of elective officers who were Roger Anderson, noble grand; E. E. McFadden vice grand; W. E. McMillan secretary and Elmer Hunt as treasurer. Thursday evening at the regular meeting the appointive officers will be seated.

Mr. and Mrs. Armin Whilow were hosts to a pinocle and canasta party at their home Saturday night. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller of Heppner. Winning high in pinocle was Mrs. Jones and in canasta Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Ronald Ansted of Echo is spending some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Majeske.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin had as their guests Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lott, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Anderson and Al Winkelman.

## Winter Returns To Region Following Melting of Snow

### Zero Temperatures Again Prevail As Light Snow Falls

Just when the populace was beginning to entertain visions of spring, the weather man changed his mind and blew back over a large part of the country leaving more snow and zero temperatures in his wake. The natives hereabout enjoyed a breather of about four days, during which time most of the ground was black and temperatures from 35 to over 50 prevailed.

People driving up Willow creek some 15 miles Wednesday of last week reported that a chinook was in progress up there. By Friday the warm wind put in its appearance in the vicinity of Heppner and had gotten down to business by Saturday. The approximate 11 inches of snow disappeared for the most part, although the streets in Heppner were never fully cleared before the second storm broke Tuesday and deposited two or three more inches of snow over the land. Snow has been falling since early morning today with no apparent let-up in sight.

That the earlier snow was a good thing for the region is seen in the report of Leonard Carlson, weather observer for the Gooseberry district. His records show that snow to the amount of 18 inches has fallen since January 1—not including the covering and that falling since Tuesday. The 18 inches of snow represents 1.68 inches of moisture. Added to that is more moisture resulting from several showers of rain, and altogether the precipitation may amount to two inches or better for the month.

While the creeks showed some swelling as a result of the thaw, most of the moisture soaked in as there was little frost in the ground.

## Farm Bureau Sets Meeting For Feb. 6 At Lexington Grange

Continued bad weather has led the Morrow County Farm Bureau to change its meeting scheduled for February 6 from the Rhea Creek grange hall to the Lexington Grange hall, announces Markham Baker, president. This will be the regular meeting of the bureau and it is expected that a goodly number of members and friends will be on hand to participate in the discussion of some important questions confronting the farmers at this time.

In addition to the regular business and the discussions a film will be shown. The meeting will open at 8 p. m.

## GEARHART-FREEMAN

Miss Mary Gearhart and Carroll V. Freeman, both young people of Heppner, were married Friday January 13, at Lewiston, Idaho. The bride a graduate of Heppner high school, has been employed at Saager's Pharmacy since the close of school last spring and will continue there for the present. The groom is employed in ranch work near Heppner.

## MRS. AUDREY GENTRY

Audrey Caroline Gentry, 67, died this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rood in Elgin where she has been cared for in recent months. She had been ill for several years. Funeral arrangements had not been made up to a late hour today.

Born, January 13, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo M. Hinkley of Irrigon, a son. He has been named Kenneth Alva.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Klinger were hosts to a canasta party at their home Friday night. A buffet lunch was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lott, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. David Crozier, Mr. and Mrs. John Ledbetter, and Clarence Buchanan of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt of Heppner. The door prize was won by David Crozier and low score by Dean Hunt.

Mrs. Ina Nichols suffered a painful injury Tuesday when she fell and broke her arm.

Word was received here that Loren Mikeseil suffered a stroke at his home in Toppish, Sunday. He was removed to a Yakima hospital where he is in serious condition. Meritt Gray and Laurel Ruhl took his mother, Mrs. W. E. Mikeseil, to Yakima Tuesday.

Buddy Peck, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Peck, is seriously ill with a ruptured appendix.

It is reported that the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dingus is again hospitalized in Portland. No particulars have been received about his condition.