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Consolidation Of School Districts To Be Voted Upon

Election Called For May To Decide Important Matter

Voters of school districts 2, 3, 23, 24, 41 and 42 will vote May 2 on whether or not to consolidate with district No. 1, known as the Heppner district. At the same time the voters of district No. 1 will vote on whether or not to accept these districts.

School authorities feel that it is imperative that this measure be carried, both from a financial and an educational standpoint.

Heppner has for several years educated not only the children of its own district but those from the surrounding territory as well. As time has gone on the system has become excessively crowded. The time is now here where there is but one solution—the district must build an elementary school.

Until two years ago the assessed valuation of school district No. 1 was but slightly in excess of one million dollars. Since a school district may not bond itself to exceed 10 per cent of its assessed valuation it would have been impossible for district No. 1 to bond itself for enough to build.

Two years ago districts No. 6, 11, 15, 31, 34 and 49 consolidated with the Heppner district. This raised the assessed valuation until it is now approximately \$2,700,000. The inclusion of all the districts which have petitioned for consolidation will place this valuation at approximately \$4,800,000. This will make school district No. 1 one of the largest and richest in the state.

With such a figure for a tax base, improvements may be made in the local system without excessive cost to anyone. All voters in all the districts concerned are being urged to vote "yes" for the consolidation.

Good House Greets Bands in Annual Spring Concert

A good house greeted the music department of the Heppner schools Wednesday evening in the presentation of the annual band concert under the direction of Robert Collins, music instructor. The program was participated in by both the junior and senior bands.

Made up of students from the fourth through the seventh grades with more than half of them, 24 to be exact, starting as beginners during the current school year, the junior band presented the following numbers: Rosebud, waltz; Magdalen, waltz; Hum Tune; Vasil, waltz; Dutch Choral; Lillian, waltz; Phil and Dot, march; and Hermina, waltz. The personnel includes Edith Morris, Larry Lindsay, Jay Sumner, Ida Sue Stratton, Marcia Miller, Judy Collins, Jim McClintock, Delores Easter, Stephen Green, Jay McClintock, Melvin Olson, Paul Stout, Nancy Davis, Francis Sloum, Barbara Warren, Peggy Wightman, Paul Becker, Sandra Willhoek, Jack Monagle, Fred Lynch, Len Ray Schwarz, Alice Peterson, Dixie McAllister, Dee Bailey, Judy Barger, Jack Sherman, Christine Swaggart, Pat McDonald, Arthur Mahan, David Reeves, Gale McClintock, Joan Brosnan, Dean Connor, Forrest Burkenbine, Bob Grabill, Edward Brosnan, Susan Mishler, Pat Wright, Charles Bailey, Marvin Wightman, Roberta Hannan.

The senior band gave 14 numbers, four of them to be played in the eastern Oregon district competition festival in La Grande tomorrow and Saturday. The numbers were His Honor, march; contest number; Aurora Overture; The Desert Song; Bourée—contest number, clarinet quartet; Lynda Borman, Jim Hayes, Sharon Becker, Sandra Lanham; Fughetta; When Day Is Done; Cracker Jacks—contest number, cornet trio; Skip Ruhl, Jerry Dougherty, David Cox, Eleanor Rice a companionist; Komm Süsser Tod; Time Out for a Jam Session; Rondo from the Suite No. 2 in B minor, clarinet quartet; Jim Smith, Joanne Bothwell, Marjorie Pierson, Lynda Borman (contest number); Victor Herbert Favorites, selection; Panis Angelicus; and The Traveller Overture, contest numbers, and Hall of Fame, march.

Senior band personnel: Terry Thompson, Edith Morris, Jim Smith, Joanne Bothwell, Betty Graves, Jim Hayes, Francine Hisler, Marjorie Pierson, Verne Bell, Mary Ann Jensen, Sharon Becker, Lynda Borman, Sandra Lanham, Colleen Connor, Jack Yeager, Roger Palmer, Clara Willhoek, David Cox, Jerry Dougherty, Darlene Connor, Nor-

Many Guests From Neighbor Lodges Attend OES Party

Friday evening was friendship night at Ruth chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star and many guests were present from neighboring chapters in Morrow, Umatilla, Gilliam and Sherman counties, with Hermiston carrying off the honors for largest number present.

It was a busy night for the host chapter, what with entertaining so many guests and giving two candidates the degrees of the order. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Hayes were the candidates and it was the privilege of James Hayes to give the worthy patron's work to his brother and sister-in-law.

One was represented by Mrs. W. R. Wentworth, worthy matron, Mrs. James Lindsey, Mrs. Sam McMillan, Mrs. William Seehafer and Mrs. Walter Corley.

Entertainment features of the evening included solos by Mrs. C. C. Dunham and numbers by a ladies sextet, personnel of which included Mrs. Tom Wells, Mrs. Virginia Cochell, Mrs. Chas. Ruggles, Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Mrs. E. O. Ferguson and Mrs. Merle Becker.

Heading the delegation from Hermiston was Mrs. Rachel Jackson who is this year Grand Warden. Also coming in an official capacity were Mrs. Bessie Humphreys, worthy matron and J. J. Gimbel, worthy patron of Queen Esther chapter No. 101. Some 30 other members of the chapter were included in the guest list.

Bushae chapter No. 19, Pendleton was represented by Mrs. Lola Buchanan, worthy matron and Shirley Hevel, worthy patron.

Condon chapter No. 23 was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jackson, worthy patron and worthy matron, respectively, and Maryanne Jameson.

Visitors coming from the greatest distance were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles and Mrs. Hildred Zell of Anna Fulton chapter No. 124, Wasco. Mr. Ruggles is the father of Charles Ruggles of Heppner. Mrs. Zell is president of the East Central Oregon Association of the Eastern Star.

Rainbow mother advisers in attendance were Mrs. Mary Sether of Southgate chapter No. 190, Seattle, who was in the county on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bartholomew and her sister's family, the Marlon Finchs; and Maryanne Jameson of Condon.

Refreshments were served to the assemblage of 115 lodge people after the evening's program was over.

Heppner Girl One Of 12 Receiving Carl Gray Award

Among 12 Oregon 4-H club members announced as winners of the Carl Raymond Gray college scholarship is Lorene Mitchell, 17, Heppner. The scholarships of \$100.00 each are awarded annually to outstanding club members to further their education in agriculture or home economics. Winners of the scholarships are selected on the basis of 50 percent on project work, story and records; 25 percent on scholastic standing; and 25 percent on character, interest, qualities of leadership, community and school activities.

Lorene, winner of the scholarship, has a long record as a 4-H club member. Her first project was started in Willowa county in 1942 when she carried four years of clothing and sewing, as well as hog and beef projects for two years. She continued in 4-H club work after moving to Morrow county and has completed four years of projects here. Carried were sewing, clothing, room improvement, and cooking.

Lorene has attended 4-H summer school at Oregon State college four different summers, going last year on a scholarship given by the Soroptimist club of Heppner. In 1947, she was a winner in the county style revue and has been an officer in her 4-H clubs on different occasions.

Mrs. Ethel Vanderpool of Kellogg, Idaho, visited at the Art Hunt and Earl Warner homes over the week end. Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Lou Broadley returned home with her for a visit. They also plan to visit a sister, Mrs. Minnie Leonard, at Spokane and Mrs. Gladys Fleiger of Potlatch, Idaho.

TWO NEW HOUSES

County Clerk C. W. Barlow and County Attorney Bradley Fancher have each started work on new homes as of this week. Barlow is building a five-room house on a lot at the west end of Willow street which he purchased several years ago. Fancher's house will be built on property adjoining the Glenn Parsons residence on Gilmore street.

man Ruhl, Melvin Piper, Harold Manners, Keith Connor, Sally Cohn, Rieta Graves, Susan Mishler, Gary Connor, Eleanor Rice.

'TEAMED FOR DEFENSE'



The first Armed Forces Day in American history, to be observed May 29, will emphasize the unification of the Army, Navy and Air Force in a three-pronged instrument for national security. Unification is already at work in the various far-flung American military posts throughout the world. Photo, left, shows Navy aviation machinist's mate, second class, J. Ritchey, of Swayzee, Ind., and Sgt. J. L. Kunsman, USA, of Easton, Penna., getting acquainted on police duty at the Naval Base, Norfolk, Va., before embarking on the great combined Army-Navy-Air Force exercises in Puerto Rico, called "Operation Portrex," held in February. Photo, right, Capt. D. G. Donaho, Commanding Officer of the Naval Operating Base, Argentina, Newfoundland, congratulating Sgt. Ollie Keller, captain of the Greenland Air Force basketball team, which was picked to represent the Air Force North Atlantic Area in the Military Transport Service Tourney held at Great Falls, Mont., in March, while Col. Edward P. Kern, Commanding Officer of the McAndrew AF Base, in Newfoundland, gives a well done to Robert B. Johnson, aviation machinist's mate, captain of the Navy NOB quintet. The Navy team defeated the Air Force in the Base Command Basketball Championship Playoffs, but participated only for the honors. (Official Navy Photographs)

Oregon Wheatmen Leave for Kansas City Conference

Oregon's three-man delegation left Wednesday for the final national meeting of the National Association of Wheat Growers at Kansas City, Mo., April 21-22.

Primary purpose of this meeting is to adopt the constitution and by-laws drafted by the steering committee, which was elected at the first meeting at Denver, January 29. There will be an election of officers. Financing, location of headquarters and the man for the executive secretary's job will be considered.

Delegates from 18 major wheat states will be at Kansas City. Each state has three official delegates. Oregon's: Jens Terjeson, chairman Oregon wheat commission; Henry Baker, president Oregon Wheat Growers League; Paulen Kaseberg, past president of the league.

This association will be the first big wheat group. Rep. Clifford Hope of Kansas will be one of the main speakers. Hope was one of the first Congressmen to voice the need for a national association to represent wheat growers in congress, said Terjeson, steering committee chairman.

The association is supposed to tackle many of the problems too big for state groups. Two problems are a new farm program for wheat, acceptable to growers and consumers alike, and public relations on a national scale for wheat growers.

"The National association will be non-political," said Terjeson. "We have objective plans for developing better marketing methods, finding new markets for wheat and wheat products, studying new wheat varieties, conducting research on industrial uses for wheat, finding substitute crops for wheat, encouraging soil conservation practices and improving farm storage."

In addition to Oregon's official delegation, there will be Dr. D. D. Hill, head of the farm crops department Oregon state college; Marion Weatherford, president of the board of directors Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain products association; Bob Taylor, chairman of the National Grain Advisory Committee; Lester King, Chairman of the Wheat League's Conservation Research Committee; Carl Engdahl, Umatilla county state senator and wheat grower; Kenneth Fridley, executive committee member of the wheat league; E. J. Bell, wheat commission administrator.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Instone are spending a few days in Heppner and vicinity visiting and attending to business matters. They are preparing to make a trip to England in the near future, expecting to spend quite some time on the "tight little isle." Their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hatfield, are now living in Hood River where they have purchased and are operating a service station.

Soroptimists listened to a report of the 30th conference of the Northwest region held in Salem over the past week-end. In attendance were 109 members of 49 clubs in the region. Mrs. Alice Dowell Jones, of Portland presided and guest speakers included Doctor Clifford Patton of the U. N. office in New York City, Governor Douglas McKay and Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland. Plans were compiled for the general convention of the Federation in Seattle July 2-7.

Another Milestone in the History of the State's Highway Construction Program

By RALPH WATSON
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On November 24, 1922 Oregon's highway system—so far as federal aid is concerned—was "jelled" when the federal bureau of roads and the highway commission reached "a meeting of the minds" regarding the designated highways, and the mileage, for the construction of which the government would allocate its funds. This agreement made no material change in the main or trunk line highways which had been set up by the commission, but it established a definite basis for joint endeavor which has not since been changed except by an increase in the percentage of federal funds allowed.

The first federal aid law limited federal funds to "post roads" or roads over which the mail was to be carried. Later this was changed to "such projects as will expedite the completion of an adequate and connected system of highways, interstate in character." It required further that before federal aid would be given the state must set up a system of highways not to exceed 7 percent of the total highway mileage in the state and that federal money should be spent within the mileage limits of that 7 percent. Those provisions have been modified by an amendment increasing the percentage by one point whenever the designated roads were 90 percent completed.

The state in 1922 had 41,825.7 miles of public roads, which entitled it to a federal system of not to exceed 2,927.8 miles. The remainder of the road mileage was left to state, county and city financing and it is upon this crystallized program that the commissions have been laboring since 1922.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA RIFLE

By George Peck

One might assume that if there is one sphere in which invention could best be conducted by Government, it would be in the field of military industries. But actually what has been America's experience in that regard? Broadly, it has been that Government producers of the mechanisms and munitions of war have had to rely mainly on civilian genius and inventiveness.

This was demonstrated early in our history—during the Revolutionary War. A better example of Government ineptitude and lack of vision can be cited than the attitude of the Government Bureaucrats of that day toward the Pennsylvania rifle.

The British regulars in the Revolutionary War were armed with the good old Brown Bess musket, a short-barreled, smooth-bore weapon, so rudimentary that in the hands of the best marksman it had a fair chance of hitting something, but probably not the intended target in that regard. This "wiscracked" that it was accurate enough to hit a barn, provided it was shot off inside the barn.

On the other hand, an American gunsmith at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, had discovered the trick of rifling a gun barrel—cutting a spiral groove inside the barrel to give the bullet a rotary movement. Lengthening and rifling his gun barrel, he produced a weapon unrivaled in those days for accuracy.

When the Pennsylvania volunteers from the backwoods counties, wearing con skin caps, buck skin jackets and leather leggings and carrying these ridiculed long squirrel rifles, joined General Washington's forces before Boston, they were greeted with the 18th Century

Heppner Project Again Included In Works Program

Heppner citizens are wondering what is in store for here following appearance of an item in the East Oregonian under a list of projects authorized by senate approval of the waterways bill which stated: "Flood control at Pendleton, Ore., Heppner dam, Ore., and Jackson Hole, Wyo., \$5,678,000 (no breakdown given)."

Nothing definite has come from Washington to date relative to the effectiveness of the bill's passage and no light has been thrown on the local project other than that contained in the foregoing item.

When the president struck the Heppner dam and several other projects from the works program submitted by the U. S. Army engineers early in March, it was still felt that some kind of flood control work would be done here in due time. This was given in confirmation a little later when a map was received showing that the local project had been included in the supplemental flood control and irrigation water classification. Now comes the report from Washington that the dam is included in the works program made possible by senate approval of the waterways bill which will carry appropriation in an amount somewhere between \$108,000,000 and a quarter of a billion dollars.

Until more direct and explicit information is received the people here are not inclined to get excited, although they may ponder over the possibilities of the much-talked-of dam becoming a reality.

Achievement Day For Homemakers Set For April 30

The Homemakers' Achievement day, will feature a world-wide theme, states Mrs. George Currin, county home extension committee chairman. Morrow county homemakers attending the festival that day at Boardman will hear about rural women in the day—Germany and Mexico.

Mrs. James Brand, Salem homemaker, wife of Supreme Court Justice Brand who served on the Nuernberg Trials, will relate some of her experiences in post-war Germany. Directing our thoughts to our neighbors south of the border through colored slides and an accompanying talk, will be Mrs. Azalea Sager, state leader for home economics extension.

Mrs. Currin further adds that the days program is open to the public. The extension units will feature exhibits on their year's work. Many will participate in the program through style review of woolen dresses, 4-H demonstration, square dance by recreation project leaders, and group singing.

Of interest to women who garden will be the morning speaker, Mrs. Ralph Fowler, president of Oregon Garden clubs. Those wishing to make reservations for lunch may call Mrs. Mabel W. Flint, Heppner 342, before April 30.

In the hat of each of our 435 Congressmen and written on the shirtsleeves of our 96 United States Senators.

Perhaps it would even be well to paint it in bold letters of gold across the threshold of Blair House.

Veterans Foreign Wars Install Foreign Boardman, McNary

Friday evening April 14, joint installation of officers for McNary Post 7042 VFW and the Auxiliary to Post No. 7042 was held at McNary. Mrs. Earl Briggs of Boardman installing officer Rex Appley Auxiliary to Post 1557 VFW of Millwaukie. A pin was presented to the past president of the auxiliary to Post 7042, a gift of hand made doilies were presented to the newly installed president Mrs. Leath Anderson, of McNary, with corsages being presented to the installing team.

Cigars and cigarettes were presented to all members and guests by the McNary Market. Musical numbers supplied the program, refreshments was served by the auxiliary members. Members of the installing team were Mrs. Carl Reed, Mrs. Marge Braun, Mrs. Ruth Lord, Mrs. Ruth Burkhardt, Mrs. Nell Hartley, Mrs. Margaret Weiss, and Mrs. Norma McDonald, all of Rex Appley auxiliary to Post 1557. Mrs. Fred Smith of Boardman a guest, served as musician.

Attending from Boardman were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mulligan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Briggs, Mrs. Edd Kunze, Mr. and Mrs. William Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Algy Taylor, Mrs. Walter Wyss, Mrs. Chas. Andereg, and Mrs. Fred Smith.

All the installing team together with Mr. Carl Reed and Mrs. Don were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Briggs.

P.P. & L. Reports Substantial Gain In Electric Service

Domestic use of electric service on the Pacific Power & Light company system in fast-growing Oregon and Washington increased 11.6 per cent during 1949. President Paul B. McKee told stockholders in the company's annual report, released Thursday.

Homes on the company's lines now are making use of an average of 4364 kilowatt-hours of electricity a year, he said. This is more than 2 1/2 times as much as the average used throughout the country.

At the same time, the report points out, the average price paid by Pacific customers for domestic electric service dropped to the new low figure of 1.44 cents per kilowatt-hour. This is well under the average price paid by customers in the TVA area and is less than half the average paid nationally.

The company added 5400 new customers to its lines during the year. It now serves nearly 140,000.

Pacific's post-war building program reached a peak in 1948, McKee reported. Just under \$9,000,000 was spent during the year on additions and betterments to the system. More than \$29,000,000 has been put into new construction since 1945 to provide for the needs of its customers.

Approximately \$3,200,000 of 1949's record construction went into a new 45,000-kilowatt generating unit at the Merwin hydroelectric project on the Lewis river near Woodland, Wash. As part of the same project, a large new substation was built in Portland to distribute power from the new generator through the Pacific system.

Total operating revenues for the year were \$17,464,035, compared with 016,045,871 in 1948. Net income also was up for the year at \$2,226,487. Direct taxes were \$3,302,560, with federal taxes accounting for \$1,490,352 of the total.

The report points out that Pacific now is an entirely independent enterprise, with no holding company affiliations. All of the company's common stock was sold on February 6 by American Power & Light company, the former owner, to an investment group headed by A. C. Allyn and Company, Incorporated, and Bear Stearns & Co. They have indicated their intention of offering the stock to the investing public shortly after August 6, McKee said.

INSPECTION DATE CHANGED

The date set for the Degree of Honor inspection, April 25, has been changed to May 9. Members are asked to keep this change in mind and show up on the right date.

AUCTION SALES RESUME

Harold Erwin, operator of the Heppner Auction Sales Yard, is announcing an auction sale of livestock and any articles the people may bring in for Tuesday, April 25. This is the first sale of the spring season and Erwin is rounding up a good lot of livestock for the event. The sale opens at 1:30 p.m.

Lack Of Financing Plan Causes Delay In Sewer Project

Improvement Bond Issue Not Possible Here at Present

Lack of a definite plan for financing the payment of bonds is responsible for the delay in getting a report from the attorney who passes on eligibility of applicants. Jos. J. Nys, Heppner city attorney told the chamber of commerce at Monday's luncheon. That was one phase of the dilemma the town finds itself in relative to construction of a sewer system. The other, and perhaps the most important issue is the matter of valuation and indebtedness.

Bond buyers do not look with much favor upon issues sought by communities already carrying a bonded indebtedness, payment of which is extended over a period of years. Nys pointed out that the city is now carrying an indebtedness of \$65,000 for the construction of a reservoir. It is estimated that \$200,000 will be needed to construct the main trunk lines of the proposed sewer system. This would be placing an indebtedness of \$265,000 on a municipality whose rated physical wealth is \$1,050,000, which would be approximately 26 percent of the valuation. Since Heppner is not looked upon as a town that will experience a considerable population expansion and that the assessable level will remain more or less within the present limits throughout the life of a bond issue, sources of revenue other than straight taxation are advisable.

Preceding Nys on the program was Mayor Conley Lanham, who gave a brief summation of the proposed project, the funds on hand for that purpose, and submitted the plan under consideration by the council to augment the construction funds, namely, to place an assessment on each water meter by the month, the returns from which would be applied on the sewer fund. No specific amount has been fixed, the council having discussed the rate from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per month per meter.

Another interesting feature of the luncheon program was a talk by Jim Orwick, Heppner high school senior, whose subject was "What I Have Gotten Out of High School." It was an intelligent discussion, showing that he is really getting something out of his high school experience.

President Henry Tetz announced that Senator Dunn of Baker and Oren Allison of the Pendleton chamber of commerce would be special guests at next Monday's luncheon. It has since learned that Senator Dunn had had to postpone his visit to Heppner.

Greenfield Grange Chooses Evelyn Miller as Princess

Miss Evelyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller has been chosen as Princess to represent Boardman community at the Heppner rodeo. Princess Evelyn was born in Gresham, coming to Boardman with her parents in 1945. She graduated from Boardman high school in 1947, and entered EOC in La Grande the same fall, and is still a student there. Miss Miller has spent her entire life on a farm.

Mrs. Olive Bremner, who has been assisting in the care of Mrs. Adeline Dart, returned to her home in Seattle, Tuesday.

Elinor Earwood, Kenneth Earwood, Graela Veelle and Bill Callif returned from Spokane Monday, where they spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Downey.

Frank Ackerman, who has been a patient in St. Anthony's hospital for a week returned home Tuesday.

Arrow Agee of Aurora, was calling on old friends Monday and Tuesday, going on to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dayle Hubbie of Stanfield.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bishop are Mr. and Mrs. Bub Bishop and daughter, Barbara of Biggs. The two men are brothers.

WRANGLERS HAVE BUSY DAY

Sunday was a busy day for the Wranglers, Morrow county riding club. It was an annual clean-up day for the group at the county fair grounds where some of them keep their riding stock and where the horse barn is put at their disposal. The barn has a fresh coat of paint as a result of the day's activities and the grounds thereabouts were slicked up.