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Health Board Puts Pressure on City Dads About Sewers

Sanitation Dept. Offers Help to Get Project Started

The city council should be pushing the proposed sewer system with more determination and vigor in the opinion of Harold Merryman, assistant sanitary engineer with headquarters at Pendleton. Merryman paid the council a visit at the regular monthly session Monday evening ostensibly to make a report on the condition of the swimming pool. His findings there relative to drainage were reported and proved to be nothing serious.

After reporting on the tank, Mayor Lanham asked Merryman if he had anything to offer on the sewer system and he countered with an inquiry if the city authorities were doing anything about the project. The mayor informed him that there was little the council could do until the bond attorney submitted his report; that the council was ready to call a special election if the report is favorable. The mayor also expressed the opinion that the city, through its attorney, had made a clear statement relative to its standing indebtedness, the method of retiring bonds and other factors entering into the project but felt that the opportunity to get the approval of the taxpayers had been lost through delay occasioned by the bond attorney's failure to act on the application submitted some two years ago.

Merryman assured the council that the health board would cooperate in any way to get the project rolling and a tentative arrangement was made for him and Attorney J. J. Nys to visit the bond attorney and try to get some results.

A request from the park board that the city equipment be used in filling and leveling the south half of the park tract in preparation for seeding to lawn grass was granted. This work will be done before the high wire fence is put up along the creek bank. Seeding will be done within the month, or prior to September 15.

U. P. Announces Schedule Changes

New passenger train schedules for Union Pacific trains operating between the Pacific northwest and eastern cities will go into effect August 13, according to J. C. Cummings, general passenger agent.

The streamliner "City of Portland" will continue to operate both eastbound and westbound on its present schedule as will the eastbound run of the Idahoan. However, on its westbound run, the Idahoan's schedule will be a few minutes earlier, leaving Arlington at 12:49 p. m. and arriving in Portland 40 minutes earlier at 4 p. m.

The Portland Rose eastbound will operate approximately an hour and a half earlier, leaving Portland at 10 p. m., Arlington at 3:15 a. m., Westbound, the Portland Rose will leave Pendleton at 11:20 p. m. and Arlington at 1:45 a. m., arriving in Portland as at present at 6:15 a. m.

The Spokane's eastbound schedule remains unchanged. Its westbound schedule will move up approximately one-half hour, leaving Spokane at 9 p. m., arriving in Portland at 6:30 a. m.

Nebraska Minister Accepts Call To Head Church of Christ in Heppner Coming Year

Rev. R. J. McKowen of Tekamah, Nebraska has accepted an invitation to become the pastor of the Church of Christ replacing Rev. Glen Warner who has resigned, effective Sept. 1. Rev. McKowen was in Heppner over the week-end, having brought out a load of household furniture, but returned to Nebraska to complete an evangelistic program in which he is engaged for the summer. He and Mrs. McKowen will return to Heppner about Sept. 17 to make their home. Rev. Warner plans to spend the winter in Spokane doing special work and next year will attend an eastern university for further study.

Mrs. J. O. Rasmus left Saturday for Portland where she will spend a week attending buyers market. During her absence, Mrs. Henry Aiken assisted in the store.

Mrs. Percy Bleakman is here from Missoula, Montana for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jay Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Scouthern and C. O. LeGrand were here from Grants Pass over the week-end after the Scouters' farm equipment which has been in storage. They have purchased a farm on the Rogue River near Grants Pass. During their stay in Hepp-

Stork Disregards Schedule, Delivers Baby Out-of-State

County Agent Nelson Anderson is convinced that doctors go wrong in setting the dates for the stork's visit but that the stork can be counted to deliver his little bundle of joy on schedule regardless of all other plans.

Anderson returned Saturday evening from Fort Collins, Colo., where he spent three weeks at summer school. He was accompanied by Mrs. Anderson and their twin sons. They had planned to arrive in Heppner prior to the 7th because that was the date the stork was scheduled to pay a visit to their home. Arriving at Montpelier, Idaho, it was decided to remain over night. Before retiring the location of the hospital was noted just in case. In about an hour's time it was necessary to take Mrs. Anderson there and about midnight an eight pound one ounce son was born. This is their sixth child, four boys and two girls.

A report of their experience was given by Anderson at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday. He also gave a report on the summer school and the activities he participated in.

He said he is back at work trying to catch up with work that piled up during the past four weeks while absent from the county. Extension summer school at Colorado A. & M. college at Fort Collins was well worth the trip, as well as the change of scenery, a chance to look around at other farm operations and to just rest a bit. Agriculture, home and 4-H agents from 23 states and agricultural workers from seven foreign countries were enrolled in the three weeks course. Exchange of experiences and finding out how the Extension program operates in other states was very interesting.

Enrolled in Rural Recreation and Youth programs, the many discussions from various states' programs, suggestions and training will work well into the Morrow county program to improve its quality, Anderson believes.

Visits at the Wyoming Hereford ranch, near Cheyenne, where herd sires and many of the registered breeding herd were seen, feeder tours where feeders feed as many as 18,000 cattle per year and experiment station tours were a few of the extracurricular activities. But after being gone for a month, Morrow county is a good place to return to, he concluded.

New Elevator In Use Since Monday

Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., new elevator was pressed in to service Monday, after numerous delays in receiving machinery parts. There were further delays when some of the machinery broke down, but repairs were made promptly and the grain began filling bins at a rapid rate.

More than 20 trucks loaded with grain were lined up in the driveway and parking area waiting for the doors to open. There was no little disappointment when the first breakdown occurred but the tension lessened as the drivers realized the equipment had not been given a chance for proper testing before swinging into action.

Although now in use, there remains more work to complete the structure, particularly the roof. In the meantime, grain is pouring in from other sections besides the Heppner district and the capacity of the new plant will be taxed before many days.

Ex-Soldier Loses Life When Flames Consume Trailer

Boardman Ranch Scene of Tragedy Sunday Evening

By Mrs. Flossie Coats
Rex Lyons was burned to death in his trailer house on the farm southeast of Boardman Monday morning at 4 a. m. Origin of the fire is not known as Mr. Lyons was asleep and alone. Mrs. Lyons was working at "Norm's Cafe". Many neighbors gathered to aid in putting out the fire but were unable to save Mr. Lyons. However they succeeded in keeping the fire from the other trailer house near by and the family residence also. Funeral will be at Boardman Community church Wednesday afternoon. Other relatives besides his wife Edith, are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyons, a brother Robert Jr., and a sister, Mrs. Jack Taylor, all of Boardman, a sister and a brother residing in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Partlow and family motored to Ventura, Calif., where they will spend two weeks vacationing with Mrs. Partlow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parr.

Mrs. Frank Cole was called to Portland last week by the serious illness of a nephew.

Mrs. James Hedgers, nee Marlon Pearson, arrived from Spokane and will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Pearson and daughter-in-law, over seas in the Korean territory.

Mrs. Walter Hartfield of Arlington is the new owner of the "Norm's Cafe". She took possession last week with the opening Friday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reldon as managers. Mr. and Mrs. Ike Murphy have moved to Hermiston.

Guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bishop were the Misses Janis Schatz of Portland, her house guest Mardi Haley of Springfield, Ohio, and Reitha Findley of Blalock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blann have sold their farm south of town to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roesser and family of Portland, who have taken possession. Mr. and Mrs. Blann are in Portland at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith have taken over the former Black Dahlia cafe, opening under the new name "Evalyn's Cafe" Friday evening. They are now giving 24 hour service, fountain and lunch counter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harwood and family of Rapid City, S. D. are guests at the home of Mr. Harwood's uncle, Lee Harwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thorpe and family of Sandy, Ore., were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe Friday. The two boys are brothers.

Miss Judy Dickson of Portland spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Black left Monday for a two week's vacation in Twilla, Utah with Mr. Black's mother, Mrs. Clydia Black.

Mrs. Earl Briggs left Monday for Portland where she will spend a couple of weeks with her son and daughter-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crouch motored to The Dalles Monday, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Suter of Vancouver, Wash., who returned home with them. Mrs. Suter is Mrs. Crouch's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, editors of the Heppner Gazette Times, were in Boardman Sunday afternoon.

EX-SERVICE MEN NOT REQUIRED TO REPORT NOW

Oregon state headquarters, selective service system, announced today that the local boards of the state were receiving information in connection with changes of address, marital status, etc., from men who were registered under the 1940 Act but who were too old to register under the 1948 Act.

"It is rather a healthy sign," Col. Francis W. Mason, deputy state director, said today, "as it indicates that the general public is gradually awaking to the fact that registrants under the selective service act must keep their local boards advised of all changes."

Col. Mason continued that the only men in whom selective service is now interested are those born after 30 August 1922. "Until such time as the congress enact legislation raising the age for registration," he concluded, "these older men have no responsibility under the existing statute."

Jack Combes, selective service secretary for this district, reports that numerous men of the class of 1940 are writing in to inform the board of their present status and he wishes to inform them that only those eligible under the 1948 act are required to send in this information. He says that three men from the district will be called up from the class taking examinations in September.

Honored Guest at Saturday Night's Dance



Greenfield Grange of Boardman will play host Saturday evening at the big Morrow County Fair and Rodeo pavilion when their queen's attendant, Princess Evelyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller, will be the honored guest.

For this special occasion, Cliff Slack's orchestra of Hood River has been retained to provide the music. Princess Evelyn is a graduate of the Boardman high school and is a junior at the Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande. She is accustomed to farm life and when potato harvest arrives up you will find her right in the midst of it, for she is her father's potato grader—and a good one, says her uncle Russell Miller.

Princess Evelyn will ride her favorite saddle horse, "Rusty", during the pre-Rodeo season and at the big show and they will be much in evidence from now until the evening of September 10.

Streets, Highway Given Binder Coat During Past Week

Linden Way, Main street, May street and a portion of North Court street received a binder coat of oil and crushed rock Friday when a large state highway crew moved in and went to work.

The improvement did not stop within the city limits but was continued on up Hinton creek to the foot of Jones hill. This makes the highway improvement program complete from Heppner Junction to Jones hill. A binder coat was put on the Jordan Sliding-Heppner section two years ago and a crew recently finished coating the Heppner Junction-Jordan Sliding section.

The work just done here is reported to have been the direct result of the state highway commission's recent visit, as the district engineer, while having the project on his agenda, had had no indication that it would be done this year.

YOUNG SPEAKER PLEASES CLUB MEMBERS

Even though August is, supposedly a vacation month when attendance lags, the Soroptimist club of Heppner had a nearly perfect record this noon plus five young guests. Rose Marie Pierson, winner of the club's 1950 scholarship award, Mary Mollahan, 1949 scholarship recipient, and Lorene Mitchell, 49 4-H award winner were present as was Terry Thompson who gave a graphic account of his trip to Valley Forge in July, and Van Wilson.

Terry was one of two boys scouts from Heppner who were privileged to attend the Boy Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Penna., where 50,000 boys from the United States and 19 foreign countries were in attendance.

Our fifth guest, Van Wilson, is visiting his cousin, Mrs. Mary Van Stevens from his home at Goldendale, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes and daughter, Karen, visited briefly in Heppner Tuesday enroute to their home in Arlington on Lonerock where they were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hayes. Christine and Billie Pat Hayes have been visiting in Heppner with their grandmother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson for a week.

Warren Stender was a business visitor from Ione Staturday. He received a badly injured leg when he was kicked by a cow at the Carl Troedson ranch recently and is still limping as a result.

Ralph Jackson severed a finger on his right hand while working on a baler at Lexington on his right hand while Saturday.

Utah Man Lodged In Jail Charged With Non-Support

Someone must have passed the word along about the excellent board provided the county's guests by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman, for he is having difficulty in cutting down the list. There are so many regular boarders that Police Chief Gomillion's overnight guests have a difficult time getting accommodations.

Non-support offenders seem to have a special liking for the service. Two men with such counts hanging over them are being held here waiting for outside legal talent to get their liberty. Harold Heffron, wanted in Minnesota, and this week Frank L. Young, wanted by Utah officials, Young is said to have defaulted on support of a wife and four-children. The Utah officials have asked that he be held here until extradition papers can be prepared, and that they will be after him in about 10 days.

Service Groups To Entertain Rodeo Folks August 19

A party to honor Queen Joan, her court and the officials connected with the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, has been arranged by the members of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, the Soroptimist Club of Heppner and the Junior Club of Commerce. The date chosen is Saturday, August 19, at 7:30 p. m. If the weather permits the party will be held on the W. O. George lawn; if the weather is not cooperative, it will be held in part of the new fair pavilion.

In years past each organization has entertained the royal court separately, but it was thought that if the clubs joined their resources, it would not only result in a bigger and better entertainment but would also be more convenient for the young ladies and others concerned to get together for one grand occasion rather than for several small er ones.

The entire party will, of course, follow the western theme, as to garb, food and entertainment. Participating will be the rodeo queen and her attendants, together with their chaperones and parents, the county court, the fair board, those in charge of the various phases of putting on the fair and rodeo and the members of the sponsoring organizations as well as husbands and wives in all instances.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tollison were his cousins, Miss Myrtle McMann, advisor to the Chonco Indian school at Concho, Okla., and Miss Gladys McMann of Hattisburg, Miss. The ladies had been attending summer school at Chawawa and were enroute to their homes.

Farm Hand Killed In Tractor Upset on Sand Hollow Ranch

George Larson, 67, Was Employed By Kirk & Robinson

George Larson, 67, met instant death Monday when a tractor he was driving at the Kirk & Robinson ranch in Sand Hollow upset and he was impaled by either the gear shift or the exhaust pipe. He was found by Merle Kirk, senior partner of the firm.

Larson had been an employee at the ranch for about five years but had not become proficient in operating the tractor. He had gone up the hill from the house to salt cattle in the pasture. That was a regular chore and he usually rode a horse. His employers are at a loss to know why he decided to take the tractor.

The body was brought to the Phelps Funeral Home in Heppner and prepared for shipment to Berthold, N. D. for final rites. A nephew, L. L. VanBuskirk, came from Berthold to accompany the casket home.

Mr. Larson was born in Norway on November 22, 1882. He had been in the United States 60 years and in Oregon about 20 years. He is survived by several nephews and nieces in North Dakota.

Minnesota Sheriff Had Trip to Oregon Country Regardless

Traveling from one state to another to pick up a prisoner is not classed as pleasure riding or touring but in the case of F. F. Kamphenkel, sheriff of Todd county, Minn., a trip to Oregon this week will have to be charged off as a tour. The three-day drive to Heppner from his home town of Long Prairie could hardly be placed under the heading of pleasure.

Sheriff Kamphenkel arrived at 10 o'clock Tuesday evening ready to receive Harold Heffron from Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman for transportation back to Minnesota. Heffron had signed a waiver and signified a willingness to return to Todd county to answer a non-support charge filed against him. Sheriff Bauman notified the Minnesota authorities that the prisoner was ready to return to his home state. In the meantime, Heffron's attorney, Walter Evans of Portland, arrived on the scene and made arrangements to "spring" him from jail here. Sheriff Bauman sent a second wire to the Todd county officials but Sheriff Kamphenkel had started for Oregon and could not be located. He spent about 30 minutes trying to persuade Heffron to accompany him back to Minnesota but the prisoner refused to go, so the sheriff started right back.

Sheriff Bauman did not get to meet the Minnesota officer, having gone to Portland to attend a meeting of the Northwest Peace Officers association Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Oral Wright was the honoree for a surprise stork shower in Hermiston Tuesday evening. Among those from Heppner attending the party were Mesdames Bert Kane, John Hiatt, Ava Wright, Betty Bradford, Loy McFerrin, Francis Connor and Henry Hoppold.

Mrs. C. E. Wheeler of Pendleton has been spending several days in Heppner to be near her mother (Mrs. Ben Swggart who has been a patient at Pioneer Memorial hospital).

Well! Well! It's a Small World!! Heppnerites Are Everywhere!

Francis "Nick" Nickerson has been to places far and wide on this troubled old planet and there were times when he thought the world was a rather large place, especially when he was in the Orient and a broad expanse of ocean lay between him and the good old U. S. A. This one idea about size was somewhat reduced recently, as he will tell you in a letter to the Gazette Times. It reads:

East St. Louis, Ill. July 28, 1950

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Heppnerites are everywhere! As part of this meat packing training program I am involved with I have been assigned as a route salesman in a small territory down in the Ozark region here in Missouri for a couple of weeks. This past week my route took me to Steelville, a town of about 1000 people. In the town's largest general store the conversation went from meat selling to fishing. Apparently the major interest in the whole area is this business of fishing. I mentioned that we did a bit of fishing in my own home state of Oregon. The store owner said he had a

Capital Parade
By Murray Wade

REPORT ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Don't be smug or narrow minded about mental illness. You may be its next victim.

Don't think it can't happen. It does happen to one out of ten Americans, which is the ratio of those needing psychiatric treatment.

There is one chance in 18 that you will spend some part of your life in a mental hospital.

Not very good odds in the above statements made in a report of the Oregon State Board of Health, issued this week.

LAWS NEEDED

The rapidly increasing number of industrial plants in Oregon's municipalities calls for laws to control air pollution and state funds with which to enforce the laws.

Objectives adopted Tuesday by Governor McKay's recently appointed committee on this subject provide for study of such laws now in force in adjoining states for the purpose of recommending legislation from the standpoint of industrial development and the health and welfare of the state.

JUSTICE BELT DIES

Associate Justice Harry H. Belt of the Oregon supreme court, died in Bellingham, Wash., Sunday afternoon. He suffered a heart attack two weeks ago while visiting in Bellingham.

He was 66 and had been a member of the Oregon Supreme court for 25 years. He was born in Salem and had resided here most of his life.

NEW PARK DIRECTOR

Oregon's new park director, C. H. Armstrong, will be right at home in his new position. He has served as an engineer for the state parks division for the past two years.

He succeeds Samuel H. Boardman who asked to be retired after being employed by the state since 1919. He first was resident engineer of the Boardman district in eastern Oregon. Ten years later he became superintendent of state parks.

ANOTHER INDEPENDENT FILES

A. W. Lafferty, Portland, filed petitions early this week to place his name on the November ballot as an independent candidate for representative for the Third congressional district, Multnomah county.

Lafferty served a term, 1911 to 1913, as congressman from the Second district, then all of eastern Oregon, and a term, 1913 to 1915, from the Third district, Multnomah county. He was succeeded by C. N. McArthur.

DETROIT DAM CEREMONIES

Last Saturday, Governor Douglas McKay pulled a lever that dumped the first huge bucket of cement mix into the North Santiam canyon where the Detroit Dam is being built. Completion of the project is scheduled for 1953.

Included in its functions are flood control, power production, maintaining navigation during normal low water stages of the Willamette river, create sources of water for municipalities, create recreational facilities and abate stream pollution.

DIAMONDS AND BEANS

Mrs. Eva Cook, a 67 year old bean picker of Mehama, received a diamond ring from her employer at a Salem bean yard picnic this week, for "being a fast and faithful worker who in 20 years has never complained about how good beans were."

She still picks around 300 pounds of beans a day.

From the paper it is plain that Heppner is really fixing itself up. There isn't much news about the doings of the JCC's any more, but despite that things are apparently going ahead. I'd sure like to see the new hospital, the ambulance and the county fair grounds. It seems to me that (Continued on page 6)