

Buildings Here And at Lexington Commission Plan

Heppner Site Not Chosen, Barratt Informs C. of C.

Possibility that a headquarters building for the local division of the state highway department will be built at Heppner was reported by Judge Garnet Barratt to the chamber of commerce at the Monday luncheon. The commission is considering such a move, the judge said, and plans for a similar building at Lexington have already been announced.

The highway department would like a site on or right near the highway. The present location in Heppner is inadequate and it is the policy of the commission to erect headquarters buildings wherever practical.

Judge Barratt called attention to the arrangement which finds Morrow county in two road department divisions. The Oregon-Washington highway division of which Lexington is the headquarters, comes through Heppner and runs on east to the Umatilla county line. The John Day division extends to Heppner and the highway crew stationed here works south and west on the Heppner-Spray and Heppner-Condon units. This accounts for the need of headquarters at both Heppner and Lexington.

Guests at the luncheon Monday noon were Henry Baker, president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League; Raymond Lundell, executive committeeman for Morrow county, and Earl McKinney, chairman of youth activities in the county wheat league set-up. Baker extended an invitation to the members of the chamber of commerce to attend the 23rd annual convention of the wheat league which went into session today at The Dalles. The visitors accompanied Nels Anderson to the luncheon from the meeting of county PMA committeemen at the courthouse.

Air Observation System Expanded For Civil Defense

The growing gravity of the international situation has led to a decision to extend Oregon's air observation system to the southern part of the state as soon as possible, Governor Douglas McKay said today.

Governor McKay made the announcement after talking with State Civil Defense Director Louis E. Starr, Portland. Starr also advised the governor that a revised plan for civil defense at the county and community level would be available December 20. It is a modification of the original state CDA plan, providing for more effective operational structures and techniques.

A third development today was the governor's disclosure that a special section on civil defense is scheduled for December 14 at the Pacific Coast Board of Intergovernmental Relations conference at San Francisco.

Starr will ask the three Pacific coast governors to adopt a mutual aid agreement so the three coast states could help each other.

Governor McKay said "the international situation makes it necessary to extend the air observation system to all parts of Oregon as soon as possible."

The system north of an imaginary line cutting the state in two at Eugene, Bend and Burns, was given highest priority, and scored high in recent tests. Trial notices of hypothetical air raids were within 30 to 90 seconds of the recommended 2-minute notification maximum. Until a key-point warning center can be established south of this line, sub key-point centers will be used, Starr said.

Mrs. R. G. McMurtry is again a patient at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton where she was scheduled to undergo surgery today.

Mrs. John Wightman is reported on the sick list this week.

Jolly Old St. Nick Greeted By Big Crowd--Young, Old

A hitch-up in his get-away delayed Jolly Old St. Nick, otherwise commonly referred to as Santa Claus, in his arrival in Heppner Saturday evening, but whatever was lost in failing to meet his schedule was made up by the reception accorded him when his little red pickup finally hove to about the middle of the postoffice block, which at that moment was the center of population in Morrow county.

Kiddies by the hundred and no less a number of grownups constituted the crowd which had been in waiting for the better part of an hour. The time was made short by the singing of carols by several groups, including the choirs of the Church of Christ and the Methodist church, the Heppner Women's chorus, the girls chorus from the high school and the Harmony Club, men's singing group.

The real thrill for the little—the very little—fellows was an opportunity to get real close to Santa Claus, who, after distrib-

SILVER THAW VISITS REGION WEDNESDAY

Residents of this section, as well as many other parts of the state, arose Wednesday morning to find the outer world a glare of ice as the result of a "silver thaw."

Pedestrians were sorely embarrassed for several hours until the sun came out for a short time and cleared the walks of ice. No serious damage has been reported, although some cars were said to have encountered difficulty in negotiating heavy grades.

Community Urged To Contribute to Vets' Xmas Fund

Morrow county citizens are urged to make their contributions to the veterans Christmas fund now so that there will be no delay in securing the scrip books and wreaths for the boys in the hospital at Walla Walla. Donations of money are also desired for the vets' Christmas telephone fund.

The Heppner vicinity has been asked to take up 14 scrip books. They sell at \$2 each. Holly wreaths will be used for decorating the walls of the wards at the veterans hospital. The wreaths may be purchased at the Heppner Flower Shop.

In the absence of Mrs. Jack Loyd, Mrs. Ralph Thompson is directing the Christmas fund program in the county. Anyone desiring further information relative to the program should contact Mrs. Thompson at once.

Mustangs Thwart Boardman Jackets 35 to 30, Tuesday

The Heppner High basketball team went to Boardman Tuesday and came home with the big end of the score 35-30. Gary Connor was high point man for the night with 10 points, while Prock was next with 8 points, Keith Connor 6, Green 4, Jim Smith 4. Substitutes were Phil Smith, 1 point, Bergstrom 2, Sumner 1, and Taylor.

The Mustangs led by a narrow margin most of the game and were still ahead when the game ended.

The B squad also played and won their game defeating the Boardman "Yellowjackets." B squad by a narrow lead of 27-24. Both games were close, and hard fought all the way.

Last Friday the Mustangs went to Helix where they were defeated by a score of 47 to 25. Gary Connor was high point man with 9, Green had 6, Prock 5, Piper and Phil Smith had 2 points apiece. Manuel was high for Helix with 22 points.

This coming Friday the team goes to the basketball jamboree at Fossil.

A MATTER OF ILLUMINATION

The decorations and holiday sights
Just couldn't be much neater.
But gosh, I'm glad that all those lights
Aren't running on my meter!

uting candy to all and sundry, left his modern transportation vehicle and approached the mail box where he removed scores of letters posted by the youngsters and some not quite so young. He was besieged by eager little boys and girls who were promised that each and every one would be remembered at Christmas time. It was quite a promise nad the said Santa is now wondering if he will be able to make good to all of them.

A chill breeze prevailed throughout the program but this did not dampen the ardor of the crowd. The lights and greenery forming the street decorations lent light and cheer, and besides there is but one opening each year and who's afraid of a little weather at such a time.

From expressions heard here and there, one is constrained to remark that the opening night was a huge success and everyone in the community will be looking forward to similar occasions in the future.

Council Winds Up Term's Work at Monday's Session

Mayor Conley Lanham and members of the city council whose terms will expire January 1 met in perhaps what will turn out to be their last official meeting at the regular session Monday evening. With no new business on the agenda, and thinking back on the long hours of wrestling with city problems, the council was not disposed to take up anything new and felt an urge to transact what business there was on the table and adjourn.

In view of the holiday season and the numerous activities on the calendar throughout the month, the city dads decided to dispense with the mid-month meeting, which would come on the 18th. This just about closed up the business of the present council.

Mayor-elect J. O. Turner and four new councilmen will take the helm on Monday, January 1. Councilmen-elect include W. C. Collins, Robert Grabill, Jack Van Winkle and John Saager.

Business visitors in Heppner today from Lone Rock are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pullen and Mr. Pullen's mother, Mrs. Madden.

Guests of Mrs. Lucy Rodgers since late last week are Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cline of Seattle, who plan to remain here for some time. Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Rodgers are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Jones drove up from Corvallis the first of the week to spend a few weeks at home. They are spending the winter in the college city.

Town Basketball Team Starts Season With 3 Victories

Pendleton Motor Inn, Lone, Hood River Defeated

The Shamrocks, Heppner's town basketball team, started their 1950-51 season in spectacular style as they romped to three straight victories in as many starts. In so doing they twice played the role of giant killer as they first unceremoniously dumped Pendleton Motor Inn 59 to 45, then rolled over Lone Legion 48 to 36, and last Saturday night journeyed to Hood River where they toppled the apple city boys to the tune of 48 to 36.

First home game for Shamrocks will be next Wednesday night, December 13, when they meet the Lone Legion team to start official league play.

In addition to the following league schedule the Shamrocks will play Condon, Helix, Pendleton Motor Inn, and a home game with Hood River.

December 13, Lone at Heppner; 18, Hermiston here; 21, Lexington here; 23, Irrigon here; 29, Lexington here; January 3, Irrigon there; 9, Arlington here; 11, Lone there; 13, Irrigon here; 20, Hermiston there; 22, Lone here; 29, Lexington there; February 3, Hermiston here; 10, Hermiston there; 16, Arlington here; 19, Lone there; 26, Lexington here; 28, Irrigon there; March 2, Arlington there.

About 25 Per Cent Of Chest Fund In

Approximately 25% of the goal has been raised for this year's Community chest to date. Close to \$550 has been gathered in by the members of the Soroptimist club of Heppner who are collecting in Heppner.

The total assignment for Morrow county is \$2200. No doubt other collectors over the county will materially increase the funds when they report the results of their efforts in their respective communities.

HEPPNER CHAPTER R. A. M. HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Dr. C. C. Dunham was elevated to the office of High Priest in Heppner chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons, at the annual election held Friday evening. Paul Jones was elected King; G. O. Hays of Kinzua, Scribe; Marion Hayden, Captain of the Host; Loyal L. Parker, secretary, and C. J. D. Bauman, treasurer. Appointive officers will be named in time for installation on December 16.

Initiation work was put on for three candidates from Kinzua. Charles Aldrich, 17, of Lone, has enlisted in the U. S. army and reported Tuesday to an unnamed training center.

County P.M.A. Committees Named For 1950 Program

Lloyd L. Howton, chairman of the county PMA committee, announced today the following results of the county and community committee elections for the 1951 program year. Alvin Bunch, of Heppner, was elected chairman of the county committee, with E. Markham Baker, Lone, vice chairman, and H. H. Brown, Boardman, regular member. Alternates to this committee will be Donald Heliker, Lone, and W. E. Hughes, Heppner. The county committees are as follows:

Lone: Lloyd Rice, chairman; Donald McElligott, vice chairman; Milton Morgan, Jr., regular member; Gary Tullis, first alternate; and Gottfried Hermann, second alternate.

Alpine: A. C. Lindsay, chairman; H. G. Campbell, vice chairman; Delvin Nelson, regular member; Bill Marquardt, first alternate; and Thomas Ashbeck, second alternate.

North Heppner: Sam Turner, chairman; Henry Rauch, vice chairman; B. J. Doherty, regular member; W. E. Hughes, first alternate; and Paul Jones, second alternate.

South Heppner: R. S. Thompson, chairman; Barton Clark, vice chairman; Bill Barratt, regular member; O. E. Baker, first alternate; and W. Howard Cleveland, second alternate.

Eightmile: Elmer Palmahr, chairman; Elmer Palmahr, chairman; Frank Anderson, vice chairman; Laurence Becket, regular member; Oren O. Brace, first alternate; and Floyd Worden, second alternate.

Morgan: Roy Lindstrom, chairman; Arthur Crawford, vice chairman; Franklin Ely, regular member; George Griffith, first alternate; and David Rietmann, second alternate.

Lexington: Alfred Nelson, Jr., chairman; Norman Nelson, vice chairman; C. K. Peck, regular member; V. C. Van Winkle, first alternate; and Gene Majeski, second alternate.

Irrigon: G. E. Aldrich, chairman; D. J. Kenney, vice chairman; Robert Doyle, regular member; H. H. Whipple, first alternate; and John Volle, second alternate.

Boardman: Chas. Dillon, chairman; H. H. Brown, vice chairman; Chas. Andereg, regular member; R. E. Lyons, first alternate; and Nels Kristensen, second alternate.

These are the men who will be responsible during 1951 for the local administration of such Federal farm programs as price supports, wheat acreage allotments and marketing quotas, agricultural conservation, and Federal Crop Insurance.

Shrine Sale Raises About \$1600.00 For Children's Hospital

While all collections were not in and all bills accounted for, committeemen in charge of the Morrow County Shrine club's first annual benefit auction sale and dance are of the opinion that the affair netted approximately \$1,600. The proceeds will go to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled children in Portland.

Auctioneer Bob Rinnion and his helpers ran through a long list of articles at the sale held in the dance pavilion at the fair grounds. Some of the articles created spirited bidding while others failed to bring anything like their regular sale value. In the main, the bidders were sticking close to their own estimation of sale value of articles offered and there was no running wild on prices.

The Shriners feel well satisfied with the results of their first sale and will make an effort to schedule the 1951 event somewhat earlier.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles and daughter Constance, and Miss Beth Ball left this afternoon for Moro and Portland to spend the week-end. At Moro this evening, they will attend a party at the country home of friends and go on to the city tomorrow.

We Must Keep Faith, Pastor Tells Elks

Citing Deuteronomy 5:3—"The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day"—Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, pastor of the Methodist church, told Elks and assembled guests at the annual Lodge of Sorrow Sunday afternoon that we must keep the faith if we are to win the victory not only in our daily lives but in solving the present world crisis. He compared Caesar's reign with the present-day dictators, pointing out that throughout history the peoples who have remained faithful to the Christian religion have outlived the tyrants and if our faith today remains strong the current difficulties will be solved in favor of the people rather than the Godless dictators.

Mrs. Alfred Boyer presided at the piano to play the marches for the members as they filed in and out of the lodge room and to accompany the newly formed Harmony Club, men's singing group under the direction of Oliver Creswick which sang Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light" and Jan Sibelius' "Morn of Beauty."

Unemployment On Increase as Winter Months Draw Closer

Seasonal conditions increased unemployment in many sections of Oregon in recent weeks, resulting in 31,140 active job seekers as of December 1 against 18,730 a month before, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission announced today. Slightly more than 10,000 were women.

The number of persons without work was much lower than the 55,300 reported a year ago but the rise in unemployment during November was slightly greater than during the same period of 1949. Continued wet weather curtailed late harvests and slowed up construction, logging and food processing, officials said.

Little change in the employment picture was noted last month around Coos Bay, Free-water, Lakeview and McMinnville, but four of the commission's 26 local offices said unemployment more than doubled, while four others had increases of more than 80 per cent.

With apple picking cut short, Hood River sent in the biggest increase with 280 unemployed against 81 a month before. Bend, the only area with more job seekers than a year ago, reported 645 without work as compared with 201 last month and 600 last year.

The Marion-Polk county district has 3,750 persons out of jobs. The Salem office ascribed to the month's increase of 2,250 to seasonal layoffs in the harvest fields and canneries, while logging also cut down somewhat. Astoria, Grants Pass and Ontario also reported growing unemployment, and Albany with 623 idle was close to last December's mark of 635.

Appreciation Days Plan Attracts 22 Business Concerns

Active Operation Of Organization to Start After Jan. 1

Organization of business houses of Heppner under the National Trade Day Association plan was effected by the end of the past week. J. J. O'Connor, manager of the J. C. Penney company store told the luncheon group of Heppner chamber of commerce Monday. Arrangements were completed by C. P. Usher, northwest representative of the NTD, who spent the week here interviewing merchants, explaining the workings of the plan and signing up members.

O'Connor reported that 22 Heppner business establishments had signed up and that supplies had been ordered by Usher before leaving here. He explained that due to the pre-Christmas season and the waiting for arrival of the supplies, the new group decided to postpone putting the plan into effect until after January 1. No funds have been collected so far and will not be until the unit is ready to go to work. At that time, the subscription from each member for three weeks will be collected and form the first pool.

The National Trade Day Association plan, called Appreciation Days, is not a lottery and has been so set up as to meet all postal requirements and other regulations. It has for its objective the stimulation of trade in the community in which it is set up and coupons given by the members are for trade in the local business houses.

As stated in last week's paper, the nearest Appreciation Days unit is at John Day. There are units across the Columbia river in the Yakima valley and at Pasco.

Farm Receipts Up, But So Are Costs, OSC Report Shows

The general farm outlook for Oregon in 1951 is for larger farm receipts and higher farm costs, according to a report just issued by the extension service at Oregon State college.

Gross farm receipts are expected to be larger for two reasons: a moderate increase in output (if weather permits) and somewhat higher average prices. Higher prices are expected, especially for preferred foods, owing to increasing consumer purchasing power and an expected higher support price level as the parity index of farm cost prices goes up.

The parity index includes commodities bought by farmers for production and living, and also hired labor, taxes and interest. The index is expected to go up at least 5 percent during the next 12 months, and a new all-time peak in farm production expenses is expected in 1951.

Consumer demand is expected to be especially strong for meat and the supply of beef and lamb will not be much if any larger. Pork production will be around 5 percent greater, however.

The report contains sections on 10 phases of the outlook: demand, gross farm income, production costs, marketing costs, net dollar farm income, real farm income, production prospects, national population trends, West Coast trends, and short term commodity outlooks. A schedule of additional outlook reports to follow on groups of Oregon's farm products in 1951 is given.

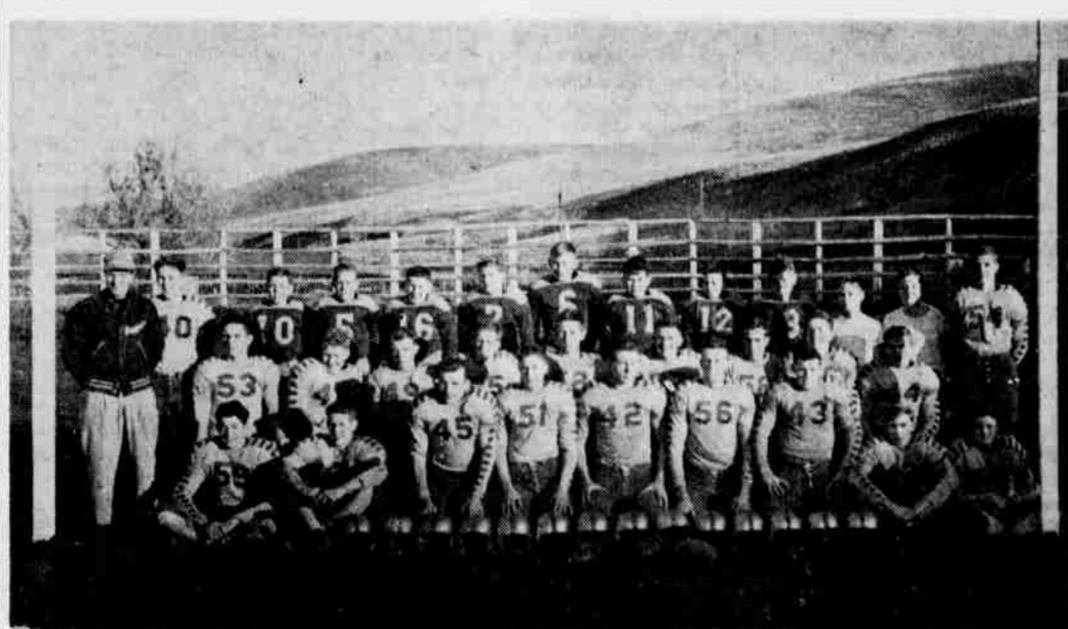
Current and historical data on farm commodity prices and costs are given in several tables and graphs, and summarized in a special section. Copies of the report are available from county extension agents or from the College.

HEPPNER LODGE NO. 69, AF&AM ELECTS OFFICERS

Harry Van Horn was elected Worshipful Master of Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M. at the meeting of the chapter Tuesday evening. Paul Jones was elected senior warden and Millard Nolan junior warden. Harold Becket succeeds C. J. D. Bauman as secretary and R. B. Rice was re-elected treasurer.

Appointive officers will be named prior to the joint installation December 16.

Heppner High Schools 1950 "Mustang" Football Squad



Coach Hal Whitbeck's 1950 football squad wound up the season with a 6 won and 2 lost record, which registered upset victories over "A" teams from Grant Union of John Day and Hermiston, long a bitter rival of the locals. The losses were administered by Echo and Moro, both of whom have proved themselves strong ball clubs.

The team progressed rapidly during the regular season showing marked improvement in tackling, blocking and the desire to win. The tackling was deadly

and the blocking sharp and crisp. The team as a whole also showed excellent physical condition which was proved to a great extent by the lack of accidents which usually befall a football squad.

On the 1950 squad there were no outstanding stars; this showed a well balanced ball team, with a very fine group of linemen and dangerous backs. This is further emphasized by a balanced scoring team showing Gary Connor and Jack Sumner scoring 36 points; Melvin Piper

35 points; Lyle Peck 32 points; and Jimmy Smith 6 points.

The team wound up with 20 letter winners of which 15 will return to form a good nucleus of the 1951 squad.

Coach Whitbeck wants to publicly thank the fine set of reserves which pushed the varsity to their utmost at all practices and games and were very instrumental in the season's final tabulations and also were laying a fine foundation for the future in preparing them to be of varsity calibre.