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Fifteen Projects Offered to Bidders By Highway Body

North Court Street Drainage Among Smaller Contracts

Bids on fifteen highway and bridge construction projects in as many counties of the state will be received by the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland December 19 and 20. Work contemplated under these projects involves 30.14 miles of grading, seven bridges, 36.28 miles of rock base or surfacing, 5.03 miles of oiling, 2.26 miles of asphaltic concrete paving, and the production of nearly 93,000 cubic yards of crushed rock or gravel stockpiled maintenance material, at an estimated cost of \$2,400,000.

Morrow and adjoining counties will share in this work. In this county there are two projects of interest. At Heppner, it is planned to widen Court street between the court house and the school property to a width of 32 feet between new curbs. The cost of the 0.19 mile of grading and bituminous macadam surfacing required is to be borne by the highway commission, with the City of Heppner paying the cost of the concrete curb construction.

Between Eight Mile and Heppner, on the Wasco-Heppner highway, the state is asking for bids on the furnishing of 7,000 cubic yards of crushed rock to be placed in stockpiles for its later use in maintaining that section of highway.

Of interest to Morrow county people but located in Gilliam county is the commission's plans to improve the East Cottonwood-York Ranch section, comprising 10.37 miles of the Wasco-Heppner highway. The project extends from a point about four miles east of the John Day river, at the east end of the recently improved road, and extends easterly to a point about 11 miles west of Condon. The project calls for new grading on entirely new alignment on the westerly 4.47 miles and the rock surfacing of the entire length of the project.

The contracting firm on the new Heppner Junction-Boardman highway is on location at the Morrow-Gilliam line and this project will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. If the weather continues on the same trend that has prevailed so far, much of the grading can be done during the winter months.

Many People View 1951 Chevrolet at Official Showing

The Heppner showing of the 1951 Chevrolet brought "the best crowd we've ever had," according to C. L. Hodge, owner of Hodge Chevrolet Company.

Attendance was estimated at 2000 and each visitor received a special souvenir of the opening. Paper guns, lollipops, and bubble gum were handed to the children, ladies received corsages of holly and perfume, and the men were given Kleenex holders.

Hodge said he was very pleased with the showing and the apparent enthusiasm of the crowd.

Sixteen Students Make Honor Roll

Sixteen students made the honor roll at Heppner high school for the second six weeks period. Several of them have been on the roll for a good share of their high school attendance.

The second period list includes Della Anderson, Ronald Currin, June Privett, Terry Thompson, Diane Van Horn, Margery Pierson, Jack Sumner, Rowland Taylor, Joanne Bothwell, Sally Cohn, Elinor Rice, Jim Smith, Marion Green, Mary Gunderson, Patricia Healy and Juanita Matesson.

ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH—Episcopal

Holy Communion 8 a. m. Church school 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock.

Children's Christmas program in parish house, 7 p. m.

Refreshments will be served to parents and guests as well as to the children after the program.

Week day services: Holy Communion, Wednesday at 10, Friday at 7:30.

Choral Clubs To Join In Vesper Service

A vesper program will be given at 3:30 p. m. Sunday, December 17 at the Methodist church. The combined Men's Harmony club and the Women's Chorus will sing several numbers and an invitation has been extended the public to attend.

The Men's Harmony club is a recent innovation in the town's musical life and is under the direction of Oliver Creswick. The Women's Chorus, originally coached and directed by Mrs. O. G. Crawford, who was forced to relinquish the role because of ill health, recently reconvened under the direction of Alfred Boyer, high school instructor.

Shamrocks Make It Four Straight By Defeating Ione

The Heppner Shamrocks, playing their first league basketball game Wednesday night, won in flashy style as they ran over the visiting Ione Legion team by a score of 64 to 30, and ran their victory string for the season to four games.

Whitbeck and Scrivner, Heppner guards, led all scorers with 22 and 16 points. Ellis and Hoskins were high for Ione with 11 points each.

In the preliminary the Heppner B team nosed out the Ione B squad 30 to 23.

Next home game for the Shamrocks will be December 23rd against the strong Irrigon Independents led by Willard Jones, high scoring center.

Oregon's Covered Payrolls Expected To Exceed Billion

Oregon's covered pay rolls during the first half of 1950 increased nearly \$12 millions over the same period of 1949, establishing an all-time high of \$460,966,969 and making it highly probable that the entire year's total would pass the billion-dollar mark for the first time, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported today.

In 1948 when the previous record of \$397,310,458 was established, the first half accounted for \$146 millions while last year's payrolls failed to hold up during the late fall months. Preliminary reports from 17,000 employers since July 1, 1950 indicate at least \$550 millions in wages for the last half of the year, well above previous totals.

Lumber pay rolls of \$126 million in the January-June period were ten millions ahead of 1949 but fell somewhat short of the 1948 pace. Construction also made gains, setting a peace-time mark of \$33 millions for the first half and promising still higher totals during the summer and fall.

Covered pay rolls in Multnomah county—amounting to nearly half of the state's total—fell slightly behind the 1949 record, but 26 of the 36 counties reported increases ranging up to Curry county's 41.1 percent. Multnomah had \$210,278,551 in the first six months of 1950 as compared to \$211,810,445 a year before.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Warren and little daughter left today enroute to Texas to spend the holidays with Mrs. Warren's parents. They drove first to Stanfield to spend one day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace D. Eldredge before taking the long trail to Amarillo in the Lone Star state, where Mrs. Warren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Elliott, reside.

Mrs. Archie Murchison was hostess for a birthday party honoring her sister Darlene (Bunkie) Wayne Wednesday evening. Guests were girls from the senior class. It was a dinner party followed by canasta and refreshments later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson are spending a few weeks in southern California. Mr. Wilkinson has been laid up for some time due to being struck by a car on a Portland street and the family thought a trip would help restore his health.

Resource Management is Obsession With Forest Service, Ranger Admits

Contrary to the general belief, the chief function of the Forest Service is not fire protection. It is an important phase of the forester's job but is not his chief interest—albeit the dread of fire weighs heavily on his mind throughout the dry part of the year.

Ranger Glenn Parsons aroused editorial interest when he spoke at Monday's chamber of commerce luncheon on the subject of resource management. He was asked to go into the subject a little deeper and with the assistance of Wayne West, assistant ranger, has come forth with the following:

Resource management is an obsession with us. Our every thought is how we can improve upon the management of the soil and cover.

Timber production is vital to our economy, but is by no means the only useful function of our forests. Owners of several thousand and forest properties are concerned about getting a profitable cut of timber from their holdings. Many of these people together with many thousands of live-

stock operators are also interested in profitable use of forage in the woods and on the range. More thousands—and their ranks are growing—want full game bags and more outdoor recreational facilities.

Contrary to common belief only about 15 percent of the National Forest administrator's time is spent on fire protection and actual fire suppression. The remainder of his time is spent on the various phases of resource management. Watershed management is one of the most vital of the administrator's functions. Numerous factors are involved in watershed management, slope of the land, structure of the soil, and the kind and amount of plants, just to name a few. By far the most important of these factors are plant cover and soil. Vegetation, whether it be tree, brush, grass or herbaceous growth serves to keep our soil in place.

In the normal logging operations it is estimated that 10% of the total area logged will have all of the native vegetation destroyed including grass, weeds and shrubs. On logged over areas

on National Forest lands an effort is being made to hold the disturbed soil in place as well as return the area to forage productivity. Immediately following logging the skid roads, landings and construction areas are planted to grass to stabilize the soil. Grasses used are of the non-soil forming variety so that reproduction of timber will not be prohibited.

Grasses used are Timothy, Orchard Grass, Smooth Brome grass, Tall Meadow oat grass, Slender wheat grass, and Cheung's Fescue. Seed mixtures vary from six pounds to nine pounds per acre and costs, including labor, average above \$6.00 per acre.

In conjunction with the planting of grass additional work is done to prevent soil loss. Stream channels are cleaned out, temporary fills and crossings are removed and water bars are made across skid trails and roads to turn the water into normal stream channels. These are but a few halting steps toward accomplishing the goal of better watershed management. Much is still to be done.

Build-Up of Soil Wealth by Umatilla County Rancher Earns Oregon Conservation Man of Year Title for J. H. Rea, Milton Resident



Tremayne Rea (right) holds trophy presented to his father, J. H. Rea (center) in token of his title as Conservation Man of the Year. Philip H. Parish (left) editor, of Oregonian editorial page, is presenting to Rea replica of large traveling trophy which Rea will keep. Rea holds trophy won as Umatilla county champion. Rea, father and son, farm 7100 acres.

—Pictures and story courtesy of The Morning Oregonian



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STORK HAS BUSY WEEK AT PIONEER MEMORIAL

The stork was a busy old bird fluttering in and out of the delivery room at Pioneer Memorial hospital the past week. In his visitations he left four little bundles of joy to help swell the population hereabouts.

On Friday, December 8, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Rocha.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Collison are rejoicing over the birth of a son on Saturday, December 9.

A baby girl arrived Sunday, December 10 to join the Harold Sanders Jr. household, and on Tuesday, December 12, Mr. and Mrs. James Vanover were made happy by the birth of a baby girl.

While the hospital staff has been busy ushering in new citizens, there have been other patients demanding their attention, among them Mrs. Marjorie Do-

A Umatilla county canning pea and wheat grower, J. H. Rea of Milton, Saturday was named Oregon's conservation man of the year for 1950.

As winner of the Oregon Wheat Growers league contest to select the state's top conservation farmer, Rea received the Oregon trophy, a massive bronze plaque mounted on native Oregon juniper. The trophy, executed for The Oregonian by Frederic Littman, Portland's internationally known sculptor, was presented by Philip Parrish, editor of the paper's editorial page.

Judges in the contest said Rea had done an amazing job in building up organic material in the soil on his 7100 acres of cropland.

Parrish also presented smaller plaques to Rea and seven other county winners in the contest. They included Morrow county, W. W. Becholdt and sons, Hardman; Gilliam, Earl Butler, Mayville; Sherman, Kenneth Blau, Wasco; Jefferson, Morrow brothers, Grizzly; Wasco, Roy Forman, Antelope; Union, Ed McCance, North Powder; Baker, Clyde Ward, Baker.

Plans for an expanded contest in 1951, including more local recognition for county winners were announced by Floyd Root of Wasco, chairman of the league's conservation committee. The contest, Root said, was achieving its objectives of encouraging conservation, and of letting the people of the northwest know that farmers were making real progress in conserving the region's basic resources.

Delegates unanimously adopted committee reports calling for aggressive efforts to enact into law the league's "certificate plan" for a two-price system on

wheat. Possibility that wheat production in the area would be stabilized at much higher yields than the present through fertilizer and increased rainfall was raised by two speakers.

Dr. Irving P. Krick, Pasadena "rainmaker" now under contract with Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman county farmers on a rain-increasing project, said the project this fall already had added 3,000,000 bushels to that area's 1951 wheat crop. M. M. Oveson, Oregon State college experiment station, said field tests in Umatilla county last year showed nitrogen fertilizer increased wheat yields by 4 to 9 bushels per acre.

A budget of \$2,000 for the 1951 fat stock show at The Dalles was recommended. The show is sponsored by the league.

Don McKinnis, Summerville wheat rancher, was elected president of the Oregon Wheat Growers league Saturday at the close of the convention in The Dalles. He succeeds Henry Baker, Ione, who has served the past year. Pendleton was selected as the meeting place for the 1951 convention. Other new officers named were Floyd Root, Wasco, first vice president; Lester King, Pendleton, second vice president; Richard Baum, Oregon wheat commission analyst, Pendleton, secretary, and Roland Schaad, Union county agent, La Grande, assistant secretary.

INSTALL HAMMOND ORGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dick have installed a Hammond electric organ in their home. The instrument arrived Wednesday and already is affording much pleasure to the entire family.

Henry Gorgor of Pendleton was a business visitor in Heppner today. He reported having completed a residence on his ranch north of Ione this fall. The ranch is operated by Mr. and Mrs. David Baker.

Degree of Honor Names New Officers

Mrs. Adelle Hannan was elected president of Kate J. Young lodge No. 29, Degree of Honor, at the meeting of the chapter Tuesday evening. Elected to assist her for the ensuing year were Mrs. Hubert Mahon, vice president; Mrs. Theda Stratton, second vice president; Mrs. Bill Farra, past president; Mrs. John Bergstrom, financial secretary; Mrs. Clara B. Gertson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. William Cunningham, inner watch; Mrs. Lois Wilson, outside watch; Mrs. R. J. Stephens, musician; Dorothy Applegate, usher and Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien, assistant usher.

Degree work was given to a class of candidates following the election.

Mustangs Victors In "Photo Finish" Thriller Tuesday

What in horse racing would be termed a photo finish was the experience of the Heppner high school basketball team at the school gymnasium Tuesday evening. Athena high provided the competition, and plenty of it, for not until the final 10 seconds was the game decided, and that in Heppner's favor.

Athena was ahead, 16-11 at the close of the first half. During the second half the Heppner lads injected a little more accuracy into their pitching, bringing them up on a level with the visitors. The see-saw contest continued throughout the second half, keeping the spectators on edge right up to the last basket. In the last minute of the game the score changed hands several times. Green gave Heppner the final basket in the last 10 seconds, clinching the game for the Mustangs. Final score, 35-34.

Jim Prock was top scorer for Heppner with 11 points; Gary Connor scored 10, Jim Smith six, and Green and Phil Smith four points each. Williams was high for Athena with 10 points.

The B squad also won its game in a runaway 45-14 score. Ployhar led the scorers with 10 points.

Rosewall Motor Co. Receives 4-Letter Award Third Time

Receiving plaques is becoming a habit with the Rosewall Motor company of Heppner. For the third time in three years, the local Ford dealers, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall, have been awarded the Ford Motor company Four-letter dealer plaque, which is looked upon by the giant manufacturing and distributing organization as quite an accomplishment.

Presentation of the 1950 plaque was made Tuesday evening by William H. Klein, assistant sales manager for the Seattle district, at a dinner given by the Rosewalls at the Elkhorn cafe. Accompanying Klein were David Hook, zone manager for the Seattle district, and Jack Sweeney from the Universal C. I. T. Corporation at Kennewick.

In presenting the award, Klein pointed out that the award was inaugurated some years ago for the specific purpose of paying extra recognition to those Ford dealers who are tops in finances, tops in management, tops in spirit, and tops in facilities—the initial letters of which constitute the four letters of the award. He explained each letter in detail and wound up by saying, "Now that I have reviewed briefly the requirements for the 4-letter award, I am sure you will agree that the Ford Motor company realizes that in order to be in first place a dealer must be first-class in all respects. He must be an outstanding business man, highly regarded in his community. He must have earned the high honor by being tops in finances, management, spirit and facilities. At the present time we have comparatively few

Fr. Francis McCormack returned the first of the week from Los Angeles where he spent a 10-day vacation.

Masonic Bodies To Hold Installation Saturday Evening

Turkey Dinner On Schedule to Open Annual Function

All is hustle and bustle around the Masonic hall this week-end as the several Masonic bodies are preparing for the big event of the year—the annual turkey dinner and joint installation ceremonies of Heppner Lodge No. 69, A. F. & A. M., Heppner Chapter No. 26, Royal Arch Masons, and Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star. Committees have been busy decorating the hall to give it the proper holiday atmosphere, and assembling materials for the dinner.

All members of the respective orders and their mates are on the guest list. Immediately following the dinner, installation ceremonies will begin. The Royal Arch will install the following elective officers: Dr. Clyde Dunham, High Priest; Paul Jones, King; G. O. Hays, Scribe; Loyd Parker, Secretary; C. J. D. Bauman, treasurer; Marion Hayden, Captain of the Host; George Smith, Royal Arch captain; Andrew Staig, Master of the Third Veil; Harlan Devin, Master of the Second Veil; Wm. Smethurst, Master of the First Veil; Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, chaplain; O. G. Crawford, marshal, and John Mills, sentinel. Harry Tamblin will be the installing officer and Robert Wightman the installing marshal.

Elective officers of Heppner Chapter No. 69 include Harry Van Horn, Worshipful Master; Paul Jones, senior warden; Millard Nolan, junior warden; Harold Becket, secretary and R. B. Rice, treasurer, and appointive officers.

Ruth Chapter, O. E. S., will install Mrs. Floyd Worden as worthy matron; Frank S. Parker, worthy patron; Mrs. Frank Davidson, associate matron; Tom Wells, associate pjtator; Mrs. James Haes, conductress; Mrs. Harold Becket, associate conductress; Mrs. Frank S. Parker, secretary and Mrs. Charles Stout, treasurer, and appointive officers.

The membership of All Saints Episcopal church school will present a tableaux, "Christmas Memories", depicting the Christmas story, at 7 p. m. Sunday, December 17, in the parish house. All of the church school children will participate.

Church School To Present Program

The program will be open to the public and will be followed by the presentation of gift bags to the children.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DATED

The annual Christmas program under the auspices of the music department of the Heppner Episcopal church school will be presented at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 20.

HELD ON LARCENY COUNT

Jene Myles Stone of Ione is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$250 bail imposed by Justice J. O. Hager after a preliminary hearing on a charge of larceny. The complaint stated that Stone sold some posts to one party for which he received the money and before the buyer removed them he (Stone) resold them.

The Wranglers held their Christmas party Tuesday evening at their headquarters on the Rodeo grounds.

4-letter dealers, but all of us are working toward the end that all of the majority of our dealers will soon be able to move to first place by being first class in all respects—by being Four-Letter Dealers."

Twenty-eight plates were served at the turkey dinner. Outside guests besides those mentioned included Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wright of Kinzua. Wright is service station operator and Ford salesman for that area. Local guests were Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Tull, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford and employees of the Rosewall Motor company and their wives.