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Civilian Defense Setup in County Needs Volunteers

Serious Damage May Result From Lack of Training

Serious damage could result if enemy planes should pay this region a visit in the immediate or near future, announced W. E. Davis, county civilian defense coordinator. Davis was explaining the local setup to some 25 persons at the court house Wednesday evening in a meeting called to give Heppner and vicinity citizens an opportunity to learn what the civilian defense program amounts to.

Davis went on to explain that the damage resulting from a bombing raid could be greatly reduced if the entire populace is trained in civilian defense measures. These include in part such factors as first aid, fire fighting, salvage, airplane spotting, road and street repairing—in fact, a long list of things in which individuals and groups can and must participate if we are to entertain the hope that we are prepared to meet any emergency.

Some progress has been made in setting up the program in Morrow county and the crying need is for volunteers, Davis emphasized. At the present time an effort is being made, and the invitation is out to everybody to sign up volunteers to man the observation posts at Hardman, Heppner, Lexington and Ione. This is a highly important function and the appeal should meet with immediate response, the coordinator said. Walter Dupuy is chairman of this activity and those desiring to serve are requested to get in touch with him at Heppner. Since a simulated raid is to be staged in the near future, it is important that observers be ready to make reports on the blanks prepared for that purpose.

Many phases of the program were discussed. The possibility of caring for evacuees from larger centers elicited the information that a thorough canvass of housing facilities would be necessary and it was reported that considerable had been done in that respect.

There are too many angles to civilian defense to discuss in one brief story, but too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the necessity for the entire population participating in the meeting and signing up for at least one of the activities. Another meeting will be called soon and it is hoped there will be several times the number that appeared at the courthouse Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Ambrose Chapin returned Sunday from Pendleton where she has been for some time taking care of her new grandson, Jeffrey Charles Hodge, and his mother.

Band Parents Club Hopes to Promote More Band Interest

A group of band students' parents met at the high school Monday evening to organize a band parents club, the purpose of which will be to further the interests of the band group.

Robert Collins, instructor, feels that the parents working together, and with the director, can do a really effective job of stimulating interest in the band, both in the band itself and through the community. Such interest now seems to be confined chiefly to the band members, their parents, the director and the school administration. This association would clear the way for closer contact between individual parents and the director.

The advantages of this would be the discussion of small problems that come up and to prevent misunderstandings that sometimes arise. Parents may have an opportunity to have some part in preparing for concerts, trips and other band activities. If the need arises it will provide a working group to put on fund raising drives. There is, however, no immediate need in this direction.

Officers elected were: W. L. Cox, president; Mrs. Cal Sumner, vice-president, and Mrs. Wm. Davis, secretary-treasurer.

Appreciation Day Crowd Manifests Interest in Event

A crowd of several hundred people assembled on Main street in mid-afternoon Saturday to participate in the first Appreciation Day event to be staged in Heppner. The sound wagon was in operation and with Jack O'Connor at the mike the object of the merchants' organization was explained.

Each Saturday will be Appreciation Day hereafter for as long as the sponsors feel it is worth while. Interest taken by the citizens in the first event has led the sponsoring group to feel that they have struck the popular chord. It has been hinted that the school band has asked the privilege of participating in the Saturday afternoon program, but there is no authentic information at this time. Be that as it may, the business houses anticipate another big crowd in town January 20.

County Court To Name Fair Board In Near Future

The Morrow county court is mulling over a list of prospects to select a new county fair board.

All three members of the old board resigned as of January 1, 1951, although Ralph Skoubo of Boardman will continue to serve until a new board is appointed.

Judge Garnet Barratt stated the court has a list of 18 names to work on and that careful consideration is being given to the matter of selecting three to act as the new fair board.

O. W. Cutsforth, chairman of the board the past year, and R. B. Ferguson sent in written notices of their resignation. Since they are substantially the same and a copy of Cutsforth's resignation is at hand it is published as self-explanatory. It was presented at the November term of court and reads as follows:
TO: Morrow County Court

I would like to tender my resignation as a member of the Morrow County Fair Board, as of this date.

I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve on the Morrow County Fair Board, and wish my successor the greatest of luck.

In submitting my resignation, I am of the opinion that since the physical plant at the grounds is developed sufficiently to take care of the exhibitor's demands, and since much time and money have been spent by me in such development, it is thought that this position should be passed on to others in order that they might make the contribution I have in the past.

Signed,
O. W. CUTSFORTH

The court after brief deliberation accepted the resignations and Judge Barratt, in behalf of the court, wrote Cutsforth and Ferguson as follows:

December 14, 1950
Mr. Orville Cutsforth,
Lexington, Oregon.
Dear Mr. Cutsforth:
This is to acknowledge the receipt of your resignation from the Morrow County Fair Board as presented by Mr. Nels Anderson, Secretary of the Board at our regular monthly meeting last week.

The Morrow County Court, very reluctantly is accepting your resignation, effective as of December 31, 1950. In doing so every member of the Court is mindful of the many days of labor and mental energy you have expended in behalf of this county enterprise. We too realize that many dollars were contributed by yourself and family in promoting its success. Your reward can not be measured by the untold words of praise that you are entitled to receive from the citizens of Morrow county, but the buildings and grounds will stand as a monument to your efforts and the satisfaction of seeing them used for useful and educational purposes down through the years will compensate you far more than any monetary return.

May we thank you for a job well done and trust that we may depend upon your counsel and advice in the future.

Sincerely yours,
Morrow County Court,
By Garnet Barratt,
Morrow County Judge

Civilian Defense More Serious Matter Than Most Citizens Willing to Admit

Are we, as citizens of a land where freedom of speech is still guaranteed by our Constitution; where the press can still speak its mind; where our comings and goings are not checked by a gestapo or other type of police, going to have to have a bomb drop on us out of the belly of a foreign plane before we recognize the necessity of learning and doing something about civilian defense? It looks like that is what will have to happen before we are jarred out of our lethargy.

This is a deal that calls for an all-out effort. We can't leave all the planning and all the work to a handful of right thinking citizens. It is every citizen's job—men and women alike—if we face this crisis with some assurance that we will be able to meet it. Preparedness at home is as essential as preparedness at the front. An unprepared populace will be a frightened, disorganized populace. A citizenry trained in the many functions required to successfully cope with disasters that may strike civilian life will not only lead discomfort to the enemy but provide immeasurable comfort to our fighting forces.

Too many of us feel that we are remote from attack, either by land or by air. It is not probable that an enemy would deliberately waste expensive high explosive bombs to wipe out a small community, but in the course of a general campaign there is likely to be an airman who is not too considerate of the cost of his cargo and would think it great sport to unload on a town like Heppner, for instance, just to see what havoc he could wreak. If that should happen, what would you do if you had had no instruction in first aid, fire fighting, salvaging or any one of the numerous agencies that go to make up civilian defense? Do you not think it worth while to learn a little something about these functions? If so watch for announcements of civilian defense meetings and be there.

Your residence or business property might not be hit. You might not suffer direct injury or loss, but if the main part of the community is seriously damaged or even wiped out and communication with the outside is cut off you will be about as well off as the Jewish immigrant who, with his young son was coming to America. A storm broke over the Atlantic and the father kept to his bed. The boy went up on deck and soon came back with the alarming news that the ship was about to sink. The father was undisturbed by the boy's excitement and calmly replied, "Let her go, ikey, she don't belong to us."

Farmers Asked To Help Chart New State Ag Program

Invitations have been issued by F. L. Ballard, Associate Director, Oregon State College Extension Service, to 350 Oregon farmers asking them to assume committee responsibilities in preparation for a state-wide agricultural conference to be held in March 1952. It will be the first statewide meeting of the kind since 1924 when a similar conference charted such far-reaching developments as the formation of the state's small seed industry. Plans for the 1952 conference call for 11 basic committees representing commodity interests. Each of the committees, Ballard reports, will meet within 90 days to organize and discuss their respective fields of consideration. Farmers from every section of the state are being asked to participate.

Recommendations growing out of the 1924 conference led to increases, for example, in the state's pear and cherry acreages, reductions in prune and apple acreage, the substitution of legume for grain hay, and quality improvement in most of Oregon's agricultural commodities sold out of state. Altogether, 90 per cent of the goals set at the conference 26 years ago have been carried out, Ballard says.

Mustangs Lose One, Win One During Week

In an exciting game right to the finish, Fossil nosed out Heppner by a score of 49-42 at Fossil Friday night. The Mustangs were leading 22-20 at half-time and were never out of the race. Fossil only three minutes to go. Fossil leading 44-40, started a very effective stall which couldn't be broken up by the Heppner team. Keith Connor sparked the home team with 13 points.

Heppner's B team really cut loose again after losing a close one to Echo the previous week. Prior to the Echo game the boys had seven straight wins. Leading all the way, they had no trouble in winding up on the long end of the score. Jack Sumner was high point man with 17 points.

Heppner's first win in seven games came Tuesday evening when Lexington was defeated by a score of 62-29. Heppner led all the way from the tip-off to the final gun. Top scoring honors for the Mustangs went to Gary Connor and Marion Green, scoring 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Campbell of Lexington are the parents of a baby girl born January 16 at the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Born January 15 at Pioneer Memorial hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Woodward of Heppner, a baby girl.

Shamrocks Garner Two Games-Make It 11 Straight

Then Drop Close One to Moro to Break Win Streak

Heppner's sharpshooting Shamrocks won their 10th and 11th consecutive victories last week as they romped over Ione Thursday night 72 to 55 and then dumped Irrigon Saturday night to the tune of 67 to 53.

Saturday night's encounter with Irrigon was a nip and tuck affair the first three quarters, with never more than 3 or 4 points separating the two teams. With eight minutes remaining to play and behind 45 to 49, the Shamrocks suddenly came to life with a brilliant display of passing and shooting as they poured in 22 points while Irrigon scored only four.

Big Stan Kemp led all scorers in both the Ione and Irrigon games, with 21 points in each game. Scrivner, Heppner guard, scored 19 against Irrigon while checking Jones, tall Irrigon center to 10 points.

Monday night the Shamrocks suffered their first defeat of the season on the Grass Valley floor when Moro, also undefeated, edged them out 70 to 68. Nine points behind with only two minutes to play the Shamrocks nearly pulled the game out of the fire with a seven point barrage, but Moro stalled out the final seconds with the Shamrocks desperately trying to get the ball.

Playing without Burns, regular center, the Shamrocks found Moro's height advantage too great with McNabb, six foot six inch forward, and center Jim Johnson, six foot four inch center, dominating the backboards. Johnson was unstoppable in shooting as he scored 32 points, 11 of them in the final quarter.

The Shamrocks bounced back into winning stride again Wednesday night as they defeated Fossil on the local floor 79 to 62. Hal Whitbeck, Heppner forward, set a scoring record for the season thus far; in this game he scored 42 points.

Coordination Of School Budgets Near Realization

The Rural School Board met with the chairmen of local school boards and school administrators Thursday, January 11 at the Lexington school. This is an added step taken by the rural board this year in its effort to develop a rural school budget cooperatively. The group met for a discussion of policies and procedures in budget development for the school year 1951-52.

Salary schedules, personnel problems, school and janitor supplies, busses and transportation, were among the chief problems discussed. Tentative agreements were reached upon which the budgets will be built and which will be given a final agreement when the local boards meet with the Rural school board at Ione, February 15 for the joint presentation and discussion of all budgets.

Present at the meeting were Homer Hayes and Earl Goldan of Irrigon, Mrs. Vera Rietmann and Henry Osibov of Ione, Adolphe Majeske and Carl Schwab of Lexington, Harold Becket and Leonard Pate of Heppner of the local boards and Vernon Jones of Irrigon, Markham Baker of Ione, Alonzo Henderson of Lexington, Kenneth Batty of Hardman and J. J. Nys of Heppner and Henry Tetz, superintendent of the Rural Board.

The condition of Miss Darlene Wise, who has been dangerously ill for several days, was reported slightly improved Wednesday. She is being cared for in the hospital where she is a student nurse and all is being done that medical science can do. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wise and uncles, Tom and Piri Howell have been with her since the word first came of her illness.

Nelson Anderson drove to Pasco early Wednesday morning to meet his father, N. C. Anderson Sr. who has come from his home in North Dakota to visit with his son and family.

Council Decides To Meet Terms of Court St. Project

Discontinuance of Work Superintendent Part of Program

Decision to appropriate the additional \$1500 asked by the state highway commission to defray the expense of completing the North Court street project was reached by the city council Monday evening. This was accomplished at the expense of the city work superintendent job which the council decided to discontinue until the end of the fiscal year, or until such time as new projects can be planned and carried out. R. J. Stephens has served the past year as work superintendent, coming to the city job after completion of the Rural Electrification Administration of which he was line construction superintendent.

Councilman W. C. Collins stated to the group that he believed the city's affairs should be run on the same basis as a business and that when the city's funds begin to run low the officials should curb spending to fit the pocketbook, just as any properly conducted business should be conducted. He regretted that times are such that the city would have to choose between dropping the Court street project to maintain the work superintendent, or vice versa. He made the motion that the position of work superintendent be dispensed with and the council passed it.

Charles Hodge was present and asked for a permit to erect a residence, estimated cost of which is to be \$18,000. The house will be built on an eminence adjoining and overlooking his present residence property and the Hodge Chevrolet garage. Much of the preliminary work has been done, such as building retaining walls, grading and pouring foundation walls. The request was granted.

J. W. Farra asked for and received a permit to erect a 20x24 foot garage on a lot at the rear of his building at the corner of Main and Baltimore. Estimated cost, \$600.

The question of building permits brought to mind the matter of a building inspector and Mayor Turner appointed Councilman Grabbill to that post. Also a motion was passed that a resolution be drawn up excluding lots 4 and 5 in block 6 from the Hodge residence will occupy.

The council voted to issue special stickers to commercial trucks and other vehicles making deliveries in the parking meter district for \$5 per year. It was suggested that private car owners may secure yearly parking privileges for \$50.

A permit was issued to the Union Oil company, through its representative, C. H. Turner to semi bury an 8,000 gallon diesel oil tank on the company's property in North Heppner.

Howard Keithley made application to rent one of the buildings on the city park property for storage purposes. This prompted some discussion about the lease made to J. O. Turner in November 1950 for the former machine shop building and when it was found that the discussion was leading to no decision, Keithley asked the council to name a price for sale of the building. This will be done through the usual procedure of advertising for bids.

RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA

Thos. W. Allen left Sunday for Los Angeles after spending several months here as an employee of the Gazette Times. He expected to make a few short visits en route and hoped to be in the land of perpetual sunshine by the end of this week.

TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

The Women's Missionary society of the Valby Lutheran church has extended an invitation to the public to attend the observance of its silver anniversary at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, January 21, at the church. There will be a program following the Silver tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles of Moro were week-end visitors at the home of their son, C. A. Ruggles, and family.

What's Doing In The Legislature

By REP. GILES FRENCH

There are various interpretations of the first legislative week, most of them written, naturally, to indicate the superior ability at observation of the writer. Actually the first week of this 46th legislative assembly bears a great similarity to other first weeks. A few more bills have been introduced in the senate, a few less in the house.

Analysis of committee appointments has not been made adequately. They are no better than fair and unless committee work is better than expected the session will drag on until the sound of bat against ball is abroad in the land and the grain crops are in the boot. Other factors than knowledge have been used in naming chairmen.

There are always those who feel that the problems of the state can be expedited if enough committees are brought together in a joint meeting. It isn't so, of course, but the opinion still prevails in the minds of some. So taxation committees and ways and means committees held a big meeting Tuesday and everybody was invited. Purpose: to give information to all alike, make everyone believe the same set of figures. Men come from all over the state so they will have different ideas.

Opinion growing in minds of Henry Semon, house ways and means chairman, and Rudie Wilhelm, house taxation, that appropriations must be held off and no new taxes levied. If voters can write enough letters or call on enough legislators to keep that idea uppermost there may be some economy this time, but if administrators get their mouths in legislative ears it will be the old story of the ways and means boys meeting the well puffed-up demand and the taxpayer meeting a puffed-up tax statement.

Senator Tom Mahoney, Portland Democrat, has a bill to repeal the civil service act. Tom is usually on the side of labor. Question: how come? would repeal permit labor to organize employees? would it cut out the silly classifications of the civil service? is it the gesture of an Irishman determined to halt regimentation? is the move one to help labor get the dues of 9000 state workers? how are the people affected?

The statement is reliably attributed to Cecil Posey, head of the so-called Oregon Education Association, that his group was not going to worry about the education committees this time but would concentrate on the taxation committees. The statement may indicate a further development of the long held theory that the professional "educators" in the OEA are interested in getting more money for themselves and that they have a limited interest in education. Bills to implement the Holy report are coming in; they will suggest changes in the organization of districts and of the entire state system which certainly needs it. Education committee members, with few exceptions, come from first class districts and may have to study to learn of the problems of residents of the other seven kinds of school districts. This year more than ever before there is an opportunity for the "educators" to contribute something to legislation. And they are chasing the dollar.

Resolutions to amend the constitution so that initiated bills would carry a price tag came in early. Of the purged 22 twelve are on hand to sign their names to another resolution asking that the people be informed about the cost of projects urged on the voter. There is also a resolution

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Hermiston Church To Be Consecrated

Consecration ceremonies for the St. John's Episcopal church at Hermiston have been set for 7 o'clock p. m. Sunday, January 21. Bishop Lane W. Barton and many of the clergy of the district will be present.

The Rev. Jackson Gilliam, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gilliam of Heppner, is vicar of St. John's and numerous church folk and friends from Heppner are planning to attend the service.

"Lend me a hand"

FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS

JOIN the MARCH OF DIMES

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS

The March of Dimes campaign is on in earnest. During the past week dime cards were given out to all school children, and many adults receiving contribution envelopes have made out their checks and mailed them in. It is the desire of the county director and all workers to put the campaign over by January 31. They ask that you make out a generous check and mail it in immediately to the treasurer or hand it to our district fund chairman.