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Lexington First to Top Community Chest Quota, Heppner Next

Lexington claimed the honors as being the first community in Morrow county to go over the top with its Community Chest drive when the committee Monday turned in $452.25, $2.25 over its quota of $450.

Heppner ran a close second when it attained its goal Wednesday with the reporting of $1549.-73; or $49.73 over its quota.

Drive heads, Garnet Barratt and Leslie Grant stated that they were very gratified with the response workers had received and announced that Ione, under the direction of Garland Swanson had started work in that area. Swanson said that plans there called for completion of collections in that community by next Monday.

Reports from the northern part of the county told of the organizational work being completed in Boardman with Dewey West accepting the job as chairman for that area. Others who will work with him are E. R. Forbes, Mrs. Walter Turner, Eva Briggs, Mrs. Russell Miller and Mrs. Arnold Hoffman. Plans there call for an early start on solicitation, and a meeting is scheduled for this Thursday evening to complete all arrangements.

Of the total county quota of $3100 drive treasurer LaVern Van Marter reported he had received $2001.98 by Wednesday. Both Lexington and Heppner still had several workers yet to report in. Reports from workers in rural areas were also incomplete.

At Ione, Swanson stated that workers there would canvas all residents in the Ione school district which includes a considerable area outside of town.

Quotas set up by the county committee, for those areas not yet completed are Ione, $450, Irrigon, $300; Boardman, $350 and the Hardman, Lena, Devine areas $150.

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Spray Mill Burns During Tuesday Storm, Loss Estimated $65,000

Local Wind Damage Confined to Wires

Fire apparently starting from sparks carried by the high winds completely leveled the Midstate Lumber company mill at Spray Tuesday evening. No definite loss had been established yet, but Bud Looper, superintendent estimated it around $65.000.

The mill, owned by Walter Lindstrom, Junior Daggett and Hi Merecero, all of Prineville, employed between 25 and 30 men and cut an average of 40,000 feet of lumber a day.

Looper told the Gazette Times that the fire seemed to explode and that within six minutes after it was discovered the mill was a mass of flames. The mill had some fire equipment of its own, but the fire spread so rapidly that it was impossible for the men to reach it before it burned.

A call was made to Heppner for aid when it was feared th flames would spread to residences in the town, and D. H. Jones Jr., took a Forest Service pumper and some hose from the forest service and the city on a pickup to help. His equipment was not needed, however.

The fire was discovered at about 6:00 o'clock.

Looper stated he had no information on whether the owners planned to rebuild the mill.

Local Damage Light.

In the Heppner area there was little damage reported other than to power and light lines. Pacific Power and Light reported power outages lasting approximately 30 minutes Tuesday evening due to heavy winds. Lexington and Ione suffered slightly longer periods of darkness, but all service was restored within about an hour.

Columbia Basin Electric coop reported Wednesday that it's line to Camp 5 went out about 3 a. m. Tuesday, and was not repaired until 10:00 that night. Spot outages were reported but no serious damage had resulted.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company reported a few lines down in the Lexington and Ione areas but that all phones were back in service by Wednesday morning.

The main sufferer in Heppner was the downtown Christmas decorations. While none of the evergreen streamers were blown down, many looked rather straggly Wednesday morning.

While there is no official barometer in Heppner, it was unofficially reported at a new low during the storm. One reading showed 28.95. Low pressures were recorded in most areas of the state.

Christmas Decoration Rules Are Given

Ballots will be sent shortly to all boxholders in Heppner asking them to be the judge in this year's Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Jaycee-Ettes.

Two separate contests are planned this year, one for business houses and one for residences. Deadline for business judging will be Dec. 15, with the ballots to be returned by Tuesday, Dec. 18 and residential lighting must be complete for judging by Dec. 23. Ballots for this contest must be returned by Christmas day.

The Jaycee-Ettes ask that judging be made on the overall appearance of the store or the house.

Gooseberry Weather Station Reports 1.43 Inches Rain

Leonard Carlson, official weather observer in the Gooseberry reported this week that 1.43 inches of rain was recorded at the station during November. This compares with 1.97 during the same month last year.

BURNED-OUT IONE FAMILY GIVEN NEW START WITH GIFT SHOWER

The C. C. Brenner family, whose home near Ione was burned to the ground last Wednesday were the recipients at a shower held last Sunday evening at the Ione American Legion hall. The Brenners lost practically all their household goods in the blaze.

They were given many household articles including an electric stove, refrigerator, washing machine, hot water heater bedroom set, kitchen utensils, bedding, dishes, canned goods and towels. They also received between $300 and $400 in cash. More than 200 persons were present at the shower.

The Brenner family has moved into the Sofia Ayers house in Ione.

Several of Brenner's relatives were also present Sunday evening including Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eubanks and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eubanks, both of Arlington and Mrs. Vela Eubanks of Portland.

Heppner Council Meeting Routine

At a very quiet and short meeting Monday night, the Heppner city council transacted primarily routine business which included the OKing of arrangements to use the Columbia basin electric coop's post hole digger to sink test holes throughout town in connection with preliminary engineering now being done for the city's proposed sewer system.

The digger will be used this weekend at various intersections to determine the depth at which bedrock will be encountered. Over 130 holes will be required, though many of the shallower ones, will be probed by hand.

The council heard a report that the new city well was down over 240 feet but that a crevice had been struck at 204 feet necessitating a delay while it was being plugged. Drilling has been much more rapid recently, however, with as much as 20 feet gained in one day.

The council granted a garbage disposal contract to Herman Green, who had taken the route over from Roger Connor on Dec. 1.

Legion Starts Drive For "Yanks Gifts"

The annual "Christmas Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" program is again being sponsored by the American Legion Posts throughout the state, according to officers of the Heppner post.

The drive, designed to raise cash for the purchase of Christmas gifts for patients in veterans hospitals in the state, is already started here with several Legion members in this area accepting cash donations for the program.

Each year, the state headquarters of the Legion carries out the gift program, through the aid of the various posts throughout the state. Heppner post commander Bob Corthell stated that several collection boxes will be distributed throughout Heppner and that, Bill Black, Jack Van Winkle and Jack Edmonds will accept donations for Heppner, and Bill Nichols, at the Lexington Chevron station will act as collector in that area. Ione Legion members will also accept donations there.

The request is for money rather than individual gifts, as the headquarters committee buys the gifts so that each man will receive the same present.

The drive is now started and will continue until Dec. 20.

Officers of the Heppner post stated that last year Heppner gave more to the "Gifts" program than any other smaller town in the state.

The auxiliary is also assisting.

PFC Vernon Bell departed Wednesday evening by plane for San Francisco following a week's furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Douglas Ogletree. PFC Bell has just finished his training at the U. S. Signal Corp school at Fort Benning near Augusta, Georgia and has been assigned to Headquarters in the Far East.

Livestock Meet Well Attended

From grading demonstration to banquet and cowboy shuffle, Morrow County Livestockmen adjudged their annual get-to-gether a big success.

With the program getting underway at 10:00 a. m. Saturday morning, the grading demonstration held at the Heppner Sales yard attracted sixty-five ranchers and interested persons. Led by John Landers, Livestock Specialist, Oregon State College, classes of young bulls, bulls in service, cows and weaner heifers were graded for quality by all present.

Starting off the afternoon session, held at the Elks lodge room Dr. Fred McKenzie, chief, Department of Animal Husbandry, Oregon State College, discussed with the 65 present, feed efficiency testing and its relation to the selection of breeding livestock.

Dr. McKenzie, in presenting results of feeding efficiency tests-records pointed out that daily gains of fast gaining bulls versus slow gaining had varied from 3.41 pounds to 1.34 pounds per day. Slow gaining bulls had used twice as much hay and over one third more grain for the same gains. Heifers showed differences of 2.32 pounds per day for top gainers down to 1.32 pounds for slow gainers. An average of a great number of bulls showed the top quarter to put on a gain of 2.93 pounds per day the slow gaining low quarter, gains of 1.90 pounds per day. Low gaining bulls as well as heifers in large numbers resulted in an average of one third more feed for comparable gains with fast gaining groups. Dr. McKenzie pointed out that simple farm testing could be done on heifers, steers or bulls by weighing individuals at weaning time, weighing the feed fed to the group with a final weight of individuals when they are taken off grain and hay in the spring. He pointed out that until this is done, beef cattle improvement will not progress. Dr. McKenzie further stressed that the day is soon to be here when buyers will insist on feed efficiency test records before purchasing breeding animals.

Tarry Stearns, President, Oregon State Cattleman's Association in addressing the group confined his remarks to the "Cattleman of the Year" contest sponsored by the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Mr. Stearns had with him the elaborate trophies being presented to the State Cattleman of the Year by Herman Oliver, long time John Day rancher.

Reporting on present livestock trespass laws in Morrow County, Judge Garnet Barratt, pointed out to livestockmen there were no herd laws or open range laws now in effect. He explained it would be necessary to circulate a petition for signatures of 100 livestockmen and hold a referendum to put into effect a herd law in part or all of the county. A committee has been appointed to fur-

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PRIVATE Fred W. Mankin, 21 son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin of Heppner is completing his basic airmen indoctnination course at Lackland Air Force base at San Antonia, Texas. His basic training is preparing him for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work.

Car Accident Breaks Local Woman's Arm

Mrs. Mabel Burkenbine received a broken arm as the result of an automobile accident last Friday night while she and Mrs. Gene Wells were returning from Walla Walla.

Mrs. Burkenbine's car collided with another car about 18 miles this side of the Washington city. She was taken to Walla Walla hospital but released shortly.

Mrs. Wells was not injured in the accident.

Heppner Youth Polio Victim

Gary, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones of Heppner was taken to a Walla Walla hospital Saturday evening suffering from a mild case of polio.

His physician stated that his right arm was affected slightly, but that no other parts of the body were paralyzed. He will probably remain in the hospital for about two weeks.

Garbage Service Changes Ownership

Herman Green announced this week that he has taken over the Heppner garbage disposal service formerly operated by Roger Connor. The change was effective Dec. 1.

Green, who has been employed at the Lexington Implement company, stated that he hoped to rearrange his routing and care for all customers by the end of this week.

Al Porterfield who is working in The Dalles spent the weekend in Heppner with his family.

Weather Control Committee To Continue Research

Senator Ben Day of Gold Hill and Extension Agent E. M. Nelson of The Dalles were elected chairman and secretary, respectively, of the legislative interim committee on weather control and modification. The organization meeting of the committee was held Saturday at the Senator hotel, Salem. Other members of the committee are Senator Art Lindberg, Pendleton; Representative V. T. Jackson, Roseburg; Representative Frank Farmer, Rickreall; and Ralph Crum, Ione. Senator Lindberg was unable to attend the meeting.

Crum and Nelson were appointed by Governor McKay as advisory members to the legislative committee. Crum also heads the tri-county weather research group in Morrow, Gilliam, and Sherman counties.

The committee decided it will confine its efforts to conducting investigation and research into the scientific, industrial and legal developments and advances made in the field of weather control and modification. The committee may hold public hearings and make such investigations and surveys as is deemed advisable.

Because of the far-reaching efforts of weather control and modification on the social, economic and political structure of the state and nation, and in view of the rapid and significant progress in the science of changing or altering natural weather, it was agreed by the committee last Saturday that an executive secretary should be hired to help in gathering available information on the subject. He would be expected to work part time in summarizing the data and in compiling the results of the committee's investigation and research together with recommendations for submission to the next regular legislative assembly.

The committee voted to meet again in Portland on January 26.

Senator Day was authorized also to attend a meeting in Denver, Colorado, January 10 and 11, at which leading scientists working in the field of weather research will speak, as well as top officials from the weather bureau.

Legion Auxiliary Coffees Net $60

Officers of the Heppner American Legion auxiliary announced this week that their coffee and donut chain held during recent weeks had netted the organization $60 which will be used to aid in the "Gifts for Yanks" program held each Christmas.

The auxiliary expressed thanks to everyone who took part in the chain "coffees."

COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO DATES SET FOR '52; FINANCES GOOD

September 4, 5, 6, and 7 are the dates for the 1952 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo recently selected by the Oregon Fairs association and confirmed by the Morrow County Fair Board at a meeting of that group held last week. North Morrow County Fair dates were set for August 28, 29 and 30.

Davis Amusement Company of Portland, who furnished the carnival this year, were given a contract for returning in 1952. The Board was pleased to be able to engage this carnival for a return show, as the public were much impressed by the clean, honest management of the show, reports N. C. Anderson, fair secretary.

The Fair Board in considering dates for the 1952 show spent some time in deliberating over dates that would not conflict with the State Fair, which starts this year on August 30. However, it was felt that a successful show could not be held before the first week in September, and later September dates were unsatisfactory. The second week is Pendleton Roundup, with the Grant and Sherman County fairs to be held the following week. The Board also felt that holding the Fair in early September was an advantage in getting away from conflict with school.

In summing up the 1951 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, the Fair Board found that through the cooperation of everyone considerable improvements were made to buildings and grounds and that a reasonable carryover of funds for maintenance was facilitated.

Premium checks were paid to open class exhibitors in the amount of $990.25, to 4-H members in the amount of $631.75, this year. Two thousand three hundred twenty-one paid admissions to the 1951 fair. South Morrow Countys' share of state racing and millage for fair was $6861.52. This is used for premiums, labor, improvements and maintenance such as lights, water, etc.

North Morrow County raised $4386.87 for their community fair at Boardman.

SANTA and a few of the more than 500 Heppner and Morrow county boys and girls who came to see him last Saturday afternoon in Heppner. He was met at the edge of town by members of the chamber of commerce who escorted him to the waiting crowd on a fire truck. Santa passed out candy canes to all his admirers and left a special letterbox in front of the hotel for their use. He will pick up the letters Saturday, Dec. 15 when he will again return to town.

R. B. Ferguson Chosen Cattleman of the Year

Selected as the outstanding cattleman of the year, R. B. Ferguson, Willow Creek rancher was honored at Morrow County's first winner, Saturday. Frank Anderson, President, Morrow County Livestock Growers Association, presented Mr. Ferguson with a beef replica trophy at the annual banquet in behalf of the association.

In selecting Mr. Ferguson as the top cattleman of Morrow County, consideration was given to the past history of the ranch he operates. A depleted overgrazed range in 1944 when Mr. Ferguson becam e partner with Harry Sherman, the range was built back up by deferred grazing and understocking till it is at present one of the top ranges in the county. Springs were developed to provide water over the entire range. Irrigated creek bottom fields were improved through reseeding useing alfalfa and grass mixtures. Mr. Ferguson was one of the very first to establish an irrigated pasture of the best grasses and legumes. Carrying 5 to 6 head of livestock per acre the pasture, though small, demonstrated to livestockmen on Willow Creek, the value of new grasses and legumes for greater carrying capacity.

A complete reorganization of irrigation ditches has given this ranch adequate water on all hay fields and pastures, increasing the production considerably. Flood irrigation is used on easy to irrigate fields with more land on benches growing hay and pasture crops now through use of sprinkler irrigation, installed this past year by Mr. Ferguson.

Registered shorthorns, the majority of the herd selected from top herds in Washington, Idaho, Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, make up the beef herd on the ranch. By undergrazing dryland range and irrigated pastures, the herd is kept in fat show condition at all time. Starting out with a mixed herd, selection has been carried on until only top quality animals have been retained in the herd. While all bull calves were kept for sale as breeding stock at one time, now only the top 3 or 4 calves are kept. Steers have been of highest quality and find a big demand as feeders for 4-H Club members.

Calves from his herd have fed out well, with steers taking many of the top places at 4-H shows and sales. Ronald Baker, Ione 4-H member last year, fed the champion Shorthorn at the Oregon Wheat Growers League Fat Show and Sale and the Grand Champion Steer at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Both were steers from the Ferguson herd.

Always community minded, Mr. Ferguson is credited with having much to do with the present fair facilities and in building up spirit of county fair supporters. He has served since the 1930's on Rodeo committees and the past three years on the fair board. He was instrumental in starting the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association three years ago and has served as chairman of the livestock sub-committee of the Agricultural Planning Council since 1948.

Morrow Tops State In Bond Sales

Morrow county led all counties in the state in the sale of bonds bonds during the recent U. S. Defense bond drive according to final figures announced by E. C. Sammons, state chairman. Sales in the county were $137,005 or 210.8 per cent of the quota.

Seven counties in all exceeded their quotas and they were all grouped in the central and eastern part of the state. They were Morrow 210.8 per cent of quota; Lake, 180.; Gilliam, 161.5; Union, 109.5; Wheeler, 107.2; Sherman, 102.3 and Crook, 102.2 per cent.

There were no official state or national quotas but counties accepted quotas to give them something to shoot at. The state as a whole sold 57.5 per cent of its quota.

James Driscoll, Heppner postmaster was county drive chairman.

Special School Meeting Called

A special school meeting of District No. 1 will be held in the school building in Heppner on Monday December 10, 1951 at 8:00 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on disposal of various properties owned by the district.

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale Started

Heppner boy scouts will start this week selling Christmas trees as a fund raising project for the organization.

Trees will be in place on the corner lot just east of the Farley Pontiac company and will be on sale until Christmas.

The boys report they will have a good selection of fir and spruce trees in all sizes.

Mrs. Mattie Green returned Friday from Coos Bay where she spent the past few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Omer McCaleb and family. Mrs. Green was met in Arlington by her son, Cornett.