

Tops State in 4-H Achievements



RONALD BAKER, 4-H member, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione, is shown above with Governor Earl Snell Achievement trophy. Ronald was chosen as Oregon's outstanding 4-H member in achievements during 1951. Ronald, who is now attending Washington State College enrolled in animal husbandry, was one of four from Oregon chosen to attend national 4-H club camp at Washington, D. C., last June; Oregon Grand Champion livestock showman, highest individual livestock judge and exhibited the champion shorthorn steer at Oregon Wheat Growers League fat show and sale in June, 1951. Grand champion fat steer at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo was fattened and shown by Ronald. The Governor Snell trophy, champion showmanship and judging trophies, with the Rhina Kramer trophy won by the Morrow County 4-H judging team at Pacific International are exhibited in Humphreys Drug store window as a part of the 1951 4-H achievements during national 4-H club week, March 1-9.

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A "DUSTER"

Council Abandons New Well As Hopeless

Heppner council members Monday evening voted to abandon drilling of the new city well about one and one-half miles east of town on Willow creek and investigate a possible new site for another well. The present location was given up as a "dry hole". The group decided to stop further drilling when it was reported the drilling contractor A. A. Durand of Walla Walla, had reached a depth of 590 feet without finding water in any quantity. Mem-

bers felt that even should a vein be struck, the present depth was too great to allow pumping the flow at a reasonable cost. Members expressed the belief that a crack, which was encountered at slightly over 200 feet, had probably siphoned off the water which had been expected at that depth.

The drilling contract with Durand allows the city to abandon the present well if desired, and move to a new location. Several new sites have been proposed, one being about four miles up Willow creek from Heppner near the end of the present new steel pipe line.

The need for additional water was stressed when a proposal was presented requesting the extension of an adequate water main up Hinton creek to the city limits to accommodate several planned new houses in that area and also to provide sufficient water pressure to allow for irrigation of the Rodeo field when it is turfed. Adequate fire protection for the fair buildings and county shops would also be provided by the new main. The council agreed to do everything possible to extend the main and provide the water if it could be done, but pointed out that during the driest summer months last year the city was hard pressed to keep up with the demand for water. It was hoped the now abandoned well would alleviate the shortage.

The council also granted building permits to Cleve and Martha Van Scholack for a \$12,000 residence being built on Gales street and to Harry Duvall for a \$20,000 residence on south Court street.

Also granted by the council was a new two-year garbage contract to Herman Green.

CREDIT BUREAU SOLD

Gertrude Applegate who has operated the Merchants Credit Bureau in Heppner for some time announced this week that she has sold the business to Marvin Wightman and Harold J. Sanders Jr. They will operate it in connection with their insurance business.

Mrs. Douglas Ogletree returned Monday to her teaching position in the Heppner grade school after an absence of several weeks due to illness.

Many Suggestions Made at C of C Meet

Chamber of commerce members Monday had what was classified on their program calendar as a "gripe session." It proved to be a meeting filled with more ideas than just gripes.

Robert Penland, publisher of the Gazette Times, asked whether the county or the state was responsible for road signs throughout the county and urged a program to obtain proper marking of roads throughout the area. County judge Garnet Barratt explained the state installed them, on county roads, but that the county was responsible for maintenance. Wayne West told of the forest service's troubles in keeping the signs up after they were placed stating the upkeep was higher than the original cost. He said much of the loss of road signs was attributable to hunters who used them for target practice. Dr. A. D. McMurdo suggested the use of the slogan "shoot the porkys instead of the signs" might aid in cutting down on the porcupine population in the mountains and also save many signs.

While on the matter of signs it was suggested by other members that a campaign be started urging city residents to install house numbers on their homes. It was pointed out that very few houses in Heppner had numbers, making it extremely hard for visitors or newcomers to find an address. The city council also came in for discussion when it was suggested that many intersections are in need of street signs.

Mayor J. O. Turner urged all chamber members to attend the council meeting Monday night to hear the engineers report concerning the proposed sewer system.

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Cost of Proposed New Sewer System, Disposal Plant Estimated \$318,500

Council Accepts Engineers Plans; Bond Issue Vote to be Called Soon

Plans, specifications and cost estimates for a sewer system and sewage disposal plant designed to care for the present and future needs of Heppner were presented to the city council Monday evening by L. K. Clark and Gilbert Groff, Salem engineers.

The plan, as presented in detail to the council, and accepted by the group, would include a complete system of main trunk lines and laterals to collect sewage from every part of the city, all necessary residential and business hook-up lines extending from the laterals to the property lines and a disposal plant designed to provide waste treatment up to 90%. The estimated cost of the entire project was established by the engineers at \$318,500 and was designed to meet all state and city sanitary requirements.

The two men, in explaining the various phases of the collection and disposal system, described the operation of the disposal plant, which would be located near or below the northwestern city limits, and that the sewer system was planned to give gravity drainage throughout its entire length and also for practically all basements. A breakdown of the cost estimates showed \$168,000 for the main sewer collection system, \$21,618 for the house connection spurs, and \$128,882 as the cost for the treatment plant.

Clark told council members the sewer system was planned to accommodate a population of 3,500, and the treatment plant would serve a city of 2,500. He stated the plant was designed smaller than the collection system because it could readily be added to in future years at a minimum cost should the need arise, whereas the cost of enlarging the sewers would be extensive. The two men stated their future population figures were based on an examination of growth figure for the area for past years.

The engineers also suggested a financing plan which included a bond issue of \$250,000 and individual assessments amounting to approximately \$100 per lot. The actual amount of the necessary bond issue and basis for determining just how it would be paid was discussed at length by the council members and although no definite plan was decided upon consensus of the members appeared to be that the city would probably ask for a bond issue of \$300,000 which would finance the entire project and eliminate the extra individual lot assessments. The assistance of bonding attorneys will be sought before a definite plan is established.

If such a plan is set up the only additional out-of-pocket cost to property owners would be the cost of extending their present home or business sewer system to their property line. The engineers plan called for running the individual resident's connections up to the property line from the sewer.

The council, in accepting the plans, set in motion the necessary procedures to call for an early vote of the people on the proposed bond issue. City attorney, J. J. Nys was instructed to immediately contact the Portland law firm which must pass upon municipal bond issues and request their assistance in setting up the most feasible plan. The council expressed the hope that the measure could be put up to the people at the Primary election on May 16.

The bond issue must be passed by a vote of the people before the bonds can be sold and bids called for on the construction.

The engineering firm presented maps of the sewage system and the disposal plant which show in detail the recommended plan. The main trunk collector system would start with an eight inch main at the upper ends, near the school on north Court street and up Willow creek on south Court and gradually increase to a 15 inch main at the lower end of the system. The disposal plant was designed to require practically no

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County Fishing Expected Good, Stocking Due

Morrow county fishermen are assured ample fish again this year according to a letter received last week by the Morrow county Hunters and Anglers club from the state game commission. The letter was read at the first meeting of this year by the organization February 26 and stated the commission planned to stock Willow, Rock and Rhea creeks and possibly Little Butter creek, if necessary arrangements can be completed. President L. D. Tibbles appointed a committee to investigate the stocking of the latter stream.

Dr. L. D. Tibbles was reelected president of the group, Mrs. Paul Brown secretary-treasurer, both for their third term, and Carl McDaniel was chosen vice president to replace F. C. Tolleson who has served for the past two years.

It was decided to again reserve fishing grounds for the youngsters on Willow Creek as was done last year. With the cooperation of Steve Thompson and Frank Wilkinson the younger set enjoyed some fishing, and they have agreed to again allow their property to be posted for the sole use of boys and girls. The clever signs made by Mrs. Henry Tetz will be placed in prominent spots marking the area reserved.

The Crow, Raven, and Magpie Contest will also be held this year. The committee in charge, headed by Gar Swanson of Ione, will announce opening date and further details of the contest. The Hynd Brothers of Cecil have again contributed \$25.00 to be used as a prize.

Wayne West of the Forest Service made a plea to members present to help rid the forests of porcupines, and it was decided to hold a porcupine contest.

Frank Andress donated \$15.00 in trade to be set up as one of the prizes. When the committee in charge completes details they will be announced.

Considerable discussion was held on the pheasant situation and Bob Corthell of the game commission urged the group to undertake methods of preserving cover for birds. A new game bird called the Chukker Partridge may be released in Eastern Oregon this year by the game commission and the secretary was advised to write and ask for a share of these to be released in Morrow county.

The Morrow County Hunters and Anglers voted to join the Oregon Wildlife Federation. Paul Brown showed the group some fishing movies.

Lexington Schools to Lose Two Teachers

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus P. Balsler who have both taught in the Lexington schools for the past two years stated this week that they are resigning from their positions at the end of the present school year.

Balsler taught the 7th and 8th grades and Mrs. Balsler the 3rd and 4th. Balsler was also in charge of elementary grade athletics and served as cub scout master in Lexington.

They made no statement as to their future plans other than that they hoped to get into a larger school system.

Heppner FFA Tops Hermiston Hoopsters

Heppner FFA chapter came out victors over Hermiston FFA members Friday night in two basketball games played here. The A team won 57 to 37 and the B squad easily conquered the Hermiston boys 35 to 10.

Jim Sumner and Melvin Piper officiated both games.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker had as their guests over the weekend his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Laine Walker of Goldendale, Washington.

LaVerne Van Marter, Sr. arrived Sunday from Portland and will remain for a time in Heppner with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Van Marter, Jr.

HEPPNER ELIMINATED IN TOURNAMENT PLAY, DROPS SECOND GAME TO MAUPIN

Heppner's Mustangs, though winning their first game of the district 6B basketball tournament at The Dalles Monday from Dufur by a score of 47 to 27, couldn't find the basket Tuesday and went down to defeat before a Moupin squad to the tune of 36 to 32.

A strange floor and tournament jitters apparently accounted for the loss of shooting eye as most of Heppner's top scorers through-

out the season failed to connect consistently.

Though eliminated from further competition by the Tuesday night defeat, the squad and coach Hal Whitbeck remained in The Dalles to watch the rest of the tourney.

Monday's games found the following teams coming out on top: Troutdale won over Mosier; Fossil over Arlington; Wasco over LaPine; Culver over Sisters; Cascade locks over Condon; Moro over St. Marys; Maupin over Rufus and Heppner over Dufur.

Tuesday's encounters found Parkdale measuring Fossil 46-34; Culver taking Wasco 59-25; Cascade Locks defeating Moro 38-36 and Maupin eliminating Heppner 36-32.

Scores of Wednesday's games were not available.

Snow Survey Shows Water Content High

Water content of the mountain snow pack averages 43 percent above normal and 30 percent higher than last year at this time according to snow measurements taken Friday, February 29, on the Arbuckle mountain snow course. Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation Service and Walt Ray of the Forest Service skied into the snow course and reported 44 inches of snow with a water content of 15.2 inches. Measurements taken on February 26 on the course last year showed a snow depth of 33 inches and a water content of 11.7 inches.

A water content of 10.6 inches is the average for this time of year according to records of the federal and state cooperative snow surveys.

Representative Race Gets More Entries

Interest picked up this week in the race for the two open state representative seats from this district as one more man filed and another indicated his intention.

A Condon Democrat, Robert Smith announced his candidacy and R. B. Rands of Boardman indicated Wednesday that he would seek the seat on the Republican ballot.

Previous filings have placed two Republicans in the race for the two open positions. They are C. A. Tom, Rufus and J. P. "Jack" Steiner of Fossil.

Rands is the first Morrow county man to show interest in the positions. Deadline for filing is March 7.

Heppner Boy Scouts Visit McNary Dam

29 Heppner Boy Scouts accompanied their scout leader, Bradley Fancher, spent most of Saturday at McNary going through the dam.

The boys were taken up in a school bus driven by Harry Munkers, and dam officials spent over three hours showing the scouts through the giant operation.

CITY HALL DEDICATION DATE CHANGED

Date of the dedication of the new Ione city hall building was erroneously given as March 15 in last week's story about the plans.

The dedication program will be held on Sunday, March 30 and it is planned to have several former Ione mayors present for the event.

"BOYS TOWN OF THE WEST" DIRECTOR TELLS OF OPERATION OF BOYS' CAMP

The history and operation of Camp Columbia, the Boys Town of the West, at White Salmon, Washington was explained to members of the Soroptimist club and many interested visitors last Thursday by Major F. H. Blake, camp superintendent and founder of the project.

Major Blake explained the camp was established two years ago for the purpose of giving leadership to wayward boys from 8 to 16 years of age. There are now 19 boys at the camp who have come from juvenile courts and private families in Oregon and Washington. Major Blake emphasized that the camp is dependent entirely upon public donations for its source of revenue. It receives no state or federal aid.

The idea of starting such a camp was the majors, and he was assigned three men from Fort Lewis to aid him in the project. All three of the men became so engrossed in the plan that they assigned their GI life insurance to the camp and this insurance, from Sgt. Jerry Capwell, who was later killed in Korea, provided the necessary funds to see it through the first year of its operation.

The camp, located eight miles from White Salmon, consists of 80 acres of land and a single farmhouse when it was taken over by the major. Since that time additional dormitories have been built by the boys as they were needed and could be con-

structed. At the present time Major Blake and his wife are the entire staff, though each boy has own jobs to do around the area.

There is no set charge, in the case of a boy received from a private family, and two-thirds of the boys there at the present are on a "free" basis. Families who are able to or wish to, may donate towards the boys' care. No tax funds are accepted, as in the case of boys assigned to the camp from courts. Though the direction of the operation is entirely handled by Major Blake, an advisory board of nine persons handles the financial end of the project.

Major Blake told the group that for the first time, the camp will soon have a definite budget to operate on, for the Eagles Lodge of Oregon recently voted at a convention in Klamath Falls to "big brother" the camp and provide a set amount for its continuation.

"Our past record has been exceptionally good," explained the major, practically all of the boys have been returned as useful members of society.

The major stated that though they were in need of many things to enlarge the camp, which they expect to increase to 30 boys this spring, one of the most pressing is transportation as they must take the boys several miles to school.

The Soroptimist club brought Major Blake to Heppner and the meeting was attended by many interested members of other groups.

Extension of Ione-Gooseberry Oiled Road Probable

A four to five mile extension of the Ione-Gooseberry oiled road seemed a certainty Wednesday when a delegation of residents from that area appeared before the county court with a petition requesting the improvement and checks totaling nearly \$8,000 to be used as match money with the county for the project.

The court agreed to go ahead with the project in the immediate future and the length of the oiling extension would depend upon whether the group could raise additional funds. Cost for oiling the requested five miles would run \$20,000 and if a total of \$10,000 is raised among the residents in the area the entire five mile stretch will be surfaced. However, enough funds are available at the present time to oil four miles of the road.

The court assured the delegation that the grading and graveling preparatory to the oiling would be done immediately as the county rock crusher was being moved and could be set up in the area within the next few days. Considerable graveling would be done in the area at the same time.

Oiling could not be started until later in the spring due to the weather conditions.

County judge Garnet Barratt pointed out that several stretches of county roads have been oiled or improved in recent years through the cooperation of the ranchers using the roads. Last summer a section of Reilmann grade, north of Ione, was oiled by means of matching money put up by the ranchers.

The regular meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau was held at the Markham Baker home on February 26. There were several important questions discussed at this meeting among which were the Blanket Primary of Oregon, Reappraisal of Property, Reapportionment of the Legislature, the Pelton Dam, and Universal Military Training. While no definite action was taken on these questions they will be further discussed at the next. Center meetings and then brought up again at the next county meeting for action. All members should watch for the dates of their center meetings and plan to be present to express their views on these subjects before our recommendations are sent in to the state.

Kenneth Smouse reported on information which has been received regarding the development of North Morrow County and that further surveys will be made in 1954.

Ralph Crum announced that the Interim Committee on Rainmaking will hold a hearing in Arlington on March 22 and asked that recommendations be made at that time as to what we want in the way of legislation on this subject. The Centers are being asked to make such recommendations. Though the Centers at Ione and Lexington have been active for over a year, the Heppner Center has not yet been organized and those members will be invited to attend the Lexington Center until such time that the Heppner center can be organized.

The next county meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, the place to be announced later.

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