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State Approval of Presently Owned Property to be Asked for Grade School

Special Site Election To Be Called for If Area Gets State OK

MANY ATTEND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, HEAR PROBLEMS AIRED

A step was taken Monday night toward the start of an enlarged Heppner school system when the board, at a special meeting, voted to ask approval of the state board of education for the use of the property north of the present school building, and now owned by the district, as a location for a new grade school. If approval is granted, then the board indicated that they will put the matter before the people at a special site election.

The meeting was one of the best attended in the history of any local school board, as there were more than 50 interested citizens present.

The meeting was turned into a general discussion roundtable with visitors asking many questions of the board as to the requirements for a site, the size of the proposed building and numerous other pertinent facts about the condition, size and capacity of the present plant.

A good part of the evening's discussion centered around the various sites suggested as a school location and several persons asked the board what information it had relative to the cost of the sites and the difference in building costs on them. It was pointed out that there were no actual figures available but the board instructed superintendent H. C. Reed to get these figures on the various sites and make them public. Several persons stated that before they would express an opinion at an election, they wanted to know what the overall costs would be as well as what were the advantages of one site over another.

The board made no statement as to why it favored the location on the small piece of property north of the present building, except that one member said that it was his belief that the results of the previous election (on the Cason property which was voted down) showed that the people wanted the new school on that site and that he felt they should be given an opportunity to vote upon it. He did admit, however, that it would have to be approved by the state first or an election for that location might have no meaning.

School Size Talked

After the motion was made to ask the state for approval of the present property and ask for an election if it is approved, the size of the building came in for considerable discussion and it was finally moved that when approval is requested that it be for a 12 room building with a multi-purpose room. It was pointed out by some of those present that the state had given approval of the location in the past, but that it had been for a much smaller building and that there was the possibility that because of the additional classroom space now needed that additional land might have to be purchased before it would be allowed.

An offer was made by Claud Cox that his property in west Heppner, if taken along with other adjacent property might be large enough and would offer a good sized plot of flat ground. No action was taken on the offer, but it was expected that costs on that site, as well as the various others, would be ascertained by the superintendent.

Approval Requested

Reed said Wednesday that he had already asked the state department of education to send a man to Heppner to look over the land as requested by the board. It is expected that he will be here within the next few days and that his report will be available within a short time.

The last time approval was asked for the presently owned site, for a smaller school however, the report of the state was that it would be usable, though it was much smaller than the normally required minimum acreage, but that the street separating it and the present building must be closed or moved. Plans developed at that time called for the

closure of the street and the construction of another street several hundred feet north in approximately the present channel of Hinton creek.

Reed also said that when he gathers the approximate cost figures for the several suggested sites, that they will include all expenses connected with the development of the ground, such as the above mentioned requirement of moving the street, or whatever other requirements are set by the state board.

All members of the school board were present including Mrs. Stephen Thompson, chairman; Barton Clark and L. E. Dick, directors; Superintendent Reed and Mrs. Nona Sowell, board clerk.

Midco Hereford Sale Set for October 25-26

The eighth annual Midco Hereford association show and sale has been scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26 at the Sherman county fair grounds at Moro. 49 Hereford bulls and 15 heifers have been consigned, several of them from Morrow county.

The show will be held Oct. 25 at 1 p. m. and sale the following day starting at noon. Graders will be Billy Freeman, Richland, Wn., and Jim Ellings of OSC. Auctioneer will be Ellis White of Ontario.

Consignors from this area include Frank Anderson, Eddie Brosnan, Allen Hughes and Bernard Doherty, all of Heppner and Herbert Ekstrom of Ione.

Services Held Here For James T. Ayers

Graveside services for James Thomas Ayers, 89, of Hermiston were held at the Masonic cemetery Monday, October 12, with Rev. A. E. Davis of Hermiston officiating.

Mr. Ayers homesteaded in the Butter Creek area and lived in Hermiston the past 14 years. He is survived by four sons, Frank of Heppner; Art, Lyons; Harvey T., Portland; Clayton, Echo; and two daughters, Mrs. Burl Coxen, The Dalles; Mrs. Roy Coxen of Hermiston, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Forest Fire Set In Buck Spring Area

The first man-made fire of the hunting season was reported in the Buck Horn spring area Sunday. Wayne West, ranger on the Umatilla forest, said today. The recent light rain has done more harm than good because it tends to make people careless, West said. The forest dries out rapidly, especially on the south slopes, and hunters are urged to take extra precautions with fires and cigarettes.

CHURCH TO START SUNDAY NURSERY

An Episcopal Church nursery will be instigated next Sunday, October 18, under the auspices of the Young People's Fellowship. Children may be left at the nursery at 11 a. m. to allow parents to attend morning prayer.

FARM BUREAU MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 27

The Morrow County Farm Bureau will hold an afternoon and evening meeting Tuesday, October 27, at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione, beginning at 2 p. m. A pot luck supper will be served.

Action will be taken on the resolutions to be presented at the state convention.



JACK WELLS

Exchange Student Tells of Farm Life In Bolivia

A young Oregon farmer, Jack Wells, who returned last spring from Bolivia where he lived for six months with farm families, told of his experiences at meetings in several communities in Morrow county and eastern Oregon this week.

Introduced by Mrs. Melvin Piper, county chairman of the International Farm Youth Exchange program, he spoke to the North Morrow 4-H Leaders Association Wednesday evening in Boardman, to the Ione, Heppner and Lexington schools on Thursday and at the Soroptimist club at their noon meeting at O'Donnell's on Thursday. Wells tour was scheduled this week as a result of the Soroptimist club request.

Wells, 28, an Oregon State college graduate in 1952, now operates a fruit farm with his father near Independence. He showed colored slides to illustrate his report of farm and social life he shared with Bolivian rural families.

His trip abroad was sponsored by the International Farm Youth Exchange which is designed to improve understanding between rural peoples of twenty-eight participating countries of the free world. The international goodwill program is financed by individuals, local organizations, farm youth groups and others and also brings youths from foreign countries to live and work with farm families here.

Wells is now making a series of talks to farm, civic, and youth groups throughout Oregon as a part of his contribution in sharing world understanding.

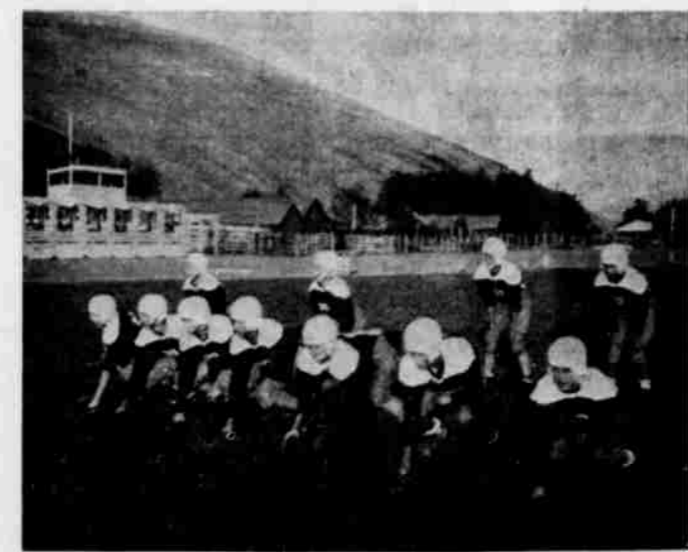
SCHOOL DIRECTORY TO BE OUT SOON

The County School Directory with school and county information should be ready for distribution next week, Leslie Grant, the county school superintendent, said today. Copies will be available at the county office in the courthouse for anyone interested, he said.

IN WHITMAN CHOIR

Shirlee McGreer of Ione was chosen a member of the 50-voice acapella Whitman Choir, Professor Kenneth E. Schilling, director of the conservatory of music, announced after completion of auditions this week.

Miss McGreer is a freshman at Whitman and the daughter of Mrs. V. E. Troedson of Ione.



HEPPNER PONIES—pictured are members of the first string grade school football team who last Thursday walloped the Pendleton 7th grade squad 20 to 0. They are coached by Jim Peterson. Shown in their new uniforms, are in the line, 1 to r, Jimmy Walker, Kay Corbin, captain Burt Gentry, Jerry Morris, Keith Peck, Conrad Leser, Jackie Eberhardt, in the backfield is Dickie Bright, Butch Laughlin, Dick Ruhl and Dick Robinson. (GT Photo)

Public Invited to Legion Dinner in Honor of Cpl. Smith

The public is invited to a pot luck supper and social evening to be given in honor of Cpl. John L. Smith by the Heppner American Legion Post No. 87, Saturday, October 17, at 7 p. m. at the Heppner Legion hall.

A program and dancing will follow the dinner. The Legion will furnish ice cream, cake, coffee, hot rolls and butter. The public is invited to bring main dishes or salads.

Corporal Smith, who was a prisoner of the Communists in North Korea for 33 months, returned to his home in Heppner in September.

Milton Morgan Tops Market

HERMISTON—Milton Morgan of Ione topped the bull market at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday with an animal weighing 1440 lbs., going for \$12.70 cwt. Delbert Anson, manager of the sale reports.

Volume was up slightly with a very active market. Consigned were 502 cattle, compared with 491 the previous week, 118 hogs compared to 99 and 230 sheep at the semi-weekly sheep sale, comparing with 56 the previous week and 467 at the previous sheep sale.

Killing cows dominated the market, mostly down fifty cents to one dollar in spots. Canner-cutter animals were fully steady. A wide spread of quality was evident resulting in somewhat uneven prices. Bidding was active and competitive, but within a limited range. Steer calves were fully steady, bulls about steady. A few fat dairy steers were consigned but fat steers were generally lacking. Light veal, of lower quality, was down \$2 in line with other markets.

The cattle market was characterized by small consignments of up to 25 head, with a shortage of fat steers and fat heifers. Top quality cattle were lacking.

An unusual number of Yakima valley feeder buyers as well as feeders from the Willamette valley south of Portland were active Friday. Local farmers were also buying stocker cattle and area and out-of-state packers were well represented.

Especially in demand at current sales are fat killing cattle of both top and commercial grades, Anson said.

The sheep market was decidedly stronger Friday, with lambs higher and older ewes proportionally higher than the previous week. Feeder and fat lambs 50 cents to \$1 higher and up to \$2 per head higher on breeding ewes. Hogs were fully \$3 lower, in line with eastern and coastal markets, and feeder and weaner pigs remained almost steady.

Anson noted strong interest on the part of buyers and consigners in the coming special sale of weaner and feeder calves and yearling steers due Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 27.

Others topping the market were J. E. Bennett, Hermiston, feeder pig, \$25.00 per hd; Hazel Shown, 2 lambs weighing 230 lbs., (Continued on page 6)

Crop Reporting Service Called Aid to Farmers

Many Morrow county farmers will receive a special crop reporting form within the next few days which county extension agent N. C. Anderson believes should receive special attention. He says the crop report form will give local farmers a chance to show how Morrow county and Oregon production this year fit into the nation's needs for farm products.

The special report form was mailed this week by Niels T. Nielsen of the crop reporting service in Portland. The county agent says it is important that the forms be filled in and returned to Nielsen's office immediately.

One of the major services of the survey, Anderson points out, is that results will help farmers discover marketing opportunities, determine when to plant and decide when to buy and sell. State and national totals will help county agents in suggesting local production adjustments where needed. The totals will be available to all farmers. Individual reports are confidential and are used only in arriving at county state, and national totals.

The survey has wide support of the agricultural economists throughout the country as an index to the total production picture. M. D. Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College, credits the survey as a valuable service to both farmers and consumers.

"With the average farmer now producing enough food and fiber for 15 persons, wrong guesses in crop planning can be costly in farm sales and consumer needs," Thomas states.

The economist says preliminary estimates of Oregon's 1953 acreage and production are already available. They are based on information obtained earlier from trade people, county agents, and from farmers who act as monthly crop reporters.

Current harvest yields, along with some shifts in earlier crop plans, make it advisable now for a more thorough check on what actually happened in 1953, according to the OSC economist.

Kathryn Campbell Committee Chairman

Kathryn Campbell of Lonerock, senior at Marylhurst college, is a committee chairman for the state convention of Future Teachers of Oregon, to be held at Marylhurst on October 17. About 100 delegates from 16 Oregon colleges are expected to attend the all-day sessions. State officers are Dick Moor of Willamette, Dick Perkins of Pacific, Myrtle Stangel of Marylhurst, and Mike Rumpakis of the University of Portland.

Miss Campbell is the daughter of Patrick Campbell of Lonerock and a graduate of Heppner high school.

Dinner Planned At Wrangler Meeting

Mrs. Archie Munkers gave a report on the cowboy breakfast at the regular business meeting of the Wranglers held Tuesday evening at the club building. The Wranglers fed approximately 525 people at the breakfast held the last day of the Heppner Rodeo.

New members of the club are Dick Calvin and family, making a total membership of 151.

A buckburger and salad dinner was planned for the night of October 24. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steers and Bonnie Steers served refreshments after the meeting.

NEW CLERK IN COUNTY OFFICE

Mrs. James Wilson has started work as an assistant in the County Clerk's office in the courthouse, Charles Barlow, county clerk, is recovering from a recent serious accident.

Mrs. Willard Blake spent the weekend visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Barratt. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Dave Wilson who has also been visiting the Barratts.

Stephen Thompson is Chosen as County Cattleman of the Year



STEVE THOMPSON—Who last week was named Morrow County's cattleman of the year. (GT Photo)

Stephen Thompson was chosen Morrow county's "cattleman of the Year" this week by the Morrow County Livestock Grower's Association. The award is based on ranch development and management, cattle improvement and citizenship and community service.

Thompson's ranch operations consist of 7,950 acres of range, 20 acres of irrigated pasture, 209 acres of irrigated hay and 1,295 acres of wheat. His ranch, acquired in 1949, is located on the outskirts of Heppner on Willow Creek. The other ranch is on Rhea Creek.

Thompson runs his cattle on a cow and calf operation with the calves sold as weaners. He had 150 cows and bred heifers the first of the year, selling 25 cows during the spring and summer. About 25 head of calves belong to his children, Terry, 17, Judy, 15, and Janet 10.

A scientific testing, vaccinating, spraying and culling replacement system is followed by Thompson in his operations. He purchases one or two bulls each year and raises some from his own registered Hereford cattle. A total of 119 calves were branded in 1953.

Originally a sheep man and a

Kindergarten Adds Second Teacher Due To Heavy Enrollment

An enrollment of 38 children at the Jay Cee-ette kindergarten has necessitated the hiring of Mrs. Herman Green to assist Mrs. Douglas Drake, Jay Cee-ette officers announced this week. Enrollment was nearly as large last year, but the classes were divided into sessions for several months. Mrs. Drake states that an average of 34 children have been attending each day this fall and according to the estimate of five-year-olds in the community, approximately 70 percent are enrolled in the class.

Proceeds of a rummage sale to be sponsored by the Jay Cee-ettes on Nov. 6 and 7 will be used to buy equipment. Since the school was opened four years ago, most of the equipment has been donated, but some of it is showing wear and tear and the large enrollment makes more equipment necessary, it was said.

Next week the Heppner Cleaners will clean free of charge all garments left with them for sale and Mrs. L. E. Dick will pick up clothing from anyone who can't take it to the cleaners.

The organization is also asking for donations of used household articles, books, toys, white elephants, good hats and shoes and other articles for their sale.

Social Security Agent Coming Here

A field representative from the La Grande social security office will be at the City Hall in Heppner on Thursday, October 22, from 9 a. m. to noon.

Residents of this area who wish to obtain social security information or apply for benefits are urged to contact the representative at this time.

RURAL BOARD GUESTS AT TEACHER'S MEETING

Members of the Morrow county rural school board and their wives were guests of the county teachers at their Oregon Education Association dinner and meeting held at Boardman Monday evening.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nys, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zivney, Boardman.

Gerald Bergstrom, Charles Stout, Phil Smith, Rudy Bergstrom and Johnny Bristow, all students at Oregon State College visited their parents over the weekend. Jack Worth of Salem accompanied them and was a guest of Charles Stout.

Thompson has a forest permit for 2,000 sheep and runs a band of ewes in addition to his farm flock of 50 Targhees. He was appointed a director of the Targhee Sheep Breeders Association when it was formed in 1951.

Ranch developments made by Thompson include one stock pond and 10 springs, seedlings of crested wheatgrass and ladak alfalfa on steep slopes, fencing, weed control, fertilization, a program of deferred grazing and continuous improvement and maintenance to buildings, corrals and equipment. All ranch improvements are financed by income from the ranch.

Thompson has been a county PMA committeeman and community committeeman for the past six years, was active in helping to organize the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and served as treasurer of the group for three years. He has been chairman of the Morrow County Fair Board for the past three years and a director of the Northwest Livestock Production Credit Association for the past five years. A member of the Masonic and Elks lodges and the Parent Teachers Association, he is also active in other local and community groups.

Through his efforts, Willow Creek, which runs about two miles through his property, has been closed to adult fishing and set aside for boys and girls under the ages of 14.

A native of Heppner, Thompson attended the Heppner schools and graduated with a B. S. degree in agriculture from Oregon State college. He worked for the Farm Security Administration until 1940 when he and his wife moved to Heppner to take over the family ranch operations.

Committee members chosen to pick the county winner for the county Livestock Association included W. E. Hughes, chairman, John Graves, Herbert Ekstrom, Robert Penland and Paul Hiler. Thompson is eligible to compete in the district and statewide competition for the cattleman of the year, sponsored by the Oregon Cattleman's Association. The county group will honor him at their annual meeting and banquet to be held December 12.

Previous cattle men of the year in the county were Raymond Ferguson in 1951 and W. E. Hughes in 1952.

Deposits Increase At First National

Quarterly statement of condition figures released by the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on September 30, 1953, deposits at the branch were \$6,157,343, and loans were \$1,195,637. Announcement of the totals was made by Mr. J. H. Bedford, manager of the branch.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for September 30, 1952. On that date, deposits were \$6,148,534, and loans were \$1,195,913.

Further figures show on September 30, 1953 deposits at the First National Bank of Portland at its 48 statewide banking offices were \$586,899,398, loans were \$298,226,073 and resources were \$644,681,835.

In releasing these figures, C. B. Stephenson, president of First National, reported that over September 30, 1952, deposits at the bank have increased \$11,423,570, loans have decreased \$5,089,063, and resources have increased \$14,572,620.

Also released at the same time were figures for the First National Bank group, consisting of the First National Bank of Portland and its 48 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 offices. On September 30, 1953, total deposits for the group were \$723,401,176, loans were \$356,739,814 and resources were \$793,979,034. These figures represent a gain in deposits of \$10,883,659, a drop in loans of \$3,026,922, and a gain in resources of \$15,776,471.