

Varied Program Planned For Stockgrowers Meet

Morrow county's livestock-growers have in store for them one of the most interesting educational and entertaining annual meetings of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association ever to be held, is the opinion of N. C. Anderson, secretary of that organization. The dates, this year, are December 11 and 12. The expanding organization has had to hold a two day annual meeting in order to get in the program that ranchers have requested.

An interesting demonstration will start off the meeting on Friday afternoon, the 11th, when Dr. Fred McKenzie, of the Animal Husbandry Department, Oregon State College, uses a dissected heifer to point out beef breeding problems. This session will be held at the fair pavilion. The game laws and range pasture improvement committees will give their reports that afternoon.

Opening at 9:30 a. m. Saturday morning, the film "Painted Canyons", provided by the Union Pacific railroad, will be shown. During the morning, the insect control committee, disease control committee, and the livestock marketing committee will report and Frank Beeson, secretary of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, will outline activities of that organization. During the afternoon, Ed Coles, livestock marketing specialist, Oregon State College, will discuss livestock marketing problems that are confronting our livestockmen at this time. The theft prevention committee will report.

Of interest to all livestockmen will be the appearance of Dr. Lloyd Williams, veterinarian, department of agriculture, of New South Wales, Australia, and Dr. M. M. Oloufa, Livestock Breeding Specialist from the State College of Agriculture, Cairo, Egypt, who will discuss agriculture in these lands.

The election of officers and the other business will include the day's meeting. Again, as in the past, a social hour and banquet will be held at the American Legion hall. Everyone is invited. There will be a brief program during the banquet, which will feature the presentation of county winners, "Cattleman of the Year" and "Grassman of the Year". Dr. McKenzie will show some colored slides and briefly discuss Australia's agriculture. Miss Hilda Zimmerman, a German exchange student, will comment on her home land. All livestockgrowers are urged to attend, and interested persons are welcome. Door prizes will be given both days.

Frank Rumble, Former Heppner Resident, Dies in Montana

Word was received in Heppner early this week of the death of Frank Rumble in Helena, Montana. No details were available as to the cause or the date of his passing.

Mr. Rumble left here several years ago after having spent most of his life in the Heppner area. His last visit here was in October.

GRAND JURY MEETS

The Morrow county grand jury met Tuesday to consider several cases presented to it. It will report its findings on Dec. 14 at the opening of the winter term of circuit court.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB TO MEET

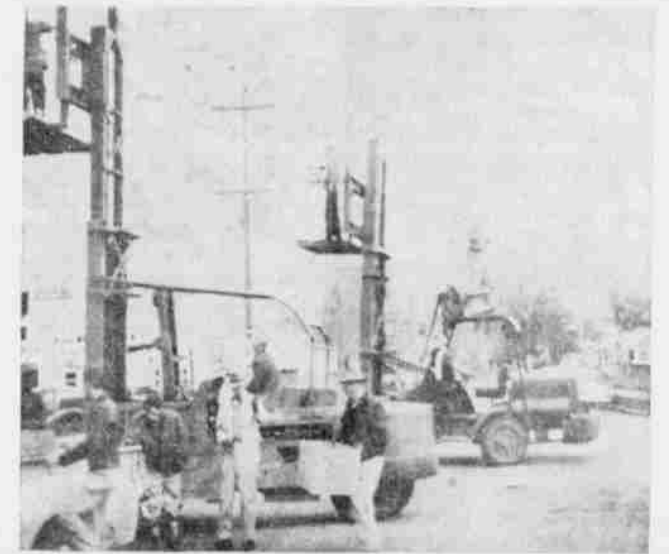
The Square Dance club will meet Saturday evening at 8:00 p. m. in the Legion hall.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Chapin were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Slyter and family of Seattle.

James Farley was in Portland the first of the week.



Heppner Streets Sparkle With Tinsel



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.—Hard at work last Sunday afternoon was the largest group of men and machines yet gathered by the chamber of commerce to hang Christmas street decorations in Heppner. More than 20 persons aided by three fork-lift trucks and drivers from the Heppner Lumber Company and a scoop truck belonging to the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company on which a platform had been built, hung sparkling tinsel and strings of colored lights in the downtown area in short order. Top photo shows the big lighted red bell being added to the strings at the intersection of Main and Willow streets. Bottom picture shows most of the equipment and several of the volunteer helpers rapidly decorating the First National Bank corner. The lift trucks would raise workers to the tops of power poles where the bright strings were quickly fastened without need of pole climbers. Fred Sanders, P. P. & L. lineman connected the lights to the power lines as fast as they were strung. Christmas trees furnished by the Forest Service were also fastened to all downtown power poles. (GT Photos)

FFA SANTA CLAUS PROJECT STYMIED— MORE TOYS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Heppner's Future Farmers of America students are rarin' to work, but to date they haven't had too much to work on, instructor James Allen said this week.

He was referring to the recently publicized toy repair and renovation project started by the students to provide Christmas toys for the county's needy children. The group has received a few donations, but are badly in need of

many more to meet the demand. The boys will accept any kind of a toy, in almost any kind of condition but they would appreciate it if the public will donate them as soon as possible so they will have more time to get them rebuilt before Christmas.

Anyone having castoff toys they are willing to donate may either leave the mat the Heppner school or phone 6-9138 and they will be picked up. Allen said,

Cemetery District Calls Election

An election to name one director for the Heppner cemetery maintenance district has been called for Monday, Dec. 7 at the Heppner city hall. The polls will be open from 2 to 7 p. m.

The one director whose term expires is county judge Garnet Barratt and he has filed for reelection to the position. No other petitions have been filed for the vacancy, though write-in space is provided on the ballot. Barratt is running for a three-year term.

The two directors who remain on the board are Mrs. Ora Evans and Paul W. Jones.

The district was formed this past summer and the people voted a 3 mill levy to allow acquisition of, maintenance or construction of cemeteries in the district.

First Reports Indicate Chest Drive Should Reach Quota

First reports of collections in the current Heppner Community Chest drive which started Monday, show a total of \$257.65 has been turned in to Chest treasurer Robert Ferrell, drive chairman George Warner reported Wednesday.

This accounts for only a very small number of the campaign workers in town, Warner said, and if other reports continue in the same vein the local quota of \$953 should easily be reached by this weekend.

The total quota for the county this year is only \$1,906, of which half of this amount has been assigned to the Heppner area.

Call Out The Gendarmes!

Somebody apparently had it in for the Legion Monday night, for while members were holding their regular meeting, someone made the rounds of cars parked around the hall and bent over at least eight radio aerials. All were bent badly enough to break when an attempt is made to straighten them.

To make the vandalism doubly embarrassing, it took place right under the nose of state policeman Bill Labhart. He is Legion Commander and was conducting the meeting.

Foreign Guests Due At Rhea Creek Grange

Three special guests, all from foreign countries, are expected for the next meeting of the Rhea Creek Grange Friday evening, Dec. 11. It was announced this week by Grange officials.

The guests will include a veterinarian from New South Wales, a livestock breeding specialist from Cairo, Egypt and a German woman exchange student who is interested in youth organization work.

A potluck dinner is planned and an invitation to attend the meeting is extended to all interested persons.

Mrs. Blanche Sanders of Hood River has returned home after visiting with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders the past five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Munkers sister and family. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkins in Dryden, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. James Healy had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Daggett and family of Condon.

Farm Bureau To Investigate Wheat Allotment System

Two Morrow County Farm Bureau members, Kenneth Peck and Oscar Peterson, were appointed at the Bureau meeting Nov. 24 in Lexington to work with a committee from the lone center to obtain information on the seasons for the variation of wheat allotments in the different states. Their prime purpose was to find out, if possible, why Oregon received such a heavy cut. The two lone center members are Henry Baker and Markham Baker.

The members also heard a report from Bill Weatherford on the Agriculture committee hearing at Pendleton and on some of the recent Cattlemen's Association meetings. Weatherford said that a poll is now being taken among cattlemen of the state to find out what type of a program they want. He also said that an investigation is being made to find a better way to grade beef so that consumers can be sure of what they are getting.

Orville Cutsforth, voting delegate to the state convention, was to give a report on the convention, but as he had not returned to Morrow county this will be scheduled for the next meeting which will be held Dec. 15 at the Rhea Creek grange hall. This meeting is set a week earlier than usual to avoid conflicts with Christmas programs.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson were guests at the meeting and Mrs. Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Owens presented several violin solos as the evening's entertainment. Wilson, Heppner Soil Conservationist, gave a short talk on the history of the local district and presented pictures showing the progress made in the area since its formation.

Casebeer Rites Held Saturday

Funeral services for Alvin L. Casebeer, 58, who died Wednesday, Nov. 25 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital were held Saturday afternoon at the Christian church with Rev. Earl L. Soward officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Casebeer was born July 8, 1895 at Silver Cliff, Colo., and had lived in Morrow county for the past 37 years. For several years he was engaged in farming, but for the past 10 years had been employed as a carpenter.

He is survived by his widow, Prudy Ellen; one son Marvin of Heppner; three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Hill, Portland, Mrs. Alvina Padberg, Ione and Miss Joyce Casebeer, Heppner; four sisters, Mrs. Carrie Noon, Portland, Mrs. Stella Gedney, Sweet Home; Mrs. Millie White, Lebanon and Mrs. Zelma Watts, Roseburg. Also surviving is his mother, Mrs. Isabella Casebeer of Roseburg and eight grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Relatives from out of town who were here for the services included Mr. and Mrs. Earl Noon, Portland; Mrs. Stella Gedney, Sweet Home; Mrs. Millie White, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gaines and Mrs. Mildred Robertson, Lebanon; Mrs. Jean Fulton, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holcomb and family, Jim Holcomb, Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Gulick, and Mrs. Sara Fowler of Seattle.

School Photo Club Elects New Officers

The photo club of Heppner high school met Wednesday, Nov. 24 at the school and elected officers for the coming year. They are Meredith Thomson, president; Dean Connor, vice-president; Judy Thompson, secretary-treasurer and Barbara Warren, reporter.

E. J. Dobbie and Harry Mitchell are club advisors.

The club wants to invite all students interested to attend the next meeting which will be held in the school lab, Monday, Dec. 14.

Republican Luncheon Be Held Wednesday

A Republican luncheon will be held at O'Donnell's Wednesday, Dec. 9 at noon. Mrs. George Geringer of Portland is to be a guest.

All Republicans are urged to attend and for reservations call Mrs. Robert Penland at 6-9228.

RAINFALL FOR 11 MONTHS WELL AHEAD OF PAST YEARS' TOTALS

of it even surpassing 1950, one of the wettest years in the past ten.

A check of records kept by Heppner weather recorder, Leonard Gilliam, shows the year's rainfall to be quite evenly distributed throughout the year even though there are two months in which there was no precipitation or practically none. July was the driest month when no measurable rain fell, and September ran it a close second when only .03 was recorded. May was the wettest with 2.33 inches.

The 11 month total for this year far exceeds last year's 11.58 inches of moisture and is even further ahead of 1951 when only 10.57 inches was recorded. It is also nearly equal to the 17.36 inches that fell during the full

Rainfall for November, 1.98 inches, brought Heppner's precipitation for the year to 15.25 inches and already assures 1953 as being the wettest year in the past three, with good prospects year of 1950. To this year's total can be added .23 inch which has fallen in this area since Tuesday.

Other areas of the county have fared nearly as well as has Heppner, with Leonard Carlson, observer in the Eightmile section reporting 14.47 inches in the first 11 months of the year. Figures for the lower end of the county are not available.

Wheat ranchers are breathing much easier than they were a year ago as the current rainfall has well saturated fields and fall seeded wheat is making excellent progress throughout the area.

Temperatures so far this fall have been extremely moderate too, in contrast with 1952 which saw the year's coldest weather in November. There have been several nights where the mercury has dropped below freezing, but there has been no severe cold.

Month by month figures at the Heppner weather station show the following rainfall in 1953:

January, 1.74
February, 2.02
March, 1.37
April, 1.11
May, 2.33
June, 1.61
July, —
August, 1.83
September, .03
October, 1.23
November, 1.98
December, (2 days) .23

Cattle Demand Tops Local Supply

HERMISTON—A top price of \$29.75 cwt. for feeder pigs marked the highest price for at least this fall at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, Delbert Anson, manager of the sale, reports.

The top, \$7.95 cwt. above the previous Friday, was paid to Rufus Piper, Lexington, for six feeder pigs weighing 555 lbs.

The usual post-holiday lull cut consignments of cattle from the 562 the previous Friday to less than half, 257 head, but volume is expected to return to normal this Friday, Anson said.

Also consigned Friday were 65 hogs, compared with 114 the previous Friday, and 33 sheep, compared with 123. Especially in demand for the sheep sale this Friday are breeding ewes and good or choice fat lambs.

Consigned in a special dairy cow sale Friday were about 25 head, all common grade Jerseys and Guernseys, bringing prices \$10 to \$15 per head above the previous Friday.

Cattle prices were generally stronger, and many buyers were present with demand far exceeding supply. Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho buyers were present.

The increase in hogs, which were of fair quality, was in line with increases at other markets late in the week due to short supply. Quality in general was low Friday, but better breeding ewes brought \$4 per head more.

Those topping the market were Julian Rauch, Lexington, 7 steer calves, 4545 lbs., \$16.80 cwt.; Skip Ruhl, Lexington, 1 350 lb. sow, \$19.80; Jim Valentine, Echo, 1 guernsey cow, \$152.50; Wayne Chapman, Pilot Rock, 20 ewes, \$17.00 per hd.; J. H. Clifton, Rieth, 3 lambs, 335 lbs., \$15.90 cwt.; Otto Broker, Stanfield, 1 910 lb. white-face cow, \$11.75 cwt.; Pearl Black, Kennewick, 1 345 lb. bear, \$14.25; Felix Johnson, Long Creek, 4 fat hogs, 810 lbs., \$23.50.

Calves: Baby calves 16.00-19.00 hd.; weaner calves-steer calves 15.00-16.50 cwt.; heifer calves 14.10-14.50; veal 16.50-17.75.

Steers—Stocker steers 13.75-14.50; feeder steers 14.85-16.35; no fat slaughter steers, no fat heifers.

Cows: Dairy cows 100.00-152.50 hd.; dairy heifers 45.00-85.00 hd.; stock cows 100.00-127.60 hd.

Slaughter cows—Commercial 11.00-11.75 cwt.; utility 9.50-10.75; canner-cutter 7.50-9.00; shells 6.25-7.00.

Bulls—10.50-11.90 cwt.

Hogs—Weaner pigs 6.50-13.00 hd.; feeder pigs 23.40-29.75 cwt.; fat hogs 22.80-23.50 cwt.; sows, 18.10-19.80 cwt.; boars 14.25 cwt. 1 only.

Sheep—Feeder lambs 14.50-15.00 cwt.; fat lambs 15.00-15.90; ewes 17.00 hd.; no bucks.

Local Group Joins Drive to "Put Christ Back Into Christmas"

Members of the Heppner ministerial association this week are joining with churches and other groups in Portland and throughout the state in a campaign to "Put Christ Back Into Christmas."

Local pastors are urging church members to emphasize at every opportunity the real meaning of Christmas through the display of special posters, observance of the holy spirit of the occasion and other means.

The campaign has received considerable publicity in Portland papers and that city's mayor, Fred L. Peterson issued a special proclamation encouraging the idea.

City Sets Price On Park For School Site Use

City Voters Must Approve Sale Plan

The Heppner city council at a special meeting Friday evening set a tentative price on its present city park property located on north Main street for which it would sell it to the school district for a new grade school site, but there were a lot of "ifs" connected with the plan.

The council established a tentative price of \$13,000 for the land, subject to the approval of the voters of Heppner, subject also to the approval of the voters of school district No. 1 who must decide whether they want a school on that location, and again subject to an agreement between the school district and the Jay Coes and Jay Cee-ettes, who have a five year lease on the old civic building which the organizations are now using to house kindergarten classes.

The council's decision was a result of a letter from city school superintendent H. C. Reed requesting that a price be established on the property. Reed was recently instructed by the school board to obtain cost figures on four sites selected by the board as possible locations for a new school. The city park land, in conjunction with the present Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company, property was one of the suggested sites.

Council members discussed the request at length during the meeting and decided that before it would agree to sell the property, should the school district want it, the people of Heppner should have the opportunity to express their opinion as to whether it should be sold or retained by the city as a park, as has been contemplated for several years.

The council also informed the school district that it would have to negotiate an agreement with the Jay Coes and the Jay Cee-ettes to break the lease on the buildings. It has two years yet to run. The club has made no official statement as to its feelings.

The other proposed sites upon which cost figures, not only for purchase but also for preparation of the land for construction, are to be obtained by Reed are the presently owned and the Dick-George property, which is considered as one site; the hospital hill site and property in the west end of town owned by Claud Cox and N. C. Anderson.

No information is available as to the possible cost of the Tum-A-Lum property.

The \$13,000 for the park property was set as a fair price by the council, though this is only a tentative figure. The land, though narrow in width, is nearly two blocks in length.

Two School Crosswalk Blinker Lights Are Ordered By C of C

Two school crossing warning blinker lights were ordered by the chamber of commerce this week and will be installed over dangerous crosswalks as soon as they arrive, it was announced on Monday.

The purchase of the two lights, culmination of a drive to obtain funds for such a purpose, was ordered after it was found the lights could be obtained and installed for approximately \$100 each. The Heppner Lumber Company started the drive by offering to put up the cost of one light, and it is expected that aid from other organizations and individual donations will cover the cost of the other.

They will be installed on Main street at the Tum-A-Lum corner and at the Court street crosswalk in front of the court house.

LEXINGTON P-TA TO MEET

The Lexington P-TA will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. There will be a program of Christmas music and all parents are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. W. M. Fisher in Post Falls, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson were in Spokane over the weekend visiting with relatives. Alex Thompson spent last Friday in Portland on business.

Glen Ward spent Thanksgiving at the home of his parents in Haines, Oregon.