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KIDS AND EASTER EGGS got together last Saturday morning during the first annual Lions club Easter egg hunt held at the court house park. Here hunt chairman, John Ernsdorf is giving the older group, in the background, instructions. The smaller children had a special area reserved for them.



NUMBER ONE—This little girl was one of the first of the younger group to find an egg. It quickly disappeared in the sack and she continued her search.



HOW MANY 'VE YOU GOT?—These two took time out to compare their findings after the first rush was over.



LE' ME LOOK!—This boy carefully guarded his findings as an inquisitive girl checks on his sack of colored eggs. The GT photographer had considerable trouble stopping the youngsters long enough to get their pictures, let alone find out their names, but all 200 to 300 of the children thoroughly enjoyed the event sponsored by the local Lions club. Specially marked eggs brought special cash prizes of 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents to lucky kids. Nearly 50 dozen eggs were hidden on the grounds.

"WINDSHIELD POX" EPIDEMIC HITS LOCALLY, THREE CASES REPORTED

"Windshield pox" hit Morrow county this week, along with much of the rest of the west coast, and one case of the phenomenon nearly two weeks old turned up in police reports.

Two well substantiated cases of the windshield damage were reported early this week, one to a car parked in Heppner and another occurring while the car was being driven here from Walla Walla. Floyd Sayers reported the first case of the damage to his car which occurred Sunday or early Monday. He had been watching his windshield and Monday found nearly a dozen small holes in the glass. In this case there were small blobs of brown mud on the glass, which when removed brought a small segment of the glass with it.

Mrs. Roy Orwick reported the damage to her car came while returning to Heppner from Walla Walla Sunday. She said the first appearance of damage came when drops of liquid, which looked like rain hit the windshield. While she watched, bubbles appeared in the glass at the spot where the drops had hit. Some of the spots also took the form of small pits in the glass, similar to the thousands of others reported during the past several days.

time, but was parked in the open. He said there were at least 25 small holes in the glass.

Rosewall Motor company in Heppner, while not reporting any damaged windshields as yet, have been taking precaution with new cars and trucks which must be parked in the open by keeping the glass covered with heavy paper.

Reports continue to come in from many new sections reporting the windshield damage which first started in northwest Washington. Numerous ideas as to the cause of the trouble have been advanced, but to date nothing definite has been proven.

Cub Scout Carnival Set For April 30

Plans are complete for the Cub Scout carnival to be held Friday, April 30 at the Fair pavilion in Heppner. It was announced today by members of the scout council.

The event will open at 7:30 p. m. and the persons in charge say there will be games and fun for everyone, parents and children included. There will be the usual carnival attractions including a shooting gallery, hot rod rides, fish pond, a refreshment stand and many other attractions.

Cubs from all five local dens have been preparing prizes for the event and the boys will handle the concessions during the evening, it was announced.

Additional Wheat Allotment Cut Predicted for '54

Morrow County Wheat Growers holding their annual spring meeting at the Lexington Grange hall Saturday evening heard an update to the minute farm program ideas from Washington, D. C. Jack Smith, Chairman of the Federal Agricultural Programs, Oregon Wheat Growers League, who had just returned from Washington, D. C. made a report on findings there.

The most startling to those present was the statement Mr. Smith reported from Washington that it was most evident that there is still too much wheat with no reduction in sight. He stated that the proposed acreage allotment for the next year appeared likely to be 13% less than the 1953-54 acreage. This would put Morrow County Wheat Growers in a disastrous predicament of leaving 45% of their land out of production.

The meeting with H. G. Campbell, chairman, in charge, heard committee reports from all standing committees. The Oregon Wheat Growers League new film "Give Us This Day" was shown to those present.

Rose Schmid, Home Economist, Oregon Wheat Growers League, distributed packages of Pilaf, the new wheat food that is becoming popular in Oregon. Interest is being shown in establishing a manufacturing plant for this product in Eastern Oregon.

Dick Baum, Executive Secretary introduced Oregon Wheat Commission administrator, Joe Spurr, and Glen Purnell, who has just been added to the staff of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Eighty-five Morrow County farmers attended the Saturday meet.

Mrs. Russell O'Donnell Taken by Death Services Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth O'Donnell, 26, who passed away Thursday, April 15 at Pioneer Memorial hospital following a lingering illness, were held at 10 a. m. Monday, April 19 at St. Patrick's church in Heppner. Rosary was said Sunday evening by Rev. Francis McCormack.

Mary Elizabeth Kelley was born August 20, 1928 at John Day and was a graduate of St. Francis Academy at Baker. She came to Heppner in 1945 and was married to Russell O'Donnell December 12, 1948.

Surviving besides her husband are three small children, Dennis, John and Maryanne; her mother, Mrs. Ivy Kelley of Lebanon; and her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Paine of Pendleton.

Pallbearers were Luke Bibby, O. L. Haguewood, Bill Padberg, Jr.; Barney Udelhoffer, James Healy and Bill Cohn, interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Creswick and Seuell Mortuary were in charge of arrangements.

Court House Grounds Get Landscape Gift

Work is under way this week on the landscaping of the county court house grounds, the entire project being a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duval of Heppner.

Shrubs of a wide variety have been planted around the base of the building and several small plots of evergreens will add to the attractiveness of the entire area. In addition the pump house, located at the back corner of the park area has received a new coat of paint to complete the refurbishing of the grounds.

J. E. Madlock and Lee Hughes of Winlock, Ore., were business visitors in Heppner Monday.

Grain Storage Problem Eases; New River Facilities to be Built

\$175,000 Docks to Rise in North Morrow

The grain storage situation in the Pacific Northwest looks much better than it did three months ago, and it appears that there will be more storage than will be needed, so reports state.

At Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers points out that there is still the problem of moving a vast quantity of grain quickly enough to insure handling of the 1954 crop of wheat and barley. He feels the determining factor will be the availability of box cars. The railroads report, however, that they will be able to supply an adequate number of cars, and if so, the Grain Growers manager said he felt there is no doubt that all of Morrow County's wheat and barley can be taken care of.

New Dock Facilities Due

Lamb also announced that another factor which greatly improves the county's storage prospects is the construction of a new elevator and barge loading facility near the Paterson ferry landing on the Columbia river in north Morrow county.

Actual construction of this 150,000 bushel unit, which will cost \$175,000, will begin within a few days and the contract calls for completion in time for use during this year's harvest.

The new Paterson terminal elevator will be constructed by the Continental Grain Company, which has west coast offices in Portland, and it will be leased to the Morrow County Grain Growers for a period of five years. The cooperative also has an option to purchase the facilities at the end of the lease period.

W. E. Meiena of Ione is the contractor and the dock is to be built so that it can handle ocean going barges when they can reach this section of the river.

Lamb pointed out that during harvest it is always necessary to move upwards of 1,000,000 bushels of grain out of the area to keep up with harvesting and the new Paterson facility will greatly aid in handling this wheat. He said that most of the grain will move through Arlington, Paterson and by rail, with more than half of the total expected to go by rail.

The new Columbia river docks will be located adjacent to the Paterson ferry landing.

Chamber Joins in Requests For New County Health Nurse

The Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce this week joined with many other county organizations in requesting the county court to take any action necessary to fill the long-vacant position of county health nurse.

The group passed a resolution, which was sent to the court, asking that it take all necessary means to make the position as attractive as possible in an attempt to find a replacement for Miss Martha Tapanainen, who resigned last October. The office has been vacant since that time.

The resolution pointed out that county school and individual family health programs were suffering from the lack of a county nurse and urged that every means be taken to fill the post.

GRANGERS TO TOUR McNARY DAM

Pomona Master Ray Drake announced that Morrow county grangers will meet with Umatilla county grangers Sunday, April 25 at a business meeting, committee reports and special music.

All members are urged to be present and especially the new members.

Stallcup Reported That With Cash Market For Wheat Rimming Several Cents Per Bushel Under Loan It Appears That Practically None of Last Year's Wheat Crop Will Be Redeemed From the Loans.

However, due to the ship storage program and heavy construction of elevators, it appears that the new crop of wheat and barley will all find adequate storage space. The planned shipment of over 16 million bushels of wheat and 900,000 bushels of barley to Japan during May and June also helps to assure adequate storage for the area's grain.

Stallcup reports that at least 47 million bushels of new commercial elevator space has been constructed in the northwest since last harvest. And, added to the new commercial storage available is the 30 million bushels of storage in the surplus ships which will begin loading in May in the Portland area. 15 of these ships have already been loaded at Puget Sound docks where a total of 43 are available. The ships already loaded have averaged 230,000 bushels each.

P-TA Asks City To Donate Park Property For School Use

The Heppner Parent-Teachers association last Wednesday night passed a resolution asking the city of Heppner to donate its park property on Main street to the school district as part of a site for a new elementary school. The area, along with other lands, is part of the Tum-A-Lum site recently approved by voters. The council had previously set a price of \$13,000 on the plot.

During the meeting, at which about 125 persons were in attendance, the group went on record as favoring the necessary bond issue to finance construction of the new school.

Word Received Of Death of Doris Hayes

Word was received in Heppner today of the death of Mrs. Homer Hayes of Portland. She was the former Doris Cox, daughter of Harold Cox of Heppner.

She was raised in Morrow county and her husband was chief of police in Heppner for a number of years.

Details were not available as to when or where the services would be held.

Farm Bureau To Have Potluck and Meeting

The Morrow county Farm Bureau will meet Tuesday evening April 27 at Willows grange hall in Ione. There will be a potluck supper at 6:45 p. m. followed by a business meeting, committee reports and special music.

All members are urged to be present and especially the new members.



JOSEPH ALDEN, who will teach next year, replacing James the 7th grade at Heppner school Peterson who has resigned effective at the end of the present school year. Alden is a native of Kinzua, and taught there for several years. He comes to Heppner from Weston where he has been teaching for the past three years. He is a graduate of Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Voter Registration Shows Slight Drop

Practically complete registration figures for Morrow county were compiled today by Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk and showed a slight drop in total voter registration for the county, but not as much of a decrease as has been reported from some other sections of the state.

As in the past, Republicans hold nearly a 2 to 1 lead over the Democrats according to the figures which include all recent registrations with the exception of those from Boardman which had not yet been received at the clerk's office. Total registration is 2305 which is a decrease of 174 from the 1952 total of 2509. Of these 1428 are Republicans and 867 Democrat. The 1952 division was 1532 Republican and 932 Democrat.

Daily Train Service Due on Two Lines

Daily train service will start on the Heppner and the Condon branch lines of the Union Pacific railroad as soon as volume shipping begins it was announced this week.

Word of the plans for hauling the expected heavy shipment of grain from early May through the coming harvest was received in a letter to Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers from T. J. Dowd, general freight agent for Union Pacific in Portland.

Dowd further advised that the railroad is now assembling equipment to protect the anticipated heavy movement of grain to the terminals for export and storage. He reported that the company has already stored a fair supply of cars at county points for use when needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans had as their Sunday dinner guests Ben Buschke, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kari of Pendleton, Mrs. Minnie Forbes, and Mrs. Anne Smouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Grotte and children were weekend visitors to Portland.

Homemakers to Hear State Extension Agent At May 5 Festival

Miss Viola Hansen, state extension agent in home economics, will be comparing refugee life in Europe today with conditions as she saw them in 1950 at the annual Morrow county Homemakers' Festival, May 5, at the fair pavilion in Heppner. Her topic at the festival is "Why We Should Be Interested in the Refugee Problem in Europe."

Miss Hansen spent 10 weeks in the Stuttgart area in Germany in 1950 interviewing displaced persons for the Lutheran World Federation, one of the groups helping refugees build new lives. Later that summer she attended the triennial conference of the Associated Country Women of the World in Copenhagen, Denmark, and visited Switzerland, Austria, France and England.

That winter she held a Carnegie fellowship at Harvard university, working for her masters degree, and rejoined the extension service of Oregon State college in July 1951. She had been Linn county home agent from 1944 to 1950.

Miss Hansen has been a favorite speaker in 15 other counties in Oregon, according to Mrs. Maud C. Casswell, county extension agent, home economics.

Services Held For Mrs. Lorena Cole At Christian Church

Services were held Monday, April 19 at the Christian church in Heppner for Mrs. Lorena Cole, 58, who passed away April 16 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Rev. Earl L. Soward officiated.

She was born at Hardman April 2, 1896, the daughter of Emery and Frances Sperry and she lived most of her life in Morrow county.

The remains were taken to the Portland Memorial for cremation. There was a short service held there for the immediate family with Rev. Palmer Sallien, officiating.

She is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Harvey Harshman, Heppner; Mrs. Walter Farrants, Heppner; Mrs. Bert Ward, Townsend, Montana; Mrs. Blaine Chapel and Mrs. Roy Thomas both of Heppner. Five nephews, 5 nieces, 9 great nieces, 4 great nephews and one great-great nephew.

Local Students Win Bookkeeping Awards

Thirteen Heppner high school students received certificates of achievement in the March 17th annual International bookkeeping contest sponsored by the Business Education World.

Superior rating was given to Clarice Hastings, Joan Wright, Sally Palmer, Jean Marie Graham, David Cox, Lydie Jensen, Dick Kononen, Pat Davis, and Lillian Elde.

Acceptable rating was awarded to Jim Green, Delores Duran, Mary Ruth Green, and Barbara Prock.

The official contest problem was the preparation of a trial balance of differences after adjustments had been made.

Students papers were graded on accuracy, penmanship, attention to instruction, neatness, and correct spelling.

The complete returns will be given in the June issue of the Business Education World.

Hospital Cares for 1209 Patients in 1953; Profit Shown

Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner operated at an average of 96 percent of its total bed capacity during 1953, and just one-half of the patients came from Morrow county.

These figures, and many other interesting facts came to light this week with the completion of a check of patient records for the past year, and bore out the belief of the county court (and the public who voted a special tax levy for construction of a new hospital wing) that additional facilities are badly needed at the hospital. The figures show a total of 1209 patients were cared for during the year with 606, or 50.3 percent of

them coming from Morrow county. Gilliam county supplied 168 or 13.9 percent; Wheeler 285 or 23.7 percent; Umatilla 118 or 9.4 percent of the total. 32 patients, or 2.7 percent of the total resided in other areas.

A further breakdown of the residence of the hospital's patients showed the following:

- Morrow county—Heppner 406; Ione 111; Lexington 54; Boardman and Irrigon 33; Cecil 5; Hardman 3.
- Gilliam county—Condon 130; Lone Rock 13; Mayville 3 and others 12.
- Umatilla county—Hermiston, Echo, Stanfield 86;

Umatilla, McNary, Ordance 29; other 3.

Nursing Home Full

The above figures applied only to the 15 beds in the general hospital section of the plant and did not include those patients being cared for in the nursing home section which has a bed capacity of 10 and operated at 93 percent of capacity, or an average bed use of 9.3 per day.

Birth records show a total of 221 babies came into the world at the local hospital with 113 of them being boys and 108 girls.

Total Too High

The extremely high figure of 96 percent occupancy of total

hospital capacity, which is a daily average of 14.4 patients for the 15 beds, far exceeding the recommendation of the U. S. Public Health Service. The Service recommends that for efficient patient care and operation, and to leave some margin for emergency, that a hospital should not operate at over 65 percent of its total bed capacity.

Profit and loss figures for 1953 show that the institution had an operating income of \$122,155.90 and operating expenses of \$116,567.70 which left a net profit of \$5,588.20. These figures do not include such non-operating expenses as equipment purchases,

depreciation or a bad debt fund and some of these are made up from a special hospital maintenance fund set up by the county \$12,000 was budgeted for this fund, but only \$9,000 of the amount was used and it is hoped that when the new wing is completed, that additional income from this source will make the special maintenance fund unnecessary.

As announced recently, plans are now being completed for the new bedroom addition to the building and the county court hopes to call for construction bids within a short time.