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Two To Seek Three Year Term on Local School Board

Collison and John Ernsdorff to Run

Interest in the coming election to name one new director to the board of Heppner school district No. 1 heightened late this week with the announcement Wednesday by Edgar Collison of Heppner that he planned to seek the post. John Ernsdorff, administrator of Pioneer Memorial hospital, had previously announced that he would be a candidate.

The one position which can be filled at next Monday's election is for a three year term which has been held by Barton Clark, who recently announced that he would not be a candidate. One other post on the three-person board, soon to be vacant due to the resignation of Mrs. Stephen Thompson effective July 1, will be filled after that date either by appointment by the county school superintendent or at a special election to be called by the board. Howard Cleveland, local rancher has indicated his desire to run for the position which is for a one-year term.

In announcing his willingness to accept the position, Collison said Wednesday that he made the decision after he had received numerous requests from residents of the district that he run. His policy toward school operation and problems appears similar to Ernsdorff's who said that he "will do everything in my power to get the most for the money in any program to alleviate the crowded conditions existing in the Heppner schools." Collison also expressed similar ideas in pointing to the need for additional classroom space in the school system. A special election on a bond issue for the construction of a new grade school has been set for July 6, which, if approved by the voters, will give the board the go-ahead on a building program.

The Monday election, which will be held at the Heppner school from 3 to 6 o'clock, is the annual school meeting and election of directors. The only hold-over member of the board, after Mrs. Thompson's resignation becomes effective, is L. E. Dick Jr. who was elected last year.

Funeral Rites Held For Naomi Smith

Funeral services for Miss Naomi Jane Smith, 71, who died at Pendleton June 10, were held from the Creswick and Seuell mortuary Monday afternoon, June 14, with the Rev. Earl L. Soward officiating.

Miss Smith was born December 21, 1882 in Washington county, Missouri, the daughter of Henry and Emmazetta Smith. She came with her parents to Oregon at the age of 8. A former resident of this area, she has lived in Pendleton the past 25 years.

Her only survivors are five nieces; Mrs. Maude Lutkins, Ione; Mrs. Flora Schunk, Heppner; Mrs. Dolly Allstott, Ione; Mrs. Cecile Hoyt and Love Devore, Portland and four nephews: Frank Barlow, Martinez, Calif.; Alvin Barlow, Ione; Everett Barlow, Lexington and Dale Royce, San Francisco.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick and Seuell in charge of arrangements.

High School English Teacher Signed Here

W. James Popham, Portland last week accepted a position with the Heppner schools to teach high school English, social science and speech, superintendent H. C. Reed announced this week. He will replace Harry C. Mitchell who resigned at the end of last school year.

Popham is a graduate of the University of Portland and will move here with his wife in the near future.

AGRICULTURALISTS ATTEND UNION SHOW

Attending the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union last week N. C. Anderson, county agent, James Allen, F. F. A. instructor, and the F. F. A. judging team composed of Stephen Green, Jack Monagle and Roy Hughes. Anderson judged 4-H contests, demonstrations and showmanship.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford have returned from a week's vacation to Wenatchee and Long Beach, Wash.



Shown is the concert troupe of the Hermiston Emblem club who will present a minstrel, "Way Down South" at the high school auditorium Friday, June 18, at 8 p. m.

Sponsored by the Elks lodge for the benefit of Camp Columbia, Boys Town of the West, at White Salmon, Wash., other organizations helping are the American Legion Auxiliary, Rebekah lodge and the Soroptimists.

Tickets will be on sale at Turner, Van Marter and Bryant insurance office and will be available from Mrs. Olive Hughes, Mrs. Don Bellenbrock, Mrs. Sara McNamer, Mrs. Phil Blakney, Mrs. E. E. Gonty, Mrs. Ethel Adams and H. E. Warner at Lexington. Under the direction of Mrs. Robert Davidson, Lexington the Girl Scouts in Lexington and Heppner will also sell tickets. Camp Columbia is a rehabilitation center for boys with problems similar to those of the Nebraska Father Flannigan "Boys Town" with any race or creed accepted.

Fair and Rodeo Stock Contracted, Events Slated

Members of the Morrow county fair and rodeo royal court and their parents met with rodeo officials at the fair grounds Sunday afternoon for briefing on royal court activities and responsibilities for the county fair and rodeo September 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Miss Martha Campbell is official chaperon for the royal court this year. Publicity pictures were taken of the court in their new cowgirl outfits. Members of the court are queen Grace Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell K. Miller, Boardman; and princess Deanna Steagall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, Lexington; Patsy Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright Christine Swaggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Swaggart; and Janet Howton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Howton, Ione.

Rodeo arrangements are nearly completed with stock contracted from Christensen Brothers, Eugene. Events will include saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, bull riding and steer ribbon roping. The latter event is new to the Heppner show and replaces wild cow milking. The rodeo show is approved by the International Rodeo association and the Rodeo Cowboy association. Harold Erwin is chairman of the rodeo committee.

Mel Lambert, Salem, will announce the show this year. He has announced at the State fair, the Pacific International and other big shows in the northwest. The carnival attraction will be the Inland Empire Shows from Lewiston, Idaho.

Fair premium books are nearly completed and should be ready for the printers this week. N. C. Anderson, secretary of the fair and rodeo committee, said. Applications for booths and exhibit space will now be accepted at the county agent's office from clubs, farm organizations, individuals and commercial exhibitors.

New home economics and agriculture fair superintendents in the 4-H division this year are Mrs. Claude Graham, and Mrs. Earle Kendall, foods; Mrs. L. H. Rill, food preservation; Delwin Nelson, Lexington, and Phil Emert, Ione, hogs; and Bernard Doherty sheep. In open class exhibits a new class has been opened for textile painting and ceramics, formerly exhibited under photography and miscellaneous arts. Mrs. D. O. Nelson and Mrs. James Lindsay are new superintendents. Booths for upholstery and county exhibits have been discontinued this year.

Kickoff dance of the fair and rodeo will be held July 24 at the fair pavilion. Other dances scheduled are the Lexington Grange princess dance, July 31; Willows Grange princess dance August 7; Rhea Creek Grange princess dance, August 21 and the Queen's dance, August 27. Fair dances will be September 3 and 4. Jack Van Winkle is chairman of the dance committee.

Non-Wheat Producing Lands Said Eligible For 1955 Allotment

Paul W. Tews, office manager of the local ASC (PMA) office today announced that farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain during all of the years 1952, 1953 and 1954 may apply for a 1955 wheat acreage allotment.

Tews said that to be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county ASC committee by June 30. Application forms are available at the ASC office for use in filing requests for the allotment he said.

It was also announced today that the 1954 CCC wheat loan rate for Morrow county would be \$2.24 for No. 1 wheat which is stored in approved storage facilities, though complete information on storage requirements have not yet been received by the local ASC office.

Location of Elks Picnic Changed

The entertainment committee of the Elks lodge announced Wednesday that the location of the annual Elks picnic, to be held Sunday, June 20 has been changed from the Blue Mountain ranch to Battle Mountain state park several miles south of Nye Junction on highway 395.

Officers said that the change of location was made necessary by the heavy rains of the past two weeks which have made the road into the ranch picnic grounds practically impassible. The picnic is scheduled to start at 11 o'clock.

Attorney General to Visit Here on Tour Of Eastern Oregon

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton will leave Salem Sunday, June 20, to confer with district attorneys and law enforcement officers of six eastern Oregon counties. On Monday Thornton will visit both Burns and Canyon City to confer with district attorney James M. Burns of Harney county and Michael S. Mogan of Grant county. Tuesday Thornton will travel to Fos-sil and Condon to meet with district attorney, Robert B. Abrams of Wheeler county and William Bennett of Gilliam county. Thursday, June 24, the Attorney General will come to Morrow county to meet with district attorney Bradley D. Fancher of Heppner. He will wind up his swing on Friday by travelling to Moro to meet with district attorney T. Lester Johnson of Sherman county.

The conferences with the district attorneys of the six eastern Oregon counties are part of a program begun last year to meet with local district attorneys and the law enforcement officials throughout the state, Thornton said.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Burkenbine and family have returned from a week's trip to California.

Bids for Hospital Addition Called For July 14

The county court announced Wednesday that bids for the new bedroom wing for Pioneer Memorial hospital will be opened on Wednesday, July 14 and that it is hoped that construction of the badly needed addition can start immediately thereafter.

The call for bids was issued early this week by the firm of Roald Schmeer and Harrington, Portland architects for the construction of a new wing to adjoin the present building on the south. The addition will house 15 additional general hospital beds, bringing the total to 30, and 6 additional nursing home beds on the lower floor of the building. This will provide a total of 16 beds in the latter section of the hospital.

In addition the plans call for the installation of a bed size elevator in the new unit and a public health center will be located on the lower floor which is to include offices for a county health nurse. The project is expected to cost slightly in excess of \$120,000 and will be financed by federal Hill-Burton funds and money raised from a special tax levy voted last year in the county.

The need for the additional bed facilities at the hospital has been quite apparent for the past two years and during one recent month the institution has operated at over 100 percent average occupancy. On several occasions recently it has been necessary to place as many as five beds in the hospital halls to care for the patients.

Most of the rooms in the new wing are to be either private rooms or two-bed rooms, it was said. A new incinerator is also called for in the architect's plans.

Legion Junior Team Beat in Sunday Game

The Heppner American Legion Junior baseball team lost to the Milton-Freewater Junior Legion team with a score of 3 to 1 in a game played at Milton-Freewater Sunday afternoon.

All scores were made in the first inning. Battery for the Heppner team were Ernie Drake, pitcher and Larry Groves, catcher.

Scheduled Legion games for the local team are with Baker at Heppner, June 20; with Hermiston at Hermiston, June 27; with Baker at Baker, July 4; with Hermiston at Heppner, July 11, and with Milton-Freewater at Heppner July 18.

Winners of this district tournament, which is district 6, will play the winners of district 7 in a game slated before July 20 for the right to enter the state play-offs. District 7 is composed of John Day, Vale, Ontario and Nyssa. The Heppner team, sponsored by the local American Legion post, will also play a game with John Day.

Season tickets for games are now on sale by members of Legion post number 87.

Continuing Storms Bring June Rainfall Total to 2.63 Inches

Rain continued to fall intermittently over most of the county during the past week, and there were a few reports of some hail early this week, but as far as could be told no crop damage resulted from the storms. No local insurance agent had received any hail damage claims up to Wednesday night, a check showed.

The additional precipitation during the week brought the total for June recorded at the Heppner weather station to 2.63 inches, nearly two inches of it falling in two storms last week. The numerous thunder-storms and showers during the past week, though quite spotty, added more than one-half inch to the total here.

Most ranchers appear pretty well satisfied with the month's rainfall, in fact, most with down hay are looking forward to a few days of warm weather to give them a chance to get it off the ground.

According to reports, all sections of the county have received ample rainfall to assure at least an average wheat yield.

July 6 Date Set For Bond Election

Wednesday, July 6 has been set as the date for the special bond election in school district No. 1. It was announced this week by school officials following completion of the necessary legal arrangements for the election.

As was announced last week, the voters of the district will be asked to approve a \$325,000 bond issue for the construction of a new elementary school on the Tum-A-Lum location previously OK'd by the voters. The board last week had set the amount of the needed bond issue but was unable to set the date of the election until the necessary legal requirements were met by the district's attorney.

School officials said that architects are now preparing revised plans for the proposed building, and hope to have rough specifications ready within the next few days.

The election will be held at the school building.

John Piper Injured By Rifle Shot

John Piper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Piper of Heppner, suffered a painful but not serious injury Sunday when he was shot in the lower right leg by the accidental discharge of his own gun. Piper and Vic Groshens were hunting squirrels in the Butter creek area at the time of the accident.

According to the physician who attended him, the bullet entered his lower leg just below the knee and lodged just above the ankle, missing the bone.

Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and children are visiting with her mother in northern Idaho this week.

City Clean-Up Drive Set for Week of June 21-27

The week of June 21 through 27 has been proclaimed Clean-Up week in Heppner and all residents of the city are urged to take part in a program to clean up vacant lots and rid back yards of unwanted and unnecessary rubbish. Arrangements have been made to provide trucks for free pickup of refuse during the week.

The clean-up week idea originated about two weeks ago with the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce who is sponsoring the drive; and have arranged for trucks to pick up the refuse on three days during the week. The chamber membership has been divided into two teams under the leadership of president Jeff Carter and La Verne Van Marter Jr. who have offered to aid where needed in getting refuse collected and loaded. The team captains made it clear that they weren't going to do the actual cleaning up for residents, but if help was needed in some cases to move or load heavy objects, they would be glad to assist.

Junk is to be piled on the curbs and trucks will make pickups on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and again on Sunday, June 27. The chamber asked that anyone having refuse that they cannot handle pile at the curb where it can be easily located, to call either 6-9618 or 6-9652 so that truck drivers will know where to come for such pickups. It was pointed out that trucks have been donated for the work.

Proclamation Released
Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Heppner mayor, this week released the following proclamation urging residents to cooperate in cleaning up the city.

"It is with pleasure that I hereby proclaim the week of June 21 through 27 as Clean-Up week in Heppner and urge the residents of our city to join with the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce in making Heppner a cleaner and better place in which to live.

"Trucks have been obtained to provide free pickup of trash which should be neatly piled at the curb, and I urge all residents to take advantage of this special service.

"It should be remembered that by cleaning out unwanted trash from vacant lots and around the homes, each person is not only helping to beautify our town, but also reducing materially many fire hazards which could easily cause serious damage and personal loss.

L. D. Tibbles,
Mayor of Heppner
The times the special trucks will make the pickups should be kept in mind and if special help is needed, calls should be made early enough to allow time for routing and obtaining assistance.

Richfield Station Sold to Kemp Dick

Nelson Bailey, operator of Bailey's Richfield Service in Heppner announced this week that he has sold his business to Kemp Dick of Heppner. Dick took over operation of the station the first of the week.

Dick is well acquainted with the service station business having worked for the past several years for the local Standard Oil distributor here.

Bailey said he had no definite future plans except that he plans to leave shortly for a trip to Missouri.

Jewish-Arab Problem Subject of Talk

"The Jewish-Arab controversy" will be discussed Wednesday, June 23 by Rev. H. P. Scounce, new pastor of the First Baptist church in Hermiston, at the Heppner Christian church. The talks will start at 8 p. m. and are being sponsored by Heppner ministers. Rev. Scounce recently spent two months in the Jewish-Arab countries where he talked to hundreds of persons on both sides of the barbed wire. Carrying a press card and other unusual credentials, he was permitted to go many places the average American would not be allowed, it is said. He also returned with many pictures which will also be shown.

Both sides of the controversy will be presented and an exhibit of unusual interest will be presented which will help answer many questions on the Bible, it is reported.

There will be no charge, but an offering will be taken.



ROY HUGHES is shown with his grand champion FFA shorthorn which sold for \$110 a pound at the Oregon Wheat Growers 4-H and FFA fat stock show at The Dalles last week. With Hughes is Ed Chambers, local representative of Harvey Aluminum company, who purchased the 1,020 pound animal. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Hughes, got his steer from the Howard Cleveland herd. The FFA judging team composed of Ronald Currin, Stephen Green and John Bronson placed first in the beef judging contest in the FFA division. The Morrow county 4-H beef herd placed first in the show and the county 4-H sheep flock placed second.