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NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Unexpectedly the expected happened. U. S. Senator Wayne Morse announced Thursday he would run for re-election—this time on the Democratic ticket. The statement ended suspense of Democrats and abated apprehensions of Republicans.

The senior senator arrived in Oregon by plane from Washington, D. C. to make an eventful day for Oregon Democrats. After driving to Eugene he changed his registration from the Republican to the Democratic book at his home town courthouse. In the evening he made the announcement of his candidacy on statewide radio hookup when he declared he had left the Republican party when it was taken over by a "monopolistic combine."

Morse came to Salem Friday, visiting at the home of a political cohort where Democratic legislators and party headmen had been invited. It was reported that political plans were not discussed. His presence in the capitol sparked various reactions, particularly among Republicans. At the capitol, the marble halls echoed a sample of the sort of campaign furor you may expect in 1956.

QUOTES ON MORSE SWITCH

"His reference to leadership in the state which he now refers to as 'reactionary' is substantially the same as when he first ran and when he re-ran in 1950," Governor Paul Patterson.

"I wonder how the people who have labored all these years in the Democratic party feel now that he has been given the top spot."—State Senate President Elmo E. Smith.

"We feel no loss."—Speaker of the House Edward Geary.

"Morse's changeover is a signal for an exodus from the Democratic party of those who are alert to the Trojan horse wheeled into their midst by their state chairman."—Senator Mark Hatfield.

"I challenge Morse to name one person, one situation, one event in proof of his statement that the Republican party has been taken over by a monopolistic combine."—Senator John C. F. Merrifield.

"It is very proper that he change registration. I think he'll make a very good Democrat."—Senator Warren Gill.

"Senator Morse recognizes the dangers of unthinking conformity."—Rep. Alfred Corbett.

"Democrats are gratified that a man of Senator Morse's courage, integrity and ability has made the Democratic party his choice."—Rep. Pat Dooley.

"Picking a party is one's own privilege."—Charles A. Sprague, former governor of Oregon and editor of The Oregon Statesman.

LINE OF THE WEEK

"If you love your dogs almost as much as your children, then why do you let them play in the street?"—Mayor Mary Van Stevens of Heppner. Reported by Robert and Gretchen Penland in Heppner Gazette.

NEW LAWS NOW IN EFFECT

At the end of the sixth week of current legislation the following bills have been passed by both branches of the legislature and signed by the Governor. As each had an emergency clause they became law on the date they were signed: HB. 1. Authorizes board of education to contract with federal government to provide education for Indian children with previously allocated federal funds. Signed February 14. SB. 116. Makes it unlawful for district boundary board to assign to a school district a number which has previously been assigned to another district which became nonexistent on or after January 1, 1953, because of dissolution, abandonment, consolidation or for any other reason.

SB. 18. Provides that all funds of inmates of state institutions shall be deposited in a special trust account under the state treasurer and that all expenditures shall be by warrant. Signed February 9.

H. B. 22. Makes slight adjustments in use of \$132,656,000 set as biennial expenditures for highway purposes for the biennium beginning July 1, 1953, allocation being for capitol outlay and part for maintenance. Signed February 9.

Sb. 96. Makes number of subsections conform to standardized statutes. The amendments do not make other changes in the law. Signed February 18.

SB. 195. Does away with the necessity of annex election if all the owners of lands to be annexed notify city council in writing that they desire annexation. Signed February 18.

HB. 178. Transfers an unexpended balance of old federal emergency funds to the state public assistance fund. Signed February 14.

GOVERNMENTAL PARTIES

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Cloud Seeding Work To Be Resumed By Tri-Counties

The Gazette Times was informed just before noon today that contrary to the story below, and one appearing recently in other papers, cloud seeding will continue in Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties.

The directors of Tri-County Weather Research met again last night at Condon and voted to resume the program on April 1 at the latest, inasmuch as Morrow county had during the past few days raised sufficient money to indicate its farmers still had an interest in the program.

Both Gilliam and Sherman counties have had money on hand, but Morrow has been behind in payments for over a year. Local directors said today that if enough more money is received within the next few days, it is hoped to start the weather modification work on March 1.

Directors of Tri-County Weather Research announced this week that cloud seeding in Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties will not be resumed this spring as planned. Not enough interest has been shown to reactivate a cloud seeding program, they said.

Action on terminating the corporation will not be taken until a meeting, March 1. The corporation was created five years ago for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of increasing precipitation in the three counties by seeding clouds with silver iodide.

Many farmers feel that the program has been successful and favor its continuance, however, they are apparently in the minority as less than 10% of the farmers in Gilliam and Morrow counties have contributed to the program this year. Collections have been adequate in Sherman county, where cooperatives rather than individuals provide the funds.

Cloud seeding was started in the fall of 1950. Near record rainfall blanketed the area during the fall-winter and spring of 1950-51, and many farmers were convinced it resulted from the cloud seeding program. Since 1950 annual rainfall has generally been above average, but many farmers remained skeptical.

This past fall was extremely dry and farmers have been slow to contribute funds for cloud seeding. Cloud seeding was conducted during September 1 to January 1 but was discontinued January 1 when available funds were depleted. Directors had hoped to get sufficient contributions to reactivate the program March 1.

Petitions Asking Kindergarten Vote Nearly Completed

Petitions bearing 247 names of registered voters were turned in at the monthly meeting of the Heppner Civic League Monday night. The petitions, which had been circulated asking that the school board of district No. 1 request voter approval on the question of including the kindergarten in the school system.

The Civic League recently took over the sponsorship of the kindergarten from the disbanded Jay Cee-ettes, and has circulated the petitions in an effort to find out the public feeling on the proposal. A few more names are required, and it is expected that these will be obtained shortly.

The League will present the petitions to the board at its next meeting, it was decided. Plans were made for the annual rummage sale which will be held on April 22 and 23, with Mrs. Larry Downen in charge. The chairman asked that anyone having rummage to donate call either Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. Bradley Fancher, Mrs. Fred Sanders or herself.

The next meeting will be on March 21 with Mrs. Fred Sanders in charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. William Evans of Peace River, Alberta, who have been visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling, the past month, left Monday for Renton, Wash., to visit another daughter before returning home.

THREAT OF SERIOUS GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE REVEALED BY RECENT SURVEY

A recent survey by entomologists has revealed that the south-east section of Morrow county is in danger of a serious grasshopper invasion this year unless measures are taken to control the pests. The announcement was made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow county Livestock Growers association Monday.

The check showed, according to reports, that the number of eggs is great enough to cause serious trouble in about 160,000 acres in the area, if any semblance of a normal hatch results.

It was explained that spraying of the area would cost around \$100,000 which could be financed with federal, state and farmer funds on a cooperative basis. Efforts will be made to meet the threat, it was said, and the organization agreed to pay the expenses of a representative of the group who will go to the state legislature to request state aid in the program.

A request from the Oregon Beef Promotion program was heard asking for contributions from the county organizations. The local growers will be asked to donate a total of \$87.50 toward promotion.

The organization also sent a letter of protest to the animal disease eradication bureau of the agriculture research service against the transfer of Dr. George Marugg, federal veterinarian from the county. Dr. Marugg has received notice of his transfer effective March 31.

The group also appointed committees for the year including, disease control, James Lindsay, lone, chairman; R. B. Ferguson, John Graves, B. J. Doherty and Bill Weatherford. Range and pasture improvement: Norman Nelson, Allen Hughes, Herbert Ekstrom, Don Peterson. Insect and rodent control: Dick Wilkinson, Elmer Piper, Don Greenup, Floyd Warden.

Livestock theft control: Ralph Beamer, Bob Van Scholack, Barton Clark, Marion Finch. Game laws: Gerald Swaggart, Herbert Hynd, Walter Wright, George Rugg, Paul Webb. Marketing: Frank Anderson, Delbert Emerit, Dallas Craber, Frank Wilkinson, Harold Wright and Malcolm O'Brien.

Hospital Addition Nearly Complete, Final OK Expected

The new addition to Pioneer Memorial hospital is practically completed, it was revealed this week by hospital officials, and will be put into use as soon as given final inspection by state and federal officials.

State engineer J. H. Cole and Mr. Morley, U. S. public health service engineer from San Francisco will be in Heppner Tuesday to go over the new wing. Hospital administrator Jack Angel said today that if they give acceptance order, the badly needed addition will be put into use immediately. The inspection by the two engineers is not expected to run up any difficulties, as the building has been inspected periodically during its construction and all plans and specifications were OK'd by both services before work on the wing was started.

The new wing, which houses 20 additional beds, 14 of them for general hospital use and six for the nursing home, will bring the institution's total capacity to 46 beds. In addition to this number of regular beds, there are at least four others usable in emergency.

The addition cost slightly more than \$100,000, exclusive of equipment and was financed jointly by the county and federal Hill-Burton funds.

Angel said Wednesday that it is planned to hold an open house in the new addition in the near future, the date of which will be announced later.

Two More Dogs Are Victims of Poison

Two more dogs have been victims of poison during the past week, it has been reported by local police. This brings to at least six the known number of animals killed in this manner during a two-week period.

The last two animals to die belonged to John Hartman and Elmer Moe, both of whom live in the same section of Heppner as do the owners of the dogs previously poisoned.

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said one of the animals was examined by a veterinarian who found that the stomach of the dog contained grain, apparently poisoned.

Heppner Hereford Judged Tops at Sale

Frank Anderson, Heppner stock grower who has shown many top animals in recent shows and sales, scored another victory last week at Pendleton when his Royal Ann Domino 39th was judged the top female at the Hereford Blue Tag show at the Round-Up pavilion. The sale was sponsored by the Oregon Hereford Association.

The Grand Champion bull, HH Silver Domino 5th, was shown by Hilmer Horn & Sons of Pilot Rock.

County Red Cross Quota Set; Drive Opens March 1

A goal of \$2,579 has been set for Morrow county for the Red Cross fund campaign which will open March 1. It was announced at a kick-off breakfast attended by officers and community chairman Friday morning at O'Donnell's Cafe.

The current goal is \$400 over the 1954 goal as Morrow county will now be an active participant in the Red Cross blood program, Jack Angel, county Red Cross fund chairman, stated at the meeting. A two week campaign was outlined by Angel who explained drive groups would include advanced donations, business district, special groups and organizations, residential areas and outlying territories.

Jack Bailey, county chapter chairman, explained that plans for local and county Red Cross work this year includes sending two swimming class instructors to a Red Cross aquatic school, first aid classes, a first aid instructors class, home services, home nursing classes and donations to the Veteran's hospital in Walla Walla. He pointed out that Morrow county has succeeded in reaching its quota for the past 14 years.

Methods of organizing locally and county-wide in case of a disaster were presented by Paul Tews, disaster chairman, who recommended that an inventory of shelter, bedding, food, hospital facilities, transportation and communication be made in this area.

A Red Cross headquarters will be located in the former old telephone building during the campaign, it was announced.

City Calls for Bids On Swimming Pool Filter Equipment

Approval for a call for bids for filter equipment for the Heppner swimming pool was given at a special meeting of the city council Monday night.

The council heard a letter from its engineers recommending the purchase of a diatomite (diatomaceous earth) type filter as the most efficient and easily installed filter. After discussion the council ordered the call for bids for the necessary equipment with the plan that it be installed prior to the opening of the pool for the summer season.

The new equipment will give the effect of a heated pool, as water will not have to be changed each week as in the past.

The council also spent considerable time discussing the proposed franchise for the newly incorporated Heppner Television co-op.

100 Attend I. O. O. F. Convention Here

Athena was chosen for the Morrow and Umatilla county 1956 convention of Odd Fellows at the annual district convention held at the I. O. O. F. hall here last Saturday with about 100 attending.

Jess Payne, Pendleton, district convention president, presided at the afternoon business sessions at which 1956 convention officers were elected and committees appointed. Seven grand lodge officers and Harley Looney, Grants Pass, grand master for Oregon, attended the session.

Degree work in the third degree was put on by the Milton-Freewater team during evening lodge. A ham dinner was served by the Sans Souci Rebekah lodge No. 33 at 6:30 in the lodge dining room. After dinner entertainment included the showing of a film on the haylift in Nevada by R. G. McMurtry and musical numbers by a high school band trio accompanied by Janice Martin.

All lodges in the district were represented at the convention.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FRIDAY

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D. A. TO BE SPEAKER

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New 500,000 Bushel Elevator Planned Near Paterson Ferry

Plans to construct a 500,000 bushel flat storage grain elevator near the Paterson ferry landing in north Morrow county are being formulated, Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers, said this week.

The new facility, which will be located on land owned by the Continental Grain Company, will be built by W. E. Melena and Associates of Ione. According to agreements now being drawn up

Principal's Post Eliminated in Local School System Plan

E. J. Dobbie, principal of Heppner high school for the past three years, announced this week that the board of education of school district No. 1 has decided to discontinue the position of high school principal in Heppner, giving the duties of the principal to the superintendent.

Dobbie's statement said, "This means that I shall be without a job and shall be leaving Heppner after the present school year." He added, "I wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of the community for the fine cooperation they have given me during the past three years."

L. E. Dick, board chairman, said Wednesday that the shifting of positions was the result of work on the budget for the coming year which must include money for the operation of the new grade school building which will be in use next year. He said that other changes will probably be made in the system which will be designed to afford maximum utilization of the new building.

Dobbie added that he had no plans for the future.

Week-Old Automobile Totally Wrecked

It was nice while it lasted, but it didn't last long enough. That's what Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Benge thought this week about their brand new car.

Their week-old car was stolen from a hotel garage in Portland last Saturday night and found at 2:30 a. m. by police totally wrecked after it had hit a traffic divider. There were no clues to the identity of the car-napper.

Cub Scouts Hold Blue, Gold Banquet

The annual blue and gold banquet of the Cub Scouts was held Tuesday evening in the Christian church, with more than 100 Cubs, parents, leaders and Den Chiefs in attendance.

Den No. 2 was in charge of the entertainment for the evening. Doug Anderson gave the blessing and Jimmy Farra welcomed the parents. Ken Keeling gave the response for the parents. All the boys honored Ray Ayers, Cub master, with a grand hawl.

Each Den decorated their own table and helped plan the banquet. A train was given away, each section of which was made by a Cub in Den 2. Chris Burkenbine was the winner of the train.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Tolman and daughter, Hermiston, were guests of honor. Mr. Tolman is the Scout executive for this district.

Personal Property Tax Deadline March 2

County assessor Harry Dinges today reminded residents that next Wednesday, March 2 is the deadline for the filing of personal property tax statements.

Statements filed after that time will be subject to penalty.

FUND GAINS \$60

Approximately \$60 was added to the school band uniform fund last week as a result of the special show held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Star Theater.

Mrs. Archie Alderman entered St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton Sunday for observation. Her small daughter is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Harshman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dobbie and family returned Monday evening from Havre, Montana where they were called by the illness of his father.

Morrow County Grain Growers Will Operate the Warehouse on a Lease from the Builders.

The new flat construction is planned to operate in conjunction with the present facilities at an economical figure. It is to be a 70 by 440 foot steel building with concrete floor and is to cost about \$100,000 including equipment. Loading will be done with an automatic loading device. The building will be constructed to give maximum grain storage efficiency and will at the same time be built so as to be easily converted to other uses as soon as the present storage emergency is past.

Officials of Morrow County Grain Growers indicated their belief that this new construction will go far towards solving the barley storage problem for 1955. This belief was further bolstered by the fact that the co-op has shipped 400,000 bushels of wheat for export since December 15 and have a minimum of 200,000 bushels scheduled for March shipment.

Construction of the new elevator is expected to start in the near future, it was said.

Heppner TV, Inc. To Provide City With Reception

At an organizational meeting held last night, the newly incorporated Heppner TV, Inc. started the ball rolling to give local residents television reception within as short a time as possible.

The 35 to 40 persons present at the Elks hall elected as directors W. C. Rosewall, Carl Spaulding, Gene Ferguson, Lowell Gribble and E. C. Dougherty. They named Rosewall president of the co-op, Ferguson vice-president and Spaulding secretary-treasurer.

The group heard discussion of the plans to provide cable TV reception to all who desire membership in the organization and set the membership fee at \$15 for a private dwelling which will entitle the owner or occupant to free hookup to the system. The monthly service charge will be \$3.50. Commercial rates have not yet been determined.

Officers indicated that sufficient money had been pledged to assure an immediate start on securing easements and awarding of contracts for construction of the line. More than \$3,300 in memberships was collected at the meeting.

It was announced that anyone wishing a membership could contact Carl Spaulding at his office in the Case Furniture building.

The organization is the outgrowth of recent reception experiments by engineers who have located an ideal antenna site just west of town where an excellent picture from channel 19 is being received. Other channels are also expected.

Heppner Dentist To Close Office

Dr. Fred L. Gronemyer, Heppner dentist announced this week that he is closing his office here the end of February. He revealed that he will move to Moses Lake, Wash. where he will open a practice.

In making the announcement, he said that Dr. Bob Bliss, formerly of Milton-Freewater, who will graduate from the U of O dental school at Portland in June will take over the office here later that month. Dr. Bliss is married and has two children 4 and 7 years of age.

Brotherhood Speaker Heard by Chamber

Harold Bleything, Pendleton, district manager for Safeway Stores, was speaker at the Monday noon chamber of commerce meeting. He spoke on Brotherhood and the need for common understanding at the opening of Brotherhood Week.

It was announced at the meeting that the chamber of commerce Annual banquet will be held Monday evening March 14 with Admiral Robert Rowe, manager of the port of Umatilla as guest speaker.