

'Hopper Control Aid Seen in New Legislative Bill

A news story coming out of Salem Tuesday stated that state senator Stewart Hardie of Condon has indicated that he will introduce a bill in the legislature to allow formation of grasshopper control districts. They would be organized similar to rural fire protection districts and would make it possible for residents of such a district to tax themselves to raise money to fight grasshoppers.

Senator Hardie's offer to introduce the bill came after requests had been made for state aid in combatting what is feared will be a serious infestation of the insects on about 150,000 acres in the Heppner area. Bill Weatherford, local rancher has announced that the federal government has already given \$34,000 to fight the hoppers and that ranchers in the effected areas have contributed an equal amount.

A recent survey of the infested areas by the department of agriculture showed that there are as high as 28 grasshoppers per square yard and they classify the invasion as severe if any semblance of a normal hatch occurs.

It was claimed that only 8 to 11 grasshoppers will eat as much as one steer on a range.

The Morrow County Livestock Growers Association and the land use and conservation committee have been working on the hopper problem for several weeks and were instrumental in taking the problem to the legislature.

Property Tax on Utilities Opposed By Farm Bureau

At the meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, Henry Baker, chairman of the legislative committee, told the members that a property tax on the facilities of our R. E. A. would be prohibitive for the 700 users on their lines. The R. E. A. now pays a 2% gross income tax in lieu of property tax. Baker has made recent trips to the legislature at Salem and appeared before the committee holding hearings on the proposed property tax on R. E. A.'s and other utilities, and opposed this bill.

Ed Collison also spoke at the meeting which was held at the Rhea Creek Grange hall and urged R. E. A. users to alert themselves on those measures which could so seriously effect them and write to their representatives giving their views.

Dr. James Norene, county veterinarian, urged stockmen to practice cleanliness in working with cattle to avoid the spread of anaplasmosis, a disease which lives inside the red blood cells and can be transmitted by blood when de-horning or by carelessness in using instruments when giving shots. He urged ranchers to report suspected cases which are marked by a sudden high fever, loss of weight, constipation and anemia.

The door prize of a pen and pencil set was won by Ed Collison.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ben Anderson, chairman; Mrs. Frank E. Parker, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. Leonard Rill, and Mrs. Elmer Palmer.

The next meeting will be April 26 at the Willows Grange hall in Ione.

O'Harra to Head "Week" Observance

Newt O'Harra of Lexington was this week appointed county chairman for a statewide observance of Conservation Week by governor Paul Patterson. The week will be observed May 1 to 7.

The week is being sponsored by the committee on natural resources following many requests from various public agencies and private citizens interested in obtaining the best possible use of Oregon's soils, waters, forests, range lands, wildlife, fish and minerals.

JUDGE BARRATT SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

County Judge Garnet Barratt is in Pioneer Memorial hospital recovering from a heart attack which struck him Monday evening.

Physicians reported Wednesday that judge Barratt is greatly improved but that he will have to remain either in the hospital or at his home for some time.



BIG CAT—This cougar measuring 7 feet in length and weighing 135 pounds was shot last Friday by Jeff Walker, left, and Howard Bryant after it had been treed by the two men's hounds. The animal was killed on Willow creek about five miles above the city wells after its tracks had been noticed by men working in the area. They had to track the cat less than a quarter of a mile to tree it. Shown with Walker examining the cat is Owen Leathers. (GT Photo)

Heppner Cub Scout Get in 5 Years to First Webelos Award

At a meeting of Cub Scout pack No. 61 held Tuesday evening at the 4-H club house, Dennis Campbell received his Webelos award. He is the only Cub Scout in Heppner to receive this award for the past five years.

Ray Ayers, cubmaster and John Williams, pack committeeman presented the Bobcat, Wolf and Bear awards to the other members.

Exhibits of shoe shine kits and racks made by den No. 3, with Mrs. LeRoy Gardner and Mrs. Marvin Smith as den mothers, were displayed. Dens No. 3 and 6, with Mrs. W. O. George as den mother, were awarded the prize as the most orderly dens of the evening.

Two movies on conservation were shown by Kenneth Keeling. Dressed as knights of yore in armor which they made themselves, other dens present were No. 2, Mrs. Kenneth Keeling and Mrs. N. C. Anderson as den mothers; No. 4, Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter, den mothers and No. 5, which was in charge of the refreshments and entertainment. Mrs. George Terrell and Mrs. Ray Ayers are den mothers for this group.

Filter Equipment Bid is Awarded

The city council at a special meeting Monday night accepted the bid of the Sparkler Manufacturing Company of Portland to furnish filtering and chlorinating equipment for the city swimming pool. The Sparkler company bid was \$7,546.

Three other Portland companies, R. H. Brown and Co., Wallace and Hiernan, and Pacific Pumping Co. bid on all or part of the equipment.

It is hoped to have the new equipment installed prior to the opening of the pool in late June.

Total cost of the equipment including installation is expected to be about \$10,000.

UN Contest Judging To Be at P-TA Meet

Judging for the United Nations pilgrimage contest sponsored by the Oddfellows lodge will be held this year at the P-TA meeting April 13 at 8:00 p. m. in the school.

All interested persons are urged to attend.

The final contest will be held in Pendleton on April 22 at the I. O. O. F. hall.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED BY HEPPNER LIBRARY

New books recently received by the Heppner public library include Telly Tommy, by Pim; How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin, Kipling; Let's Pretend, Mack; Through Many Colored Glasses, Hornby; Tales About Tommy, Blumenthal; Now Try This, Schneider; Blacky the Crow, Burgess; Buster Bear's Twins, Burgess; Fighting Quarterback, Bishop; Aunt Jane of Kentucky, Hall; Funny Fanny, Reeling; Betrayal From the East, Hynd; and Passport to Treason, Hynd.

WORD OF DEATH RECEIVED

Nancy Ward, 41 passed away Thursday March 17 at Myrtle Creek, Oregon. She was a former resident of Morgan. Interment was at Riddle, Oregon.

Those from this area attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Halvorsen, Mrs. Archie Munkers and Mrs. Hattie Crabtree.

Pendleton C of C To Visit Here

The Pendleton chamber of commerce announced last week that it will make a special visitation on the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce on Monday May 9. A special luncheon meeting is planned by the local chamber and a tour of the surrounding area will be provided for the visiting group.

Heppner chamber president Jack Bedford made the announcement of the visit at Monday's meeting and appointed a special committee to make arrangements for the meeting. Jack Loyd is chairman of the group. The Heppner visit by the Pendleton organization is the first of several that its members plan to make to similar clubs in this section of the state.

Guests at the Monday noon meeting were Heppner high school coach Larry Downen and the members of his top ranking basketball team which placed fifth in recent tournament play.

Sudden Night Storm Causes Only Little Damage Locally

A baby "twister" which lasted only a few minutes but brought exceedingly strong winds hit Heppner about 3:30 a. m. Tuesday, causing only minor damage but a power blackout in some areas which lasted for about three and one-half hours.

The heavy wind, which lasted for only about five minutes, ripped several pieces of aluminum roofing off the Interior Warehouse building and sailed one or more of them into the 11,000 volt Pacific Power & Light Company line nearby resulting in a brilliant display of sparks and fire. The entire city street light circuit was cut at the same time.

Power in most of Heppner wasn't effected by the outage, but rural residents between Ione and lower Heppner, and all of Lexington was without power until nearly 8 a. m., power company officials said.

The sudden gusts woke many persons in town and several reported that they feared their homes would collapse.

A heavy rain and hail followed in the wake of the wind.

County Cancer Drive To Start Friday

The Morrow county Cancer Drive will get under way Friday with a goal of \$630,000 according to Mrs. Howard Pettijohn, chairman for the drive.

Morrow county has gone over the top three years in a row and it is hoped that they will again this year.

All residents will soon be contacted for their donations.

WORDENS ARE GRANDPARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Knighten of Pendleton are the parents of a daughter, Jeri Lynn, born March 10 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knighten of Irrigon and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden of Heppner.

CANDY SALE TO START

The annual Camp Fire Girls candy sale will start in Heppner next week it was announced today. The girls will be selling \$1.00 boxes of Russell Stover chocolates and all proceeds from the sale will go to the local Camp Fire organization.

Police Arrest Three For Part In Ione Burglary

Three men are in the county jail awaiting trial on charges of burglary of Bristow's Grocery at Ione. Police officers said that all three have admitted taking part in the break-in.

The first to be arrested by state police officer Bill Labhart and sheriff C. J. D. Bauman was Vernon Lee "Jack" Griffin of Lexington. He was taken into custody about 6 p. m. last Thursday. The other two, Billy Dewayne Griffin and George S. Jarvis, Hanford, Washington, were picked up Monday and returned here to face charges. The two Washington men both are in the army and were stationed at Camp Hanford. They were released by the army and both waved extradition from Washington. The two Griffins are brothers, police said.

Judge William W. Wells will convene circuit court here April 4 and the case is expected to go before the new grand jury which will be drawn Monday.

"Jack" Griffin has a previous police record, having served one term several years ago in the Oregon penitentiary.

Police said that the three men, while having admitted the Bristow break-in, have denied any part in the previous burglaries of Ione and Lexington stores and schools.

Local Church Host To District Meeting

The Heppner Assembly of God church will be host to ministers and delegates of about seventeen churches of section eight of the Oregon Assemblies of God for an all day fellowship meeting, next Monday, April 4. Annual election of officers will convene also.

The 10:30 a. m. service will be held in the local church and the remaining services will be conducted in the Christian church. An anticipated crowd of 300 is expected to attend the evening service.

Local ladies will serve noon and evening meals. Rev. Willis Geyer, pastor, announced that the public is invited to these services.



MAIN OFFICE and elevators of the Morrow County Grain Growers at Lexington. The farmer-owned cooperative will celebrate its 25th anniversary next week at a special banquet. Story below. (Photo by Alex Thompson)

Grain Growers To Observe Anniversary

A banquet honoring the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Morrow County Grain Growers will be held Tuesday evening, April 5 at the Heppner fair pavilion with the main address to be given by C. L. Wallmark, vice president of the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives.

The farmer-owned cooperative which is now the largest wheat and grain storage and marketing agency in the county, was incorporated on April 5, 1930, and though it has gone through many lean times and numerous crises, it is now one of the largest organizations of its type in Oregon.

During the past two years the co-op has built three new elevators at Ruggs, North Lexington and at Paterson Ferry to handle storage of county crops. It also recently completed lease arrangements for the operation of the Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. elevators at Ione and a new large facility soon to be built near the Paterson Ferry plant. It also operates elevators at Lexington, Heppner, Ione and McNab and when all construction is complete, it will have storage facilities for nearly 3,000,000 bushels of grain. The company has an annual payroll of \$60,000 and is classified as the third largest taxpayer in Morrow county.

President of the co-op is L. L. Howton. Other officers include A. C. Lindsay, vice president; Paul C. Brown, secretary; Al Lamb treasurer and manager; Vernon Munkers, John Graves, Lewis Halvorsen and Alfred Nelson Jr. are directors.

Banquet At 7 p. m.

The banquet is scheduled to start at 7 p. m. and all members and friends of the co-op are invited, it was said. A short business meeting, a report by the manager and a talk by president Howton, in addition to Wallmark's address are scheduled to follow the dinner.

Elsewhere in today's paper an advertisement by the Morrow County Grain Growers extends an invitation to members and friends to attend the celebration banquet and also illustrates the facilities owned and operated by the co-op.

Heppner Police Chief Resigns

The city council Monday night accepted the resignation of George Reid, chief of police here for the past one and one-half years, and immediately appointed Floyd Hutchins, former night officer, to replace him as chief.

Reid had submitted his resignation to the council a few days earlier and announced that he was moving to Boise, Idaho where he will operate a service station. He left Tuesday for the Idaho city.

Hutchins will serve as the entire police force until a replacement can be found for his former night position.

Seven Named on Top Honor Roll

Seven Heppner high school students won places on the top honor roll for the recently ended nine-weeks period. All received straight "ones" in all subjects.

They are Nancy Anderson, Tom Currin, Lillian Elde, Dick Kononen, Sally Palmer, Barbara Prock and Patsy Wright.

Twenty-one others placed on the second honor roll, receiving grades of two or better. They are Joann Brosnan, Helen Graham, Virginia Andresen, Lynda Borman, Darlene Connor, Bob Hare, Shirley Peck, Karen Prock, Lance Tibbles, Neil Beamer, Mary Ruth Green, Jean Marie Graham, Clarice Hastings, Lyle Jensen, Jack Monagle, Joan Wright, Victor Groshens, Shirley Kononen, Meredith Thomson, Jay Sumner and Beverly Elde.

Return of Fish Punch Cards Asked by State

Fishermen of the state ... attention! It is now the time of year to dig down in your wallet and fish out the salmon-steel-head punch card which you may or may not have used during the past year.

These greenish colored cards expire March 31 and are to be turned into the game commission license agencies. Boxes have been provided to the license agencies for collection of the cards.

New cards, containing room for recording 40 fish in the aggregate, not more than 20 of which may be salmon, will be issued by the license agents.

The purpose of the punch cards is to furnish information regarding the total catch of these fish and also to determine the number of fish taken from the various rivers of the state.

Water Use and Controls Talked By Area Farmers

Sixty farmers from the watersheds of Willow, Rhea, and Balm Fork Creeks, Tuesday, discussed water shortage problems and how they might effect irrigation this season. Main discussion was water rights, their enforcement and possibilities of hiring a water master for best regulation of water use, reports N. C. Anderson, county agent. A representative of the state engineers office, Salem, was present to discuss aspects of water rights and enforcement angles.

Of main concern to those on the lower reaches of Willow Creek was the lack of water to irrigate fields that are generally irrigated in January and February. Also of concern to all was the steady increase of irrigation land development and the expanded use of sprinkler irrigation. It was pointed out that much of the sprinkler use was on benches and lands with no water rights.

Farmers with older water rights brought up the question of the good to them if no water reached their land. The thought of many was that a watermaster could regulate the waters and at the same time act in an educational manner in acquainting farmers with their rights and best use of water for all concerned. Recently Morrow and Gilliam county courts had been requested to provide funds for the hire of a watermaster.

A vote taken at the meeting showed 23 votes against having a watermaster, 17 for. Some thought was given to hiring a watermaster by a group of farmers in favor. In the event the county courts rejected the request in the face of the vote taken at the meeting.

Area Boy Scouts Receive Awards at Court of Honor

At a Covered Wagon district Boy Scout court of honor and business meeting Tuesday night at Condon, new district officers were elected to lead the movement in Morrow county and several Heppner, Lexington and Ione boys received awards for advancement and work in Scouting.

Elmer Schmidt, Heppner, was elected district chairman and Rev. Lester D. Boulden, Heppner, was named vice-chairman. The new chairman appointed the following district chairmen: camping and activities, Gene Rietmann, Ione; advancement, Cecil Jones, Lexington; leadership training, Bruce Mercer, Condon; finance, Bruce Lindsay, Heppner; organization and extension, Rollo Loomis, Fossil. Bradley Fancher, Heppner, will continue as district commissioner. Blue Mountain council finance chairman, Roland Rew attended and presented council president Wendell Brown.

The court of honor was conducted by Cecil Jones with Mrs. Jones serving as narrator. Also on the court were Jack Long, scout executive from Pendleton, Loomis and Boulden.

Heppner boys to receive awards were: second class, Tommy Green, Kenneth Keeling and Tommy Driscoll. Den Chief awards went to Neal Penland and Kenneth Keeling.

Merit badges were given to Larry and Laddie Henderson, Jerry Messenger, Verne Nolan, Stephen Klinger, Richard Wilton and Bobby Davidson all of Lexington, and Kenneth Hurst, of Ione was awarded a first class badge.

The court was preceded by a potluck dinner and a business meeting. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Keeling, Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll, Elmer Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Boulden. Going from Lexington were Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin and Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hurst of Ione also attended.

Glenn Tolman, district scout executive was also present.

POMONA TO MEET

Morrow county Pomona grange will meet at Irrigon Saturday, April 2 starting at 10:30 a. m., it has been announced. There will be lunch at noon, a program at 2 o'clock to which the public is invited, supper at 6 p. m. and the fifth degree work will be put on starting at 8 p. m.