

Rep. Sam Coon To Speak Here Wednesday Night

Representative Sam Coon will be in Heppner next Wednesday evening, October 19 to meet with the Morrow county Republican central committee early in the evening and then to speak at an open meeting at the high school gym. It was announced this week by J. O. Turner, county committee chairman.

The county Republican committee and the chamber of commerce some time ago extended an invitation to both Representative Coon and Senator Richard Neuberger to hold one of their series of debates on the John Day dam bill in Heppner. Coon accepted the invitation, but Neuberger declined stating that previous speaking engagements prevented him from continuing the debate past last week. The final debate was held early last week in Burns.

Coon is expected to talk on the dam bill which he introduced in the last session of congress and may touch on some of the points brought out in the debate series with Neuberger.

Also expected to accompany Representative Coon will be Mrs. Coon; Clyde Brummell, Republican party executive secretary and L. R. Hodges of the state central committee.

The meeting at the gymnasium will start at 8 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Following the earlier dinner meeting at O'Donnell's Cafe election of officers for the county central committee will be held.

All persons interested are welcome to attend the dinner to be held at O'Donnell's Wednesday evening but reservations must be made in advance through J. O. Turner to enable those in charge to determine the number to be present.

Deposits and Loans Hit Record High At Heppner Bank

New all-time record deposit and loan totals have been recorded by the First National bank of Portland in the bank's September 30 statement of condition which was released Tuesday by President C. B. Stephenson.

Semi-annual statement of condition figures for the Heppner branch of First National show that on September 30, 1955, deposits at the branch were \$6,533,470 and loans were \$3,986,036, according to manager J. H. Bedford.

Released at the same time were comparable totals for the branch for September 30, 1954. On that date, deposits were \$6,370,908 and loans totaled \$3,757,885.

First National's deposits for its 70 statewide offices totaled \$809,887,551, which is a gain of \$87,042,914 over September 30 of last year. This represents a gain of \$32,858,074 over the June 30 statement of conditions deposit totals.

Loans and discounts totaled \$403,231,123, a new all-time high which is significant of First National's wide participation in the business activity of the state.

The figure represents a gain of \$61,804,927 when compared with the loan total of one year ago and exceeded the loan figures reported June 30 by \$21,559,282.

The previous high First National deposit mark was established on April 11, 1955 when a total of \$787,553,175 was reported. Highest previous loan total was \$381,671,841 on June 30, 1955.

On the basis of available figures First National continues to lead the Pacific Northwest in both deposits and loans.

Saturday Reading Period For Children To be Held Here

Each Saturday afternoon beginning this Saturday from 3:15 until 3:45 p. m. there will be reading at the city library for children up through the third grade under the supervision of teenagers who have undertaken this project.

After the reading period, if the parents wish, the children will be taken to the grounds by the Episcopal church for supervised play.

George Little is in charge of the program and those assisting him are Meredith Thomason, Laurel Allstott, Helen Graham, Marlene Geyer, Maria Robison and Patsy McDonald.



REP. SAM COON of Baker who will speak on his John Day dam bill at a public meeting here Wednesday night, October 19. See adjoining story.

Special Season to Attract Hunters; Some Land Closed

Another big influx of hunters is expected in this area this week-end to take advantage of the either-sex deer season which opens Saturday, October 15 for eight days. Hunting in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties is expected to be among the best in the state.

As in past seasons, a considerable number of acres of private land will probably be closed to all hunting during the special season as a protest by land owners against the opening of the area to hunting all deer, though present indications are that not as much land will be closed as has been posted during the past two seasons. For the last two years upwards of 125,000 acres of privately owned foothill land has been closed during the doe season.

Reports coming in during the one and one-half weeks of the buck season which opened on Oct. 1, tell of a high percentage of hunters getting deer, but enforcement officers have indicated that not as many hunters took to the hills early as did last year. It is felt by some that many hunters from the Willamette valley were waiting for the either-sex season.

Heavy rains last weekend and early this week have made many of the mountain roads nearly impassable and a high percentage of hunters still in the mountains were driven out by the storms.

Most of the deer checked in by game officials have been reported in excellent condition.

Funeral Saturday For Harry Sherman

Word was received here Wednesday evening of the death of Harry Sherman of Willamette, a former Morrow county resident.

The Shermans lived on the Kelly place and left here about four years ago. He is survived by his wife, Bertha and three daughters, Kathleen Anthony, Oregon City; Barbara Hinton, Dale; and Nancy.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning in Oregon City.

Methodist WSCS Plans Bazaar, Tea

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church held its regular meeting Wednesday, Oct. 5 and during the business meeting it was decided to hold the annual bazaar and tea on November 19 as usual.

An interesting program on the American Indian was led by Mrs. Carl McDaniel with Mrs. Velma Glass giving some highlights on the Navajo Indian. She will show slides and Indian curios at the November meeting.

Mrs. Emma Anderson led the devotions and an Indian hymn was used.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Lincoln Nash, Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter and Mrs. Harley Young.

Mrs. Koenig Chairman Of Smorgasbord

At a recent meeting of the Altar Society of the Catholic church, Mrs. Paul Koenig was named chairman for the annual smorgasbord to be held November 19 at the Legion hall.

Lost Hunter Spends Night in Mountains

Marvin Lemmon, Hermiston deer hunter, spent Sunday afternoon and night in part of last Monday lost in the mountains in the vicinity of Bull Prairie the sheriff's office reported this week, but just what the circumstances were still remains somewhat of a mystery.

A report was received in Heppner Monday morning that the man was lost while hunting, but conflicting reports followed saying that he had been found, was never lost, and that he had been found and got lost a second time. No one seems to know just what happened except that he turned up safe late Monday afternoon.

According to police reports, Lemmon spent Sunday night in a trailer he found parked in the mountains. He had been hunting with Art Young and others from Hermiston. Young and the other members of the party led the search for the lost man. The police did not join in the hunt as they never knew for certain that Lemmon was lost.

Nearly One Inch Of Rain Falls Here

The first general storm of fall which hit this area last Saturday dropped up to nearly an inch of rain on the Heppner area over the weekend and early this week.

The unofficial check here was .86 inch in the 48 hour period ending Monday morning with showers Tuesday and Wednesday adding another .04 inch for a total of .90 for the week.

As usual Heppner's rainfall was heavier than in sections to the west and north. At Gooseberry the official measurement was an even one-half inch on Saturday and Sunday with only minor showers since. The lowest reported in the lone area was .44 inch which was still heavy enough to add plenty of moisture to the soil.

The weather and accompanying rain that has been this area's lot this fall has been welcomed by all ranchers and stockmen as the temperature has remained fairly warm giving ideal growing weather. A considerable amount of early seeded winter wheat has already come through, however farmers who have not yet seeded are looking for a few days of good weather to give them a chance to plant.

Soil Conservation Program Revised

Revision of work plans and the work program of the Heppner Soil Conservation district to bring them up to date with progress and changing conditions in the area were completed by supervisors of the district at a meeting Tuesday night in the bank building.

Pictures showing major conservation practices in the district were selected for display at the annual state meeting of the association of soil conservation districts at Pendleton Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Twenty-five copies of the 11th commandment which concerns stewardship of the land were ordered from the National association for distribution locally.

The September progress report showed three farm ponds constructed on the W. W. Weatherford ranch, two on the Ambrose Chapin land and two on W. E. Hughes property.

Attending the session were Newt O'Hara, Lexington, chairman; Don Peterson, Ione, vice chairman; Raymond Lundell, Ione, treasurer; John Wightman, Raymond French, N. C. Anderson, Tom Wilson, Heppner; Alvin Wagenblast, Lexington and Dick Krebs, Cecil.

Junior Class Play Cast Is Chosen

There's mystery in the air! Ghosts are about to appear and foul deeds are about to be committed when Heppner high school junior class presents the three-act mystery comedy play, "The Secret Door" on the evening of November 18 and 19.

The play cast was chosen last week by Stanley Holm, director. They are: Bugs Johnson, a gangster; Gary Jones; Marlene Dwyer, an heiress; Laurel Ailstott; The Man; Elizabeth Hyde, a country woman; Ida Sue Stratton; Matilda, her niece; Evonne Esch; Robert Morley, an insurance salesman; Jay Sumner; Beth Caldwell, Bob's fiancée; Meredith Thomson; Kitty Chapman, a young girl; Mary Stewart; Jerry King, Kitty's boyfriend; Al Esch; Happy Harry, a tramp; George Little; and Mrs. J. J. Caldwell, Beth's mother.

Four members of the Heppner MYF attended. They were Cella Bouden, Renn Harris, Kay Keithley and Nancy Slocum. They were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Lester Bouden.

Livestock Growers Set Annual Meet For January 13-14

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Wednesday night it was decided that small feeder lot operations will be among the program topics of the annual meeting set for Jan. 13-14 at Heppner. The annual banquet will be held Saturday night, the 14th at the fair pavilion.

Chairman of the game laws committee, Gerald Swaggart, reported that education through Red Hat day has apparently made hunters more aware of game laws in regard to the farmer and his property and that suggestions of the county committee regarding destruction and trespassing on private property might be withheld if the Red Hat program proves effective.

Raymond French, chairman, reported on a state executive meeting at Prineville and said methods of collecting the tax for a state beef commission favored by the county group is holding up legislation on the project and more education is planned by the Oregon Cattleman's association before hearings by the state department of agriculture will be requested.

Testing of several hundred head of cattle owned by one operator is holding up completion of Bangs' disease testing in the county before it can qualify as a Bang's free area according to a report from the livestock disease committee. Testing of the herd is to be done as soon as the cattle come in from the range this fall.

Sloping of roadside rights-of-ways to enable ranchers to get seeding equipment onto the area for grass seeding will be requested of the county court by representatives of the range and pasture improvement committee and the Heppner soil conservation district who are working cooperatively to get roadsides seeded to grass, it was reported. In addition the range committee has received one-half pound of Rambler alfalfa seed to be applied on an acre of ground in the county next spring.

Seed from this new creeping type alfalfa, developed in Canada, is scarce and only three counties in the state have been selected to plant it. The others are Grant and Harney. A fall project planned by the committee is a grass land drill seeding for range improvement to be held when moisture conditions improve.

Present for the session were French, Swaggart, John Graves, treasurer; Norman Nelson, range committee chairman; Jim Lindsay, livestock disease control chairman and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Golf Club to Elect Officers Monday

A meeting of members and persons interested in the Willow Creek Country Club will meet Monday night at 8 p. m. at the Elks lounge to elect a board of directors and officers for the organization which plans to build a golf course near Heppner.

The group has incorporated but no permanent officers have yet been selected.

The club has a lease on a plot of ground about one-half mile west of Heppner from Thomas Wells and plans to construct a modern six hole course early next year.

Heppner Student Pledges Sigma Nu

Four hundred and sixteen men were pledged by the University of Oregon's 21 fraternities on the campus at the end of the fall term rush week, October 1. The pledge class is an increase of 60 over the number pledged last year and is one of the largest in many years.

On the pledge list from Heppner is Larry Mollahan who pledged Sigma Nu.

Wranglers Set Date For Buckburger Feed

The date of the annual buckburger feed of the Wranglers has been set tentatively for October 22 at the fair pavilion. It was decided at the club's monthly meeting last Tuesday night.

Plans were also discussed for improving the club house. The committee who served refreshments were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wigglesworth and Mr. and Mrs. George Currin.



JEFF CARTER, J. C. Penney manager at Heppner, who has been transferred to the company's store at Payette, Idaho. He will leave shortly after November first.



RICHARD BRUNNER of Aberdeen, Washington who will arrive here about November 1 to take over as new manager of the Heppner J. C. Penney store. (GT Photos)

Carter Transferred To Idaho Store

Jeff W. Carter, manager of the Heppner J. C. Penney Co. store for the past four and one-half years, will leave here shortly after November 1 to become manager of the company's store in Payette, Idaho, it was revealed here this week.

Carter will be replaced by Richard Brunner of Aberdeen, Washington.

Carter came to Heppner in June 1951 from Bend where he was assistant manager of the Penney store replacing Jack O'Connor who was moved to Fallon, Nev. He started with the company in 1934 in the Walla Walla store and was transferred from there to Ashland. He has been with the company continuously except for three and one-half years in the armed forces.

He has been very active in civic affairs in Heppner, having served one year as president of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce and on many committees for that organization. He is currently chairman of the chamber's merchant's committee. He is also a member of the Heppner city council having been elected to a three year term in 1952. He has served for over two years as county savings bond chairman and is head of the Boy Scout fund drive for 1955. He has also served on many other civic committees.

Brunner, who will arrive here about November 1, has been assistant manager of the Aberdeen Penney store for about one and one-half years and has been with the company for nearly five years. He is married and has four children.

Pioneer Hospital, Catholic Church May Benefit From Will

According to a story this morning in a Portland paper Pioneer Memorial hospital and St. Patrick's Catholic church in Heppner each received a bequest of \$5,000 in the will of the late Mrs. Pauline Quaid who died in September at Portland.

The story also reported that Mrs. Quaid's daughter, Mrs. Katie Hofen of Portland plans to file a suit to contest the will. She was bequeathed only a small portion of the \$205,000 estate, the story said. The bulk of the estate was left to the state board of higher education for use in the construction of a psychiatric hospital for the University of Oregon medical school.

Mrs. Quaid, who was the wife and daughter of two of the early settlers in Morrow county lived here for many years before moving to Portland. She was 97 at the time of her death.

William C. Hubbard Killed in Crash

William C. Hubbard, 23, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Hubbard of Ione, was killed late Sunday evening near the intersection of highways 730 and 207 north of Hermiston when his car left the road and crashed into a gravel pile. He was alone in the automobile.

William Clyde Hubbard was born May 28, 1932 at Dayton, Washington and moved with his parents to a ranch near Ione several years ago. He completed his schooling at the Ione schools and served in the armed forces having received his discharge last spring. He was a member of the Ione American Legion post and the Elks lodge.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. at the Ione Community church with Rev. Alfred Striley officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with graveside services in charge of the Ione post of the American Legion.

He is survived by his parents, one brother, Robert, Ione; two sisters, Lillian Boyce, Ione and Margaret Connor, Ritter, his grandmother, Mrs. Lida Hubbard and step-grandmother, Mrs. Louella Brill.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Art Club Organized By Heppner Group

The Art Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Al Bunch and it was decided to join the Amateur Artists Association of America and to work from their home study course which will cost each member \$3.00.

The next meeting is set for the third Monday in January when it is hoped all materials will be here. Anyone interested in the group is urged to contact Mrs. Bunch or Mrs. Alex Thompson who are the organizers.

Those present at the meeting were Mrs. Paul Koenig, Mrs. Lione Houston, Mrs. Dick Borman, Judy Spaulding, Phyllis Quackebush, Mickey Nichols, Mrs. Bunch and Mrs. Thompson. There are more who are interested but were unable to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker of Kennewick, Washington, former Heppner residents, were visiting here on Sunday.

STATE WHEAT CROP VALUE SHOWS DECLINE; SOME CROPS ON INCREASE

Oregon farm marketings of wheat last year slipped more cashwise than any other major farm crop. This is revealed in revised figures on 1954 cash receipts from farm marketings compiled by the federal department of agriculture and just received by J. F. Short, director of the Oregon department of agriculture. The same report shows total farm marketings last year of \$382,661,000 compared with a revised 1953 total of \$401,381,000. The 1954 farm income from wheat was \$59,973,000, almost a \$10 million drop from 1953 and the lowest since 1950.

In releasing these figures, Short pointed out that they represent gross income out of which farmers had to pay all farm and labor costs as well as taxes.

Farm receipts from cattle and calves last year were \$57,397,000 or almost \$3 million above 1953. Oregon farmers marketed \$50.8 million worth of dairy products which was \$3 1/2 million less than in 1953; \$32.6 million worth of

Murder Conviction Appeal Filed by Mrs. Ann Avert

The likelihood that Mrs. Ann Avert who was convicted August 31 for second degree murder in the shooting of Portland attorney Delmore Lessard, will appeal the conviction appeared fairly certain this week.

The county clerk received a notice from Mrs. Avert on October 7 stating her intent to appeal her conviction and on Wednesday received a notice of appeal stating that she files notice that she is appealing her conviction and sentence to the supreme court of Oregon. Apparently Mrs. Avert is handling the appeal herself and does not have, at the present time at least, an attorney representing her.

No definite action has yet been started by the county on the appeal, but if it is accepted as being in the proper form and technically correct, a transcript of the case will be ordered by the county clerk. Mrs. Avert has at least 30 days in which to file a bill of exceptions and prepare an appellants brief which will go to the supreme court along with the state's documents.

There was no indication from the papers filed to date upon what basis the appeal will be made.

George Corey, Pendleton attorney, who was appointed special prosecutor for the case when Morrow county district attorney Bradley Fancher asked to be relieved of the prosecution because he had previously represented Mrs. Avert, will continue to handle the appeal for the county.

Mrs. Avert was convicted of second degree murder on August 31 by a jury of 12 men. Their verdict was unanimous.

Tax Statements Due Next Week

The sheriff's office announced today that the 1955-56 tax statements will begin going out to county taxpayers early next week. An entirely new system has been set up in the tax office as a result of the changeover in the assessor's office due to the reappraisal program carried out during the past year, and taxpayers are asked to check their statements for accuracy. Every attempt has been made to eliminate errors on the statements but with a new system some are bound to creep in, it was said. The office also asks that the statement be returned with payment to facilitate bookkeeping.

Deadline for payment of the first quarter's tax is November 15 and as usual a 3 percent rebate will be allowed for payment in full by that time.

CLARENCE HESSELTINE ILL

Mr. and Mrs. Lutkins of Spokane are here to be with her brother, Clarence Hesselstine, who is in Pioneer Memorial hospital in serious condition from a stroke suffered Sunday afternoon.

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Oregon farm marketings of poultry products down \$8.7 million from the year earlier; and \$6.7 million worth of other livestock. Marketings of all meat animals were a little over \$74 million, up \$3 million from a year earlier and the total on all livestock and livestock products was \$164,287,000 or \$9.2 million off from 1953.

On the crop side of the picture, barley ranked second for a single commodity, bringing in \$15 million or \$5 million more than in 1953. Snap beans and potatoes each produced over \$10 million of farm income and hay was worth \$7.6 million. Seeds were worth \$18,340,000 with common rye grass producing \$6.8 million of the seed total.

As a group, fruits and nuts at \$50.8 million held fairly even with 1953, while the vegetable grouping at \$34.8 million was off almost \$4 million. For the sixth straight year, pears brought the largest cash receipts of any of the tree fruits, berries or nut crops. Pears grossed \$13.4 million.

Some heppner with part of this to be done next year.