

Wheat Growers Talk Problems at Lexington Meeting

The fall meeting of the Morrow county Wheat Growers Association, held Saturday at the Lexington Grange, though attended by only a small group of farmers, discussed a great number of problems facing wheat growers. The group elected new officers, naming Don Peterson, lone, president; Vernon Munkers, Lexington, vice-president and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

During the day many recommendations were made which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League for discussion at the committee meetings to be held Dec. 8. If approved in committee, these recommendations will make up the program for the league to concentrate on during the year.

Sales Tax Supported

The taxation and legislation committee, headed by Glenn Campbell, Echo, made a number of recommendations among which was continued support for a state sales tax to offset local property tax, that the state tax commission develop standards for tax appraisers, maintaining a roster of persons qualified to do tax appraisal work and that county assessors be required by law to employ appraisal personnel from this roster. It was also suggested that the Wheat League make arrangements for a qualified person to attend all sessions of the legislature to keep the league posted on bills that would effect members.

In the youth activities committee, with D. O. Nelson as chairman, it was recommended that 4-H and F. F. A. compete at the OWGL fat stock show with only one grand champion selected in each class. They also asked that no horned steers be exhibited at the show.

Diverted Land Considered

The production and land use committee with Milton Morgan as chairman, considered a suggestion made by E. R. Jackman whereby a part of the land diverted from wheat would be put into grass or legume. As A. S. C. payment of 50 cents per bushel for normal wheat yield on all diverted acres seeded to grass or legumes would be provided. In the second year, a maintenance payment as long as the program lasts. It was felt that this would go along with the wheat acreage allotment, program of getting land that should be in grass and legumes established without any great loss to farmers.

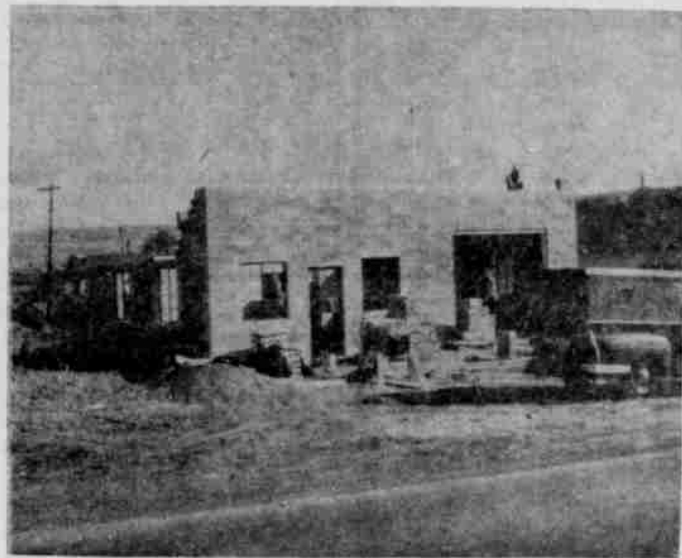
More Uses Needed

The wheat disposal and transportation committee asked that encouragement be given to both government and private industry in development of industrial uses for wheat. It was suggested that awards be given to researchers developing new uses for increasing the use of wheat as industrial raw material.

The federal agricultural programs committee asked that the federal crop insurance program be returned to county A. S. C. offices and that consideration be given to an insurance program for barley. Realizing that the modernized parity formula which will be put into effect on the 1956 crop does not reflect costs of wheat production and that it will reduce wheat prices 12 cents per year until the lower level of modernized parity is reached, they felt that a study should be made for revising the formula.

The committee also asked that allotments be announced before Feb. 15 each year and that the league continue its work for a domestic parity plan for wheat. The domestic wheat utilization committee headed by Mrs. H. G. Campbell spent considerable time planning means of getting Ala, the new wheat food, before people of other states. Several plans were suggested. The group also favored continuing the special cake contest sponsored by the league for the first time this year. Ala was the main course at the meeting luncheon put on by the Lexington HEC.

Awards in the special cake contest were presented to Mrs. Paul Warren, Heppner, first place winner; and Judy Howton, Ione, second. Mrs. Theron Adlard won third. Mrs. Warren will compete against nine other contestants for the \$10 state award at the special bake-off at the annual league meeting in Pendleton.



NEW LEXINGTON CITY HALL is rapidly taking shape as workmen for E. C. Nelson, Hermiston contractor, are shown working on the nearly completed walls of the brick structure. Room will be provided for the town's new fire truck, quarters for a future permanent fireman, council chambers and water department storage. The new building is located on the highway in the same location as the old fire hall building which was moved back to make room for the new structure. (GT Photo)

Kindergarten Benefit Rummage Sale Set Friday and Saturday

An unusually large amount of rummage of excellent quality has been donated for the Heppner Civic League rummage sale to be held Friday and Saturday at Empire Machinery Co., committee heads said today.

Such diverse items as baby furniture, popular records, a good deal of winter clothing and even a fur coat is on hand, and all woolen items have again been cleaned by the Heppner Cleaners. Mrs. James Norene and Mrs. Fred Sanders are handling the sale which is a semi-annual benefit for the kindergarten. It was also announced that members again plan to sell coffee and cookies during the two days of the sale.

Committee chairmen include Mrs. Bill Labhart and Mrs. Ray Myrick, clerking; Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and Mrs. Robert Ferrell, coffee; Mrs. Marvin Smith, cleanup; Mrs. Jack Angel and Mrs. Jack Loyd, pricing and arranging; Mrs. Bradley Fancher, publicity.

Wranglers Enjoy Buckburger Feed

The Wranglers met last Saturday evening at the fair pavilion for a potluck buckburger dinner.

The program included giving of awards to members for all horseback events during the year.

Winners for those twelve years of age and under were: Kit George, first; Marlene Fetsch, second; Bobby Fetsch, third; Age thirteen through seventeen, Carol Ann Wigglesworth, first; Larry Fetsch, second; Pat Steagall and Christine Swaggart, tied for third; Seniors, tied for first place; Mrs. William Healy and Ralph Beamers.

Entertainment was furnished by a musical trio; Judy Cochell, Jean Collins and Carol Anderson and a tap dance by Judy Spaulding and an acrobatic dance by Fern Albert. Local rodeo movies were shown by William Collins. Howard Bryant was master of ceremonies.

John Williams New Golf Club President

Recently elected directors of the Willow Creek Country Club early this week named John Williams of Heppner, president of the organization which is building a golf course near Heppner.

The directors, from which group the president was chosen, were elected last week by the membership. They are Paul Koenig, Bradley Fancher, Williams from Heppner; Don Hatfield, Lexington; and A. A. Stefani of Ione.

The club has leased land from Thomas Wells for the new course and it was announced that there will be a work day held next Sunday at the grounds starting at 10 a. m.

FHA GIRLS PLAN "HOBO DAY"; WILL TAKE ON ALL KINDS OF ODD JOBS

Here's an opportunity for Heppner residents to get almost any kind of odd job done—at a nominal fee, of course! To raise funds for the Heppner chapter of the Future Homemakers of America, the members are planning a 'Hobo Day' on Saturday, November 5.

The girls are willing to work at various jobs throughout the day and early evening and will tackle such chores as washing windows, raking lawns, assist-

C. H. Hams, 104, Old Time Farmer, Dies at Portland

Charles Henry Hams, 104 years of age, who was one of Portland's oldest citizens and a well known former resident of Morrow county, died early last week at a rest home in Portland. His death was attributed to a hip fracture he suffered two weeks before his death.

Mr. Hams was born January 20, 1851 in Folkestone, England and came to Portland to live in 1870. He lived and farmed at Hardman for 30 years, then returned to Portland to make his home in a cottage near the home of his son-in-law, Dr. Ben Wade. He enjoyed excellent health in his last years, and until he fell he had never been bedridden. He wore glasses, but his family reported that, "for some strange reason, he took them off to read."

Mr. Hams' wife, Viola, who died two years ago at the age of 97, were two of Portland's most celebrated golden-weds and they were married 74 years at the time of her passing.

Mr. Hams worked at one time for the old Penney's sawmill in Portland but came to this country in 1885 to farm, leaving that work in 1916. He had retired years ago. He was a 60 year member of the Odd Fellows lodge.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Minnie Paul, Mrs. Myrtle Wade, Portland; and Frances Staysa, Pacific City; three sons, Charles, Gaston; James of Hardman and Roy, Portland. He also leaves seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Portland.

Those from this area attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. James Hams and Doc Babb of Hardman and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hams and Susan of Ione.

Missionary Society To Meet At Valby Church

The Union Missionary Society will meet at the Valby Lutheran church at Gooseberry on Sunday, November 6 at 2:15 p. m.

The speaker is to be Dr. Betty Nilsson, retired missionary doctor who spent 40 years in India. She is one of the most outstanding Lutheran missionaries in the world.

RETURN FROM EAST

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter of Lexington returned last week-end from a trip to North Carolina where each visited relatives. Mrs. Ledbetter visited in Ruthfordton and he with a family in Asheville.

Mrs. Ledbetter has been gone a month while Mr. Ledbetter spent two weeks in the east. He was accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. John Pickens and her son Tommy.

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Annual Hayride, Church Parties Set For Hallowe'en

A full program of parties and special events for Heppner children of all ages is planned again this year for Hallowe'en, night, next Monday. Heading the list is the annual Hallowe'en hayride for teenagers sponsored by the Heppner Soroptimist club.

The hayride is for all Heppner students from the seventh grade through high school and plans have been made for trucks to leave the school building at 5:30 and return to town by 10:30. As usual the hayride will take the youngsters to the Cutsforth cabin on upper Willow creek where they will be provided with supper and an evening's entertainment. Soroptimist officers announced that all youngsters must ride on the trucks provided and that no one will be allowed to make the trip in private cars. Should the weather turn bad, arrangements have been made to hold the party elsewhere, it was said.

Special Hallowe'en parties for the younger children have been scheduled for local churches with all children between kindergarten and third grade ages invited to the Christian church, and children in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades are to go to the Methodist church. Games, entertainment and refreshments will be provided, it was announced. All local churches are cooperating in planning the two parties.

Pakistan Capital Visited by Local Residents on Tour

A copy of the Karachi, Pakistan newspaper, Dawn, received Wednesday by the Gazette Times, carried a news story telling of the arrival Wednesday, Oct. 19 in the Pakistan capital of a group of 28 Americans on a round-the-world tour. Among those on the tour are Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lindstrom of Ione.

The story said the group has already visited eastern and south-east Asian countries and will fly back home through the middle east and Europe. The two local couples left Los Angeles September 13 on a special chartered plane and plan to return home December 20.

Heppner Department Announces Plans for Fireman's Ball

Plans were revealed this week for a fireman's ball to be held Saturday, November 26 at the fair pavilion. It will be sponsored by the Heppner volunteer fire department.

The dance, the first of its kind to be held here in many years, will be given as a benefit for the fire department and proceeds will be used to purchase additional department equipment.

Heading the dance committee are Everett Keithley and Robert Penland who said that further details would be announced in the near future.

Postal Clerk Applications Needed

Postmaster James Driscoll announced today that applications for substitute postal transportation clerk positions in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana will be accepted from men until October 31.

Starting pay for the position is \$1.82 per hour. Benefits such as insurance coverage, sick and annual leave, retirement, or Social Security benefits make the positions very desirable, the Postmaster related.

Applicants must be bona-fide residents of the state from which they apply, be U. S. citizens and have reached their 18th birthday.

Interested persons should contact Floyd Sayers at the Heppner post office immediately.

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75 Year Old Hunter Won't Give Up—Finally Gets Deer

It took three tries, but Clarence Nichols, 75 year old Hermiston man who is a former resident of this area, finally got his deer.

On Nichols' first trip out he spotted a buck but just seconds before he pulled the trigger, another hunter shot and killed the animal.

On the second trip Nichols shot and knocked down a deer, but while he was climbing a fence to get to it, the buck got up and ran away only to fall dead some distance away and be tagged by some other hunters. Nichols is quite crippled and can't traverse rough ground easily.

Finally near the end of the season Nichols made his last attempt in the company of Max Schulz and he succeeded in killing a nice buck which he got to put his own tag on.

Nichols lived here for many years, having herded sheep in this country at the time of the Heppner flood.

School Problems Talked at Meeting

A wide assortment of educational problems in Morrow county were discussed at a convention of all school board members in the county held last Saturday at the court house. All districts in the county were represented and all rural school board members were present. County school head, Jack Flug, conducted the meeting.

All types of education problems were discussed, and from these discussions an agenda will be drawn up for a future convention to be held prior to the deadline of July 1, 1956 for a final report to be sent in to the state committee considering Oregon's educational problems. The group found information from the state finance division, the report from the committee of county school superintendents, and local information from the county school office very valuable in outlining the problems considered.

Among the major problems discussed were: why the large turnover of teachers each year; teacher salaries; teacher housing; cost of living; transportation; increase from basic school fund; federal aid; new buildings in the future; organization and administration; district organization; coming budgets; sales tax as a source of revenue.

Other problems were: cafeteria service; curriculum improvement; increased health service; special education supervision; reduction in capital outlay; valuations and millage rates; wealth per capita for each district; standard schools.

At the close of the session, refreshments were served by Mrs. Bernard Marshall and Mrs. Jack C. Flug.

Big Buck Contest Winners Named

George Steagall of Lexington won first prize of a rifle in the big buck contest sponsored by the Lexington V. F. W. post. His deer, the largest entered in the contest weighed in at 190 pounds.

Winner of the prize for the smallest deer killed during the recent season was James Barnett of Ione. His deer tipped the scales at just 70 pounds.

The special committee handling the contest included George Irvin, Charlie Padberg and Bill Nichols.

LEAVE FOR EAST

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turner left Wednesday night for an extended business and pleasure trip that will take them as far east as New York City and Washington, D. C. They plan to be gone for several weeks.

REEVES IN PENNSYLVANIA

According to recent word received here, Rev. and Mrs. John R. Reeves, former rector of All Saints Episcopal church, are now at home at St. James' church, Green Ridge, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, which is only about 15 miles from Philadelphia's city hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith have as their guests her sister, Mrs. Wayne Chase and niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arval Buckner all of Redmond.

Second Shift Starts At Heppner Mill

A second shift went to work Monday in the sawmill of Heppner Pine Mills and manager Paul Koenig said Wednesday that lumber production will be doubled the former cut within a short time when the crew gets used to the new operation plan.

Added to the crew were nine men who handle the sawmill operation on the second shift which operates from 5 p. m. to 2 a. m. This brings to 90 the number of men now on the plant payroll.

The second shift on the sawmill has been planned for some time to make a more efficient operation but it could not be started until the extensive remodeling job at the plant was completed. At the present time the planer section of the mill will be able to handle the additional cut from the local mill as well as the rough lumber that is hauled in from the North Fork Lumber Co. plant at Monument, but Koenig indicated that it will probably be necessary to run the planer longer during the spring and summer months when more lumber can be air dried. The dry kilns are now operating after being moved to a new location during the summer and as soon as

final cleanup of the mill grounds is completed the plant will present an entirely new appearance.

The sawmill, when the two shifts are operating to full capacity, will turn out an average of 90,000 feet of lumber per day.

The company logging crews are working at capacity in the upper Willow creek area and within a short time additional logs will begin coming into the company pond from the West Coast Timber Company logging operations in the Hardman area. The company is an independent concern from which Heppner Pine Mills is buying timber. Around 3,000,000 feet of logs are expected from this source.

County Bond Sales Reach New High

Sale of E and H United States savings bonds continued to climb in Morrow county during September, county chairman Jeff Carter reported this week. Sales for the month reached \$32,789 compared with only \$5,284 for the same month last year.

The September total raised to \$389,858 the bonds sold in the county since the first of the year and placed Morrow in a tie with Harney county for second place in the state for the greatest percentage of sales to its quota. Both counties have sold 134.9 percent of their 1955 quota and run second to Sherman county which has achieved a 178.7 percent record.

Bond sales in the county up to this time last year were only \$134,870.

An increase of \$8 million in bonds have been purchased throughout the state this year, compared with 1954, but the state percentage of its quota is currently only 77.9 percent. Oregon however, is continuing to lead the nation in sales increase.

Heppner City Attorney Honored at Cities League Meet

Recent developments and current problems in city government were discussed by the city officials of Oregon at the League of Oregon Cities convention in Portland this week. There was a special session devoted to the problems of small cities.

Marking its thirtieth anniversary this year, the league planned special recognition for the founders of the organization, for its past presidents and for city officials and employees in office since 1925 or before. Among those honored were Joseph J. Nys who has served as a city attorney of Heppner since 1918.

The president of the League of California Cities, O. W. Campbell, city manager of San Diego, spoke at the opening session on Monday. The president of the Association of Washington Cities, Mayor G. W. Burns of Yakima, and the president of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, Mayor E. G. Fletcher of Trail, B. C., will also be participants in the League's anniversary observance.

The luncheon speaker on Monday was Mayor Allen C. Thompson of Jackson, Mississippi, president of the American Municipal Association, an organization representing leagues of cities in 40 states.

The practical nature of the convention program is pointed out by League president, Diamond L. Flynn, former mayor of Medford. Most of the sessions were conducted on an informal basis so that the comparative experience of various cities in dealing with specific problems may be evaluated. Financial, legal and public works problems were among those discussed.

The program at the small cities section dealt entirely with questions submitted by the officials of cities under 2,000 population. Available to advise of local practice in dealing with the questions was a panel of experienced city officials.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Campbell, daughter Mary Ann and Walter Wellington, all of The Dalles were in Heppner last weekend for hunting. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner.

Local S-D Day Observance Planned

The personnel and machinery of the Highway Lifesavers Committee of Oregon Citizens, Inc., will be used to get public participation on Safe-Driving Day (S-D Day), December 1, it was announced by E. C. Sammons, President of the United States National Bank, Portland, who has been appointed by governor Paul L. Patterson as Oregon director for Safe-Driving Day. Sammons is president also of the Highway Lifesavers Committee.

Safe-Driving Day for the second year has been designated by President Eisenhower and the President's traffic safety committee, to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be greatly reduced when motorists and pedestrians concentrate on safe driving and walking, obey traffic regulations and proceed with caution and courtesy.

S-D Day will be national, all 48 governors proclaiming the day. Governor Patterson has asked all mayors to proclaim the S-D Day locally and name a municipal S-D Day Director.

In keeping with the request of governor Patterson, Heppner's mayor, Mrs. Mary Van Stevens, early this week proclaimed December 1 as S-D day in Heppner and appointed city police officer Melvin Piper as S-D Day director.

The national goal of S-D day is to have no traffic deaths and a minimum of accidents. Last year fatal accidents in the nation were reduced about one-half of normal.

Junior Class Play Managers Named

Stanley Holm, director of the Heppner high school junior class play this week announced managers for the production to be presented near the end of November. They are student director, Alice Faye Stewart; business manager, Alice Peterson; publicity manager, Janet Wright; property mistress, Francine Francis; makeup director, Shirley Kononen; sound effects, Jesse Smallwood; stage technicians, Jerry Dougherty and Ed Olson.

Two recent changes in the play cast of "The Secret Door" are Dean Connor as O'Brien and James Monahan as Jerry.

JUDGE SENTENCES TWO

Robert Pechin, Heppner, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail for his part in the stealing and butchering of a cow belonging to Jack Glavey. 60 days of the sentence was suspended and he was ordered to pay \$50 restitution for the animal.

John Myers, Boardman, was sentenced to six months in the county jail for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Both cases were heard Wednesday by circuit judge William W. Wells.