



VISITING PARENTS who attended classes and looked over school facilities during American Education Week, Nov. 6 to 12, found that the scene of greatest activity was the school cafeteria during the lunch hour. Parents were invited to eat with their children and many enjoyed the well balanced meal which students get for 25 cents. These two photos above show several parents at the tables with the students. Nearly 200 Moms and Dads visited at the schools during the week to sit in on classes and get a better understanding of the way in which their children are being given an education. School officials and teachers expressed pleasure at the response and interest shown.



FIRST GRADERS in Mrs. Edna Turner's class are enjoying the big new, brightly colored and well lighted rooms in the new building which is nearing completion. Shown in the photo are some of the students and a couple of the many mothers who visited classes during Education week.



NOON-TIME ENTERTAINMENT for a group of seventh grade students was this all-important checker game being played conveniently on the floor. Picture was taken during the early part of American Education Week, but participants were oblivious of the comings and goings of the many parents who visited Heppner schools during the week. (GT Photos)

SATURDAY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT PARTY TO ACKNOWLEDGE YEAR'S CLUB WORK

On Saturday, November 12, 190 Morrow county boys and girls will be observing 4-H achievement day. These boys and girls are enrolled in thirty clubs, carrying projects in livestock, poultry, rabbits, entomology, electricity, sewing, cooking, and home-making.

The 190 members will receive recognition this year for a job well done. Club members in the North Morrow county communities received pins and other recognition on November 4, while South Morrow 4-H members and leaders will receive their recognition on Saturday evening. The achievement party for these members will be held at the fair pavilion beginning at 6:30 p. m. with a potluck dinner. All members, their parents, leaders, and interested persons are invited to attend.

In summarizing projects carried by these boys and girls during the year, leading all projects in numbers of club members enrolled, is mealtime fun, a new cooking I project. Thirty-four boys and girls were enrolled, preparing 1,256 dishes, serving 3,408 people. Next in line with numbers enrolled was the Just So Girl, a clothing I project. Twenty-three club members made 114 articles which were valued at \$74.53. Sheep club members totaled 22, who raised 45 animals valued at \$3179.61. Twenty beef club members raised 28 animals at a value of \$4,813.23.

Other livestock projects were ten dairy animals valued at \$933.71, nine club members raised 31 pigs valued at \$1635.41. Rabbit and poultry projects were carried by two 4-H Clubs this past year with 12 members enrolled. They raised 198 animals. Their value was \$304.52. Eighteen boys were enrolled this year in the new electricity project. These boys learned about electricity by working with safe low voltage direct current electricity. Each made three-way switches and games and gadgets that were fun to work with.

A new project for Morrow county this year was the entomology project where five 4-H

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Morse and Tom To Speak at REA Co-Op Meeting

Senator Wayne Morse will be the main speaker at the annual meeting of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op to be held Friday, November 18 at the Heppner fair pavilion, it was revealed this week. Also on the program will be Allen Tom, state representative.

The program will start at 11 a. m. with registration, to be followed by luncheon for all members and their families at noon. At the afternoon meeting, which is open to the public, the schedule calls for the president's report by Kenneth Smouse; treasurer's report by Jack Hynd Jr.; manager's report by Edgar H. Collison; election of directors and talks by Tom and Morse.

Three directors will be elected for a term of three years and nominated for these positions are Wayne Anderson, Condon; Jack Hynd, Jr.; Cecil; Virgil Woelpern, Blalock; and Raymond Lundell of Ione. There will also be an election of a director for a one year term and Oscar Peterson of Ione has been nominated for this post.

Representative Tom is to speak on future taxes, but the subject of Senator Morse's address has not been announced.

A report will be made on the co-op's \$625,000 loan which was recently approved by the Rural Electrification Administration which is to be used for new construction. Some work has already started on the big program, manager Collison said this week, with about 15 miles of single phase line out of Morgan being converted to three phase. The work is being done by the Willson Construction Co. of Portland. Work will start next spring on the building of a new transmission line from Sherman county which will serve the Blalock area.

Clarence Hesseltine Dies at Spokane Veterans Hospital

Clarence Hesseltine, 72, a resident of Heppner for nearly 50 years, died October 30 at the Veterans' hospital in Spokane. He had suffered a stroke at his home here about a month ago and shortly afterwards was transferred to the Spokane hospital for treatment.

Funeral services were held on November 3 at Walla Walla and burial was in a Walla Walla cemetery.

Very little is known about Mr. Hesseltine except that he came to Heppner about 1908 and had worked in local restaurants for many years. He was a graduate of Whitman College in Walla Walla and was formerly a teacher in Washington. He served in World War I and was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. A. E. Lukens of Spokane.

Veterans Hospital Gifts Are Asked

Any person or organization interested in sending Christmas gifts to patients in the Morrow county Red Cross wards at the Walla Walla Veterans' hospital are asked to contact either Mrs. John Bergstrom or Mrs. Ben Anderson, local chairmen for the committee.

The local Red Cross has provided gifts for the county ward at the hospital for several years, and the committee announced that there are 83 men in the wards at this time. Gifts asked for are tee shirts, nail clippers, stretch socks and cigarettes.

All donated gifts are to be taken to Walla Walla by Nov. 30 but the committee would like to know before that date what will be given.

Mrs. Arent Being Held at Canyon City

Mrs. Ann Arent who was released from the state penitentiary to the custody of Morrow county sheriff C. J. D. Bauman late last week and is being held in the Grant county jail at Canyon City pending a hearing on an appeal of her conviction.

Mrs. Arent was sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing of Delmore Lessard, Portland attorney. She will remain a prisoner of the county until her appeal is settled which will probably be sometime next spring.



THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER to the economy of Eastern Oregon was explained by members of the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission Monday at the chamber of commerce. Present were left to right Paul Rowell, executive secretary; J. W. Forrester Jr., Pendleton; judge Garnet Barrett, Heppner; Ray Baum, La Grande; Marion Weatherford, Arlington; Jack Bedford, Heppner chamber president; and judge Robert Lytle of Vale. (GT Photo)

Tax Payment Deadline November 15, Over 25% Already Paid

Tax money continued to roll into the sheriff's office this week as the deadline approached for the payment of the first quarter 1955-56 real and personal property taxes. Tuesday, Nov. 15 is the last day taxpayers may take advantage of rebates for early payment and first quarter payments are delinquent after that date.

The tax department had checked in \$249,148 by Wednesday with many more thousands of dollars received by mail but not yet recorded, sheriff C. J. D. Bauman said. This amounts to slightly more than 5 percent of the total tax.

Grabill To Fill Council Vacancy

Robert Grabill, manager of Empire Machinery Co., and former Heppner city councilman, was appointed by mayor Mrs. Mary Van Stevens Monday night, to fill the vacancy on the council created by the resignation of Jeff Carter who left Heppner last week for Payette, Idaho.

Grabill served a full term on the council in the past, but did not run for reelection last year. He will serve until the next general election.

The council accepted the resignation of Melvin Piper, city police officer, and hired Dean Gilman of Heppner to fill the position. Piper resigned, effective late this month, to take a similar position with the Pendleton police department. Gilman, who served on the Heppner force several years ago, will take over his duties about December 1.

At the recommendation of Gil Groff, Salem engineer, the council threw out all bids that it had received last month for the construction of two footbridges across Willow creek and will start all over. Because definite plans and specifications had not been prepared for the bridges, the bids varied from about \$9,000 to over \$18,000 and Groff said that each bidder was bidding on something different. The engineers were ordered to prepare proper specifications and bids will be asked for again.

Park Plans Due

The engineering firm was also instructed to prepare plans for the development of the city park property. An overall building and landscaping plan will be prepared which will be followed by the city as money becomes available from the special 5-year one-mill levy voted last year.

Mayor Stevens gave a report on the recent League of Oregon Cities meeting which she attended in Portland and presented city attorney J. J. Nys with a certificate of service awarded him by the League for over 30 years of service to the city.

4-H Council to Meet at E. M. Baker Home

There will be a meeting of the South Morrow county 4-H council at the home of Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione, on Thursday, November 17 at 8 p. m.

A panel discussion on 4-H work by parents and leader, will be held.

Mrs. Blanche Sanders of Hood River is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders.

Laxton McMurray, Ex-Ione Rancher, Dies At Salem

Laxton McMurray, about 83 years of age, a well known former rancher near Ione, died on Monday at a Salem hospital. He had made his home in Salem for about the past 10 years, but had lived in Morrow county since before the turn of the century.

Mr. McMurray is remembered by many as a philanthropist during a great part of his life here. He aided the sick and the poor and was always a big donor to Boys Town, the Shrine Hospital in Portland and many other charitable organizations. One of his most recent bequests was a \$3,000 gift to Pioneer Memorial hospital here for the purchase of X-Ray equipment.

He was born in Polk County, North Carolina. The exact date is unknown, but he was about 83 years old. He served in the Spanish-American war, seeing action in Cuba and was awarded the Purple Heart. Shortly after the war he came to this area and homesteaded south of Ione on what is now known as the Bergevin ranch where he lived until about 10 years ago when he and his wife disposed of their property and moved to Salem. Mrs. McMurray passed away about four years ago.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. today (Thursday) at the Ione Community church with Rev. Castleman, a former pastor at Ione, officiating. The Ione Masonic lodge was in charge of the services and burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Mr. McMurray was a life member of the Ione Masonic lodge, having been initiated in 1913, and he also belonged to the Ione Odd Fellows lodge and the V. F. W.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Ray Robinson, Portland; Mrs. Lauren Hale, Tangent; and Mrs. Blanche Wertz, Clarkston, Wash.; two brothers, Fred McMurray, Portland and Hugh McMurray of Toledo, Ore. He also leaves several nieces and nephews. One step-son died about 1950.

Morse to Talk On Hells Canyon at Irrigon Grange

Senator Wayne Morse will speak at an open meeting of the Irrigon Grange Thursday, Nov. 17. The meeting will start at 8 p. m. and Morse's talk will be on Hells Canyon, it was announced.

The meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 6:30 and is open to the public.

Large Tax Check Due County on Monday

A check for \$15,412.60 will be presented Monday by Pacific Power & Light company in payment of its 1955 property taxes in Morrow county, according to J. R. Huffman, local manager for the power company.

Huffman pointed out that the company's tax payment was \$1,529.46 higher than last year, representing an increase of approximately 11.6 per cent.

Pacific's total property tax paid in 26 counties in Oregon this year amounts to \$2,374,231.19. This amount is \$186,795.81 larger than it was in 1954, an increase of 8.5 per cent.

Water Conservation Seen Vital; Local Planning Said Needed

"East of the mountains, water is Oregon's most valuable asset," Judge Robert Lytle, Vale, a member of the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission told the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce Monday, and he asked Morrow county, along with all other counties in the basin, to organize a committee to aid in seeing that the progress and development of water use and conservation started by the commission will not die with it when it goes out of existence the end of this year.

Judge Lytle was one of six members of the commission who met with the chamber Monday to explain what it had done in the past four years since it was created. He explained that the last legislature abolished the commission along with others in the state including the Willamette River Basin Commission and replaced them all with a Water Resources Board which supposedly is to have jurisdiction over the state's water problems. Lytle said however, that the new board will be primarily a policy making board and that some of its members have already admitted that it will be unable to do all the jobs the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission, and the others, had been doing in aiding local communities to develop flood control, irrigation and water development projects.

Tracy Elder and Pilot Killed In Plane Crash

Tracy K. Elder, an owner and operator of the Silver Spur ranch in south Morrow county, died last Thursday night in a crash of a four-place private plane on which he was a passenger on a flight from Pendleton to Spokane. Killed with him was Howard Arthur of Pendleton, pilot, operator of the Pendleton Airways flying service.

The wrecked plane was found about 35 miles north of Walla Walla by one of several search planes which had been alerted when the plane failed to arrive in Spokane on schedule.

Elder had intended to make the trip from Pendleton to Spokane on a commercial plane but missed the flight and chartered Arthur to fly him to the Washington city. The weather in the area was not good, but the cause of the crash is unknown. The plane burned.

Elder, whose home was in Spokane, where he owned an accounting firm, came to Morrow county in April, 1954 when he and two associates purchased the Claude Buschke and the Boyer and Haynes ranches in the Erdman area and formed a corporation known as Silver Spur ranch. Elder spent much of his time here managing the operation.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Sunset Memorial Chapel in Spokane with Rev. George R. S. Little, rector of All Saints' Episcopal church of Heppner officiating. Cremation services were held in Spokane.

Mr. Elder was born August 13, 1907 at Gardner, Kansas and was very well known in the Spokane area and in Idaho. He was a member of the American Institute of Accountants; the Early Bird Breakfast club and the Spokane Kiwanis club.

Surviving are his wife Emma P. Elder; a son Tracy K. Jr.; five daughters, Mrs. Marlene Engen, Mrs. Nancy Blanchard, all of Spokane; Mrs. Peggy Burdige, Heppner; Mrs. Sandra Selland, Burke, Idaho; Miss Marilyn Elder, Osburn, Idaho, and seven grandchildren. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. J. C. Pruitt, Los Animas, Colo.; and a brother Allan F. Elder of Spokane.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be at the court house in Heppner Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Buckley of Everett, Washington were the guests last week of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Downen.

Local Plans Needed

Lytle asked each county to form its own committee and then these groups would be called together by early December to form an Upper Columbia Basin Projects Committee which could carry on the work started by the present commission.

The judge emphasized that the main purpose of the county committees would be to form and crystallize the water development projects that are needed in each area. He said that the biggest problem faced by any commission is that not even the people who might be involved in any development know just what they themselves want. To prove his point he used some of the currently highly controversial major dam projects as an example. He continued that if any county or area can come forth with a planned, workable project then definite action can be taken to get the project started.

He pointed to one need in Morrow county—that of water conservation—saying that much could be done with the wasted water that flows into the Columbia from Willow creek. One job of the county committee would be to develop a plan to save it for local use.

Following Lytle the chamber heard Tom Wilson, local soil conservationist, tell that efforts had been made in the past to plan just such a program as the judge outlined, but without result. He pointed out some of the projects which would be feasible in Morrow county included problems of heavy runoff which cause erosion; cloudbursts which cause loss of life and damage; excessive stream meandering and lack of storage reservoirs.

Marion Weatherford, Arlington, chairman of the commission, told the history of the commission and explained what it had able to do to aid local areas in developing their own conservation plans. He also emphasized that much progress had been made and that the work shouldn't be lost for lack of a group to carry on.

J. W. Forrester, Jr., of Pendleton, spoke briefly on the John Day dam, telling of the controversy over its height and explained how a high JD dam would drown out much of the usable land in north Morrow county.

The members of the commission were introduced by county judge Garnet Barrett, who is vice-chairman of the group. They included Judge Lytle; Weatherford; Forrester; Ray Baum, La Grande; and Paul Rowell, executive secretary.

MCGG Annual Meet Monday At Ione

A. C. Camp, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers, Inc. of Spokane will be the main speaker at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Grain Growers to be held next Monday, Nov. 14 at the Ione Grange hall. The meeting will start at 10 a. m.

Included in the business to be transacted at the meeting will be the reading of the annual report and the election of four directors and seven associates. Nominated for the three year term as directors, with two to be elected, are Paul Brown and Lewis Halvorsen. For the one year term, with two to be elected, John Graves and Paul Jones have been nominated.

Lunch will be served at noon by the HEC of the grange and several attendance prizes are to be given away, manager Al Lamb announced.

General Closure Seen For Veteran's Day

Nearly all-Heppner stores, all county and state offices, the post office and other businesses will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day, it was announced this week by the chamber of commerce merchant's committee. The city has observed Veteran's Day, or Armistice Day as it was formerly known, for many years.

No general observance or public program is planned, but the Heppner Legion is sponsoring an all-day breakfast at its hall which is open to the public.