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**Morse Predicts  
Victory in Hells  
Canyon Dam Fight**

Senator Wayne Morse predicted Friday in his talk at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op meeting that, "The people can win at Hells Canyon as they won at Grand Coulee."

The Senator, speaking primarily about the Hells Canyon fight and frequently berating the present administration's partnership program continued, "To the Idaho Power Company I say that they go into Hells Canyon at their own risk and the risk of their shareholders and customers. For the people of this region, who have guarded this resource against attempted seizure by the forces of monopoly, are still standing guard. They will soon go to the Federal courts, all the way to the United States supreme court, if necessary, and the decision of the loaded federal power commission may well be set aside."

Morse said that he doesn't propose to give away 50 percent of the power of the Snake river, which he claimed would be the case if Idaho Power is allowed to build the three low dams, rather than the high federal dam he is working for. He castigated what he called the "scheming private utilities" but said that he was for both private and public power developed to the maximum extent.

Morse read a good share of his speech, saying that was something he seldom did, but because he had been misquoted or misinterpreted so many times in the "reactionary Oregon press", he wanted his Heppner speech to be documented. He named both the Oregonian and Journal as papers which had misquoted his statements.

Preceding Morse, the group of well over 200 persons heard state representative Allen Tom of Rufus speak on the varied tax programs which have a direct bearing on electric cooperatives.

**Election Held**  
Prior to the speeches by Tom and Morse, the co-op members reelected all present officers to another term. President is Kenneth Smouse, Ione; Walter Jaeger, Condon was renamed vice-president and Jack Hynd of Cecil as secretary-treasurer.

Elected as directors for a three-year term were Hynd, Raymond Lundell, Ione and Wayne Anderson of Condon. Oscar Peterson was chosen for a one-year term on the board.

Despite the extremely bad weather a good crowd was on hand for the annual meeting and luncheon was served to nearly 200 persons. The meeting was held at the fair pavilion.

**Thanksgiving Service  
Set at All Saints**

Thanksgiving services will be held at 10 a. m. at All Saints' Episcopal church, it was announced today. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion and a brief address by the rector.

Each person coming to this service will be asked to bring some kind of non-perishable food which after the service will be distributed to needy families.

The usual Wednesday morning service has been cancelled, but the Wednesday night communion followed by confirmation instruction will be held at 8 p. m.

Next Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent, there will be a corporate communion of the men and boys of the church at 11 a. m. Confirmation instruction for the children of the parish will be held after the administration of Holy baptism at 9:45 a. m. A nursery is provided for small children each Sunday during the morning service.

**Lexington Power  
Lines Being Converted  
To Higher Voltage**

Power lines serving part of Lexington are being converted to higher voltages by Pacific Power & Light company to meet the area's steady growth in use of electricity, according to R. J. Huffman, local manager for the company.

He said Lexington's increase in use of electricity has placed a heavy demand on present distribution facilities and the conversion will greatly relieve the condition and provide for future load growth. Voltages will be raised from 2,400 to 12,000 volts.

The project will cover more than five blocks along Main street and will cost nearly \$4,000. Completion is scheduled for the first of the year, Huffman said.

**Cold Cause of  
Power Outage**

Heppner, Lexington and Ione residents suffered two power outages during the past week, the first one last Thursday night, being one of the longest in recent years.

The Thursday blackout was caused by a pole tie-line snapping due to the extremely cold weather, which kicked the cable into a 66,000 volt line several miles north of Lexington on the main feeder connecting Hermiston and Jordan. The entire area was without power from 7 p. m. to 8:20 when Pacific Power was able to pick up the line from its Fossil substation. Heppner however, was without lights until 9:30 because the additional load here was too great.

Early Tuesday morning power was again off in all three towns for about 30 minutes when a fuse blew at P & L's Jordan substation.

**Mrs. R. B. Rice has returned** after a visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Madge Long, in Warrensburg, Missouri. Enroute home Mrs. Rice spent several days visiting at the home of a cousin in Denver, Colorado.

**WEATHER CHANGEABLE THIS PAST  
WEEK IN MOST OF MORROW COUNTY**

The week long cold spell that brought temperatures down to -20 in this area, finally broke Friday morning and Heppner had snow. The weather this week has been changeable with temperatures fluctuating rapidly and from hour to hour no one knew whether it would be snowing, raining, hailing or freezing.

The north end of the county and Umatilla county is still having freezing temperatures with very little thawing.

The total moisture in Heppner,

**Mrs. Fred Sanders  
League President  
Named New Civic**

Mrs. Fred Sanders was named new president of the Heppner Civic League Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the organization. She replaces Mrs. Bradley Fancher who has served as president for the past year.

Other new officers elected to serve with Mrs. Sanders are Mrs. Larry Downen, vice-president; Mrs. Ray Myrick, secretary; Mrs. Pat O'Brien, treasurer; and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle and Mrs. Jack Angel, members of the executive board.

The group voted to transfer about \$550 to the kindergarten board for the operation of the nursery school and approved the purchase and installation of permanent storage cabinets in the kindergarten room at the school. They also voted to donate to the city all the playground equipment which the league had for the children when the kindergarten was held in the old civic building. It will probably be incorporated in the new city park.

The club adopted a new constitution at the Monday meeting and instructed the treasurer to prepare a budget for the coming year. A complete report on the rummage sale was given by chairman, Mrs. James Norene and the kindergarten board reported that class attendance is remaining high and steady. Thirty-three children are now enrolled.

The regular December meeting has been cancelled, it was announced and a social meeting is being planned for January.

**O. E. S. TO HAVE INITIATION**

Ruth chapter No. 32 will meet Friday evening November 25 at the Masonic hall. Initiation will be held and this will be the last birthday party of the year.

**Mrs. W. E. Fisher of Walla** Walla was a weekend guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

**4-H Club Leaders  
Training Meeting  
Scheduled December 2**

4-H leaders who have enrolled clubs for the 1955-1956 club year will be getting leader's training at a county wide training meeting to be held Friday, December 2. Burton Hutton, state 4-H club leader and Miss Rosalie Mueller, state 4-H agent from Oregon State College, will assist with the leader's training. The meeting will be held at the fair pavilion in Heppner, beginning at 10:00 a. m.

During the day discussion will be held on problems of local leadership with leaders participating in the discussion. It is expected that approximately fifty leaders will attend the training meeting which is an annual affair.

**Death Claims  
Myles Martin**

Myles Elroy Martin 68, died early Tuesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. He was taken ill last weekend and was transferred to Pendleton Monday afternoon from Pioneer Memorial hospital here. Death was caused by complications from a long-time illness.

Mr. Martin was born February 26, 1887 at Moro, Oregon and had lived in the Heppner area for over 40 years. He was a rancher. He was a member of the Lexington grange, the Lexington Odd Fellows lodge and the Heppner Elks lodge.

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 25 at 10 a. m. at the Heppner Methodist church with Rev. Lester Boulden officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Hortense; four sons, Orlowe of Moro; Randall, Heppner; Willard, Portland; and Elroy of Lexington; one daughter, Mrs. Berniece Healy of Heppner; and a sister Mrs. Lola Clelland of Tolavava Park, Oregon.

He also leaves eight grandchildren, Robert and Dean Martin of Moro; Janice Martin, Heppner; Michael and Sheila Healy, Heppner; Tommy and Jimmy Martin, Lexington; and Patrick Martin of Portland.

Burial will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

**Regional Church  
Meeting Held Here**

The 90 and 9 men's organization of the Christian church was host for a regional dinner meeting last Monday evening with delegates coming from Pendleton, Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Baker and Lexington churches. About 40 were present.

Following a business meeting and devotional service the group heard Melvin Derby, state director of education for the Oregon Temperance League who gave a very intelligent approach to the problem with which his organization is concerned.

**Library Reading  
Hour Proves Popular**

The story hour held each Saturday at 3:15 p. m. at the Library for all youngsters from kindergarten age through the third grade, has proved very popular. The average attendance each week has been about 40 youngsters. All interested are urged to attend. It helps to develop good reading habits and teaches the use of the library.

**PACK MEETING TUESDAY**

Cub Scout pack No. 61 will hold their monthly pack meeting Tuesday November 29 at 7:30 p. m. in the multipurpose room of the new grade school.

Cub Scouts and their parents are urged to attend as there will be a number of awards made.



IT WAS COLD last week and should anyone doubt it, here is proof! Caught by the GT cameraman wearing his 20-year-old beaver coat was Dr. A. D. McMurdo who decided last Wednesday that it was chilly enough for furs and broke out this genuine "Beaver coat" that he has kept in moth balls for quite a few years. Doc had the coat made more than 20 years ago and he said that it used to come in "awful handy" in the years before cars had good heaters and draft-proof doors and windows. Heppner's venerable doctor dug out the coat "just for laughs", as he put it, but it felt mighty good and is in just as good condition as it was the day it was made. The temperature while it was being worn was only about 8 degrees below zero.

**Local Animals  
Bring Top Prices**

HERMISTON—A Heppner and two Lexington consignors scored heavily at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, sales manager Delbert Anson said today.

Robert Swope, Heppner, earned top money for two fat hogs of 430 pounds. Swope was paid \$14.60 a hundredweight for the animals.

Newt O'Harra, Lexington, received top money in two categories at the sale. He was paid \$11.50 a hundredweight for seven white face cows of 7095 pounds, and received \$17.30 a hundredweight for nine steer calves weighing in at 5090 pounds.

Mike Gray, also of Lexington, took top money in two departments, also. Gray sold a 165-pound ewe for 4.70 a hundredweight and earned 16.90 a hundredweight for three fat lambs of 375 pounds.

Anson called the sale a "typical storm market." There were few large lots of stock, he said, and the special calf sale originally scheduled was postponed until the day after Thanksgiving. A 16-cow dairy will be dispersed at that time, also.

Although top prices were somewhat lower this week, Anson said the market was holding "in line with quality". He pointed out that much of the livestock was selling in the upper end of the sale bracket, close to the top. Others earning top prices at the sale included:

E. C. Prussia, Touchet, Wash., 15 cents a pound for 10 feeder lambs of 805 pounds; Jess McLure, Hermiston, 15 cents a pound for two feeder pigs of 245 pounds; William Brister, Pendleton, 18 cents a pound for a 285-pound veal; James Rutter, Pendleton, 13.60 a hundredweight for a 1555-pound white face bull; Francis Troedson, Hermiston, 11.50 a hundredweight for a 515-pound sow; and George Patterson, Pendleton, 8.80 a hundredweight for a 1350-pound Holstein cow.

**Heppner Firemen's  
Ball To Be Event  
Of Saturday Night**

Heppner's first firemen's ball in many years will be held next Saturday night at the Heppner fair pavilion. It will feature the music of Gene Rietmann's orchestra and is to start at 9:30, it has been announced by members of the dance committee.

The benefit dance is being sponsored by the Heppner fire department and proceeds will be used for the purchase of miscellaneous equipment needed by the department.

Admission price is \$1.00 per person and tickets are being sold by all 15 department members.

**Agriculture Head  
To Be Wheat  
League Speaker**

Pendleton, November 23—Attention of the entire wheat industry in the Pacific Northwest will be focused on the 28th annual convention of the Oregon Wheat Growers League at Pendleton, December 8-9-10. Representing Oregon wheat producers for over a quarter century, the League has been instrumental in obtaining many benefits for growers throughout the state and region.

High note of the meeting will be a speech on December 9 by E. L. Peterson, assistant secretary of agriculture, on "National Agricultural Policy". League president, Kenneth Smouse, of Ione, notes that this is the most important topic for discussion at the meeting. The committee on federal agricultural programs, headed by Jack Smith, Condon, will determine next year's legislative program for the League.

Oregon's own Senator Wayne Morse will discuss the domestic parity plan for wheat as viewed by Congress, and reports will be given by H. C. Kreador of Nebraska and John Stephenson of Washington on recent activities of their state wheat associations.

Of special interest to the women will be the domestic wheat utilization committee meeting, style show, and cake baking contest, under the championship of Mrs. Raphael Raymond of Helix.

A diversion from wheat problems will be noted at the annual banquet when Dr. R. A. Hutchinson of Hood River will speak to the group on the topic "The World Through Irish Eyes".

Other speakers on the program are: Dr. D. D. Hill, head, farm crops department, Oregon State College, who will speak on wheat quality; and Richard Baum, the League secretary, who will report on his second, two month, mission to the far east on wheat market development.

The Morrow county League is host for the meeting.

**Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nickerson** and family are here to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his mother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cox**, of Portland are the parents of a girl born Nov. 15. She has been named Nancy Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox of Heppner are the grandparents.

**Pacific University  
Coach to Speak  
At Athletic Dinner**

The Heppner Elks lodge will hold an athletic banquet for football teams of Heppner, Lexington and Ione high schools Saturday night, December 3 at the Ione school cafeteria.

All members of the grid squads of the three schools, coaches and school officials and the fathers of the boys will be guests of the lodge. It was announced. A limited number of tickets will be available to the public, it was announced. This will be the first time a banquet has been held for the athletes of all three schools, but is being planned as an annual affair, it was said.

Main speaker for the banquet will be Dr. Paul Stagg, head football coach at Pacific University, Forest Grove, the committee announced yesterday afternoon. Dr. Stagg, who is well known in coaching circles, will bring some special films and one or more members of the Pacific football team, possibly a local boy as there are several Heppner and Ione boys on the squad.

The banquet is to start at 7:00 p. m. and the turkey dinner will be put on by members of the Maranathas, the women's organization of the Ione Community church.

**Early Morning Fire  
Damages Log Truck**

A Ford logging truck owned by Alvy E. Robb of Heppner was damaged to the extent of at least \$500 early Wednesday morning when a gas line came loose and ignited from the truck exhaust.

The hot fire completely burned out the cab of the truck and damaged all the vehicle's wiring. The fire started as Robb was preparing to leave for work. He had just gassed the truck and had driven as far as the Morrow County Grain Growers elevator in Heppner when it caught fire. Heppner firemen answered the alarm at 5:45 a. m.

Robb has been hauling for Black Mountain Lumber Co. but was starting this morning with Heppner Pine Mills.

**Peterson Honored  
As Conservation Man**

Donald Peterson, Ione, was presented an award as the conservation man of the year, at the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce annual conservation dinner, Monday evening at the Legion hall.

Also honored were Harold Wright, Heppner, grassman and Frank Anderson, Heppner, cattleman. Phillip Blakney, vice president of the chamber, introduced Newt O'Harra, chairman of the agriculture committee, who made the award and gave a brief talk.

About 100 attended the turkey, elk and beef dinner, which in past years has been held at the Cutsforth's cabin, but due to the weather the location was changed this year.

**Wayne West of Portland**, former Heppner resident, was in Heppner the first of the week.



**JACK BAILEY**, on the left, is being presented with the first National Bank Christmas Club check by Jack Bedford, Heppner bank manager. Bailey was the first person to sign up for the Christmas Club last year, the first year the plan was offered in Heppner by the bank. Bailey has put in a small amount each week and this Christmas received a check that will pay a big share of his Christmas bills. Being the first person to sign up, Bailey received the first check distributed this Christmas season.

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