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## 2 Renamed To County Fair Board

The county court this afternoon announced the reappointment of W. E. Hughes, Heppner, and Charles Carlson, Ione to the Morrow county fair board. The third member will be Willard Jones, Irrigon, who replaces Willard Baker of Boardman, whose term expired January 1.

It was also announced that the court has agreed to go ahead and work out the original agreement with the fair board for the removal of certain buildings, install a new fence etc., at the fair grounds. Judge Garnet Barrett said the court and the fair board are in agreement on 100 percent cooperation in complying with fair board laws and reorganization of the board to make for a better fair and greater benefits to the county as a whole.

The court will also assume jurisdiction of the North Morrow fair and will appoint a supervisor and committee for it. In addition it will make every effort to work out an arrangement for the continuation of the north county fair.

Over 30 persons including members of the fair and rodeo committees met with the county court Friday afternoon to urge the court's reappointment of present members of the fair board. Two have resigned effective the first of the year, and the third member's term expired on the same date.

The two members who turned in their resignations are W. E. Hughes, chairman whose term had one year to go, and Charles Carlson, with two years remaining. The third member is Willard Baker of Boardman.

The group urged the court to make every effort to get all the fair board members to accept reappointment saying they felt the three had done a good job during their terms in office. It was pointed out that the reason for the resignations was due in a large part to difficulty arising from the new interpretation of state laws governing the disposition of racing fund money to county fairs. The law specifies that only one county fair can be supported by these funds while in the past both the Morrow county fair at Heppner and the North Morrow fair at Boardman received a split of the money. It was also said that certain past agreements between the county court and the fair board regarding work to be done at the Heppner fair grounds had not been entirely carried out.

The court indicated to the group that it was making every effort to straighten out the problems and also hoped the former members would accept reappointment.

The court expects to make the appointments either Wednesday or Thursday at the regular court session.

### ROBINSONS PARENTS OF SECOND SON

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson are the parents of a boy born at 11:48 p. m. December 31 at the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston. He is their second son and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and is named Kyle Devin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Kirk of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson of Mt. Vernon.

## COMMITTEE HEADS NAMED FOR COUNTY WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS GROUP

Committee chairmen of the Morrow county Basin Projects committee were named by county chairman, Newt O'Harra of Lexington at a recent meeting of the group held at the O'Harra home.

The committee heads will select their own committee members and each will consider local resources problems on which they will report at a county meeting to be called within a short time.

The group unanimously favored the construction of a low level dam of 255 feet at the John Day site pointing out that considerable county land as well as the towns of Boardman and much of Irrigon would be flooded if a high dam were built. Barge loading at Morrow county docks would be jeopardized also if a high dam is built.



FIRST BABY PRIZES go to little Jimmy Earl Arnold and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Earl Arnold of Condon. Jimmy arrived at Pioneer Memorial hospital at 2:23 a. m. January 1 to become the first baby to be born in Morrow county in 1956. (GT Photo)

## 8 POUND BOY WINS FIRST BABY CONTEST FOR CONDON COUPLE

An 8 pound, one ounce boy, Jimmy Earl Arnold arrived in this world just two hours and 28 minutes after the start of the new year to win for himself and his Mom and Dad the prizes offered by Heppner merchants to the first baby born here in 1956.

Jimmy's proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Arnold of Condon and because of their new son's timely arrival they will collect a sizeable array of gifts ranging from baby food and bottle warmers to a sport shirt for the father. It marks the second year in a row that Condon residents have copied the first baby prizes as another couple from the Gilliam county town won last year's contest.

## Marketing, Stock Diseases Topics For Growers Meet

Livestock marketing programs and the problems of livestock diseases will be two of the top subjects to be featured at the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association to be held at the fair pavilion January 13 and 14, Raymond French, association president revealed this week.

A panel discussion of "Livestock marketing programs in Eastern Oregon" will be a feature of the Friday program with Jiggs Fisk, Wallowa county rancher; Orval McCormack, Umatilla county rancher; Ben Gilgore, Pendleton Grain Growers, Bill Southworth, Grant county rancher; on the panel and William Fowler of Oregon State College as moderator. The panel will be held at 10:15 Friday.

Dr. A. G. Beagle, of the bureau of animal industry will speak on livestock diseases, and others on the Friday program include John Landers, OSC, speaking on feeds and feeding; and Robert Every, OSC on insect control.

Saturday's program includes reports of committees on theft prevention, range and pasture improvement, game laws, insect control, market development and disease control. Election of new officers will also be held Saturday.

Saturday evening's program includes a social hour at 5:30 and the annual banquet at 6:30. Both will be held at the fair pavilion. Presentation of several special awards is scheduled for the banquet.

John Graves is banquet chairman, Kenneth Peck, head of the entertainment committee and O. W. Cutsforth of publicity.

Jimmy's father, who watched proudly while his new son's picture was being taken, works of Sid Seale, Gilliam county rancher. The boy is the Arnold's first child.

Not only did Jimmy time his arrival carefully, but also his mother. While there was no great rush, Mrs. Arnold arrived at Pioneer Memorial hospital just one hour ahead of her son. He is their first child.

Dr. Schwisow of Condon was the attending physician.

## New Councilman Assumes Office

Robert Grabill, manager of the Heppner store of Empire Machinery Company, was sworn in as a new council member Tuesday evening at the monthly meeting of the Heppner city council. He will fill the unexpired term of Jeff Carter who resigned in November when he moved from the city.

Grabill has previously served one full term on the council going out of office at the end of 1954 when he did not run for reelection.

The group heard W. R. Nelson, engineer for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company explain how a remote control system could be developed for controlling operation of the pumps at the city's upper wells. At the present time a man must be kept on duty to operate the electric equipment and some method has been talked whereby the system could be operated from town.

Nelson told the council that a rough estimate of the lines and equipment needed to give a remote system would cost around \$12,500 with monthly charges varying from \$39.00 to \$78.00 depending on the type of service decided upon.

The matter was referred to committee for further investigation.

The council received two requests for small sections of land to be annexed to the city: A map showing a plot of five lots adjoining the city, to the south owned by Vivian Kane, Helen Cox and Durward Tash, was presented and approved by the council. Petitions will be presented later asking that the area be taken into the city.

A request was also heard from the county that the fairgrounds area be provided with fire protection which would mean a decided lowering of fire insurance rates on buildings. The council voted to recommend to the county court, to whom the property belongs, that it petition for the area to be taken into the city limits.

Parking problems in several areas were discussed and the street committee was ordered to investigate the trouble along Gilmore street, S. Chase street leading up cemetery hill and the area behind the bank. The committee will recommend what measure will be taken to eliminate traffic hazards.

The council also approved a resolution calling for E. L. Prock to show cause why an old house now standing on his property on Elder street should not be declared a fire hazard and a menace and be removed. He has 30 days in which to answer the complaint.

### TED'S GROCERY SOLD

W. E. McMillan, owner of Ted's Grocery in Lexington, this week announced the sale of the business to A. H. Nichols. The new owner took over operations January 1.

## County Gets One Of Its Wettest Years in 1955

Tabulation of rainfall records for several areas in the county reveal that most of Morrow county enjoyed one of its wettest years in 1955.

As usual the Heppner weather station led the rest of the checking points with a total of 16.26 inches. This compares with only 11.61 in 1954, but is slightly under the 17.09 inches to fall here in 1953.

Close behind was the check station at the Bill Weatherford ranch near Lena where 16.10 inches fell during the year. Since September 1, the start of the new crop year, a total of 8.32 has been recorded there.

At the Gooseberry station, Leonard Carlson checked 14.44 in for the year with 2.52 inches coming in December. Weatherford had 2.39 in the same month and Heppner 2.64 inches.

Still one of the driest sections of the county is the north Lexington and Ione areas where only 8.04 inches was checked at the Crum Brothers ranch. However of that total 5.65 inches has fallen that if the wet spell continues there is a good chance for an excellent wheat crop in that area.

**Snow Heavy**

Much of the moisture to fall in Heppner during the past two months has been in the form of snow with a total of 8.35 inches measured here in December. Nearly an equal amount fell in November.

By a queer quirk of the wind currents, Heppner was again in the banana belt over the past weekend while most areas around it were getting heavy snow. A light snow fell in Heppner early Sunday morning, January 1, but less than a mile to the south no snow was found. To the north and west however, increasingly heavier falls of snow was found with Ione and Lexington getting about four inches and the Boardman and Irrigon sections getting up to 11 inches Sunday and Monday. Along the Columbia the temperature has remained near the freezing point since the start of the week while near Heppner the mercury has stayed around the 45 to 50 mark.

Road conditions were classified as "terrible" along the Columbia most of the time since Sunday with several minor accidents being reported. Packed snow and ice caused most of the trouble. Reports Wednesday from north Morrow county still told of from four to seven inches of snow on the ground.

## Building Permits Hit Record High

New construction and remodeling work done in Heppner during 1955 reached a record high of \$344,725 it was revealed this week by a check of building permits issued by the city.

The largest single item to show during the year was the new Heppner grade school which was built at a cost of over \$257,000 though it was not necessary to obtain a permit for this building. This work was started in January.

City permits issued showed new construction with an estimated value of \$71,000 was started during the year and remodeling and alterations cost \$16,725.

The 1955 figure is more than three times that for 1954 when a total of \$119,050 in new building work was started in the city.

## Pomona Grange Meet At Rhea Creek

Pomona grange will be held at Rhea creek grange Saturday, Jan. 7 with the meeting to start at 10:30 a. m. A dinner will be given at noon and a program starting at 2 p. m.

It was announced that the grange with the most members at Pomona for the next five meetings will receive a \$25 prize. All 4th degree members can attend Pomona.

## Early Spring, Maybe?

More proof that Heppner must be in the banana belt came from Bill Weatherford early this week.

He picked pussy willows over the weekend at his ranch near Lena.

## Heppner Post Office Shows Slight Gain In Business for '55

1955 receipts at the Heppner post office showed an increase of \$136.01 over business in 1954, postmaster James Driscoll revealed this week.

The local office did \$23,601.50 during 1955 as compared with \$23,465.49 in the previous year.

Cancellations during the peak mail period from December 2 through 23 showed a slight jump 69,450 pieces checked through the automatic letter cancellation machine during that time. The previous year 67,010 pieces were put through. This figure doesn't account for all the letters sent out from the local office, for close to 1,000 per day during the rush are of a size or shape that they cannot be put through the machine. The greatest number of cancellations made on any one day was about 8,860 letters.

While no exact record is kept, postal employees said that parcel post both dispatched and received here was about the same as last year.

## Heppner 1955 Fire Loss Hits \$5,400

Fire losses in Heppner during 1955 took a considerable jump over the previous year, fire chief C. A. Ruggles revealed this week, but the city's record is still very good.

The department answered a total of only 11 calls, three less than the previous year and fire and water damage amounted to \$5,404.66. Of that total, \$3,800 was suffered in one residence blaze which damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munkers early last fall.

Records show five fires were controlled with booster lines; one by chemical extinguisher, and four were out on arrival or required only stand-by effort. The department laid 1,100 feet of 2½ inch hose; 400 feet of 1½ inch line, used 36 feet of ladders and one fireman suffered minor injury during the year.

Equipment added during the year included 200 feet of new 2½ inch hose and one 1½ inch fog nozzle. In addition to the 11 regular alarms, several false alarms and other calls were received due largely to dialing wrong numbers. Few of these calls resulted in sounding the city's automatic alarm system, however.

## Year-End Sale Volume Tumbles

HERMISTON—Volume scuttled downward at the Hermiston livestock auction last Friday, sale manager Delbert Anson said today.

The Pre-New Year sale saw salable 124 cattle, 135 hogs and 15 sheep.

Everything moved readily, Anson reported, with prices all along the line stronger. Hogs, their downward trend apparently stemmed, held steady.

Anson said buyers are calling for fat cows and veal now. Earning tops at the market were: Floyd Daniels, Echo, 12 cents a pound for nine fat hogs of 1700 pounds; Mike Ireland, Hermiston, 16.70 cwt. for two fat lambs of 230 pounds; B. E. Pulley, Hermiston, 10.10 cwt. for a 330-pound white sow; Chris Wyss, Hermiston, 20.50 cwt. for a 240-pound veal; C. J. Nobles, Umatilla, 16.50 cwt. for a commercial steer of 1010 pounds; E. W. Barnum, Pendleton, 14.10 cwt. for a 2000-pound white face bull; Frank Dedro, Pilot Rock, 16.00 cwt. for two grain fed heifers of 1785 pounds; Doyle Ivy, Kennewick, Wash., 9.40 cwt. for a 965-pound Ayrshire cow.

The Market: CATTLE: baby calves, 1.50 to 17.00 a head; steer calves, 16.10 to 17.20 cwt.; heifer calves, 13.80 to 16.90 cwt.; veal, 19.10 to 20.50 cwt.; stocker steers, 13.50 to 14.80 cwt.; feeder steers, 14.80 to 15.90 cwt.; commercial steers only, 15.30 to 16.50 cwt.; fat heifers, 14.30 to 16.00 cwt.; dairy cows, 83.50 to 97.50 a head; commercial cows, 10.70 to 12.80 cwt.; utility cows, 9.40 to 10.70 cwt.; canner cutter cows, 8.10 to 9.40 cwt.; shells, 5.25 to 8.00 cwt.; bulls, 12.20 to 14.10 cwt. HOGS: weaner pigs, 3.50 to 4.75 a head; feeder pigs, 9.50 to 10.60 cwt.; fat hogs, 10.90 to 12.00 cwt.; sows, 8.40 to 10.10 cwt.; boars, none. SHEEP: Feeder lambs, none; fat lambs, 15.50 to 16.70 cwt.; ewes, none; bucks, none.

## Phil Blakney New Chamber President



PHIL BLAKNEY, Heppner pharmacist, who last week was named president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. (G. T. Photo)

Phil Blakney, owner of Phil's Pharmacy in Heppner, has been named president of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce by the board of directors of the organization. Blakney served as first vice-president of the chamber during the past year.

Other officers named by the directors are Jack Angel, hospital administrator, first vice-president and Jack Bailey, Elks club secretary, second vice president. Blakney will take over his new duties at the first regular meeting of the group next Monday noon. He replaces Jack Bedford, manager of the Heppner branch of the First National bank who has headed the chamber the past year.

Blakney has been a resident of Heppner for about four years, coming here from Milton-Freewater. He has served on various committees in the chamber, and for one year was chairman of the merchants committee, one of the most active.

The chamber membership elected new directors early in December and from this group, the new president and other officers are named by the board's members. On the ten-man board are Blakney, Bailey, Angel, James J. Farley, Jack Flug, Dick Brunner, Dr. Wallace H. Wolff, Newt O'Harra and Al Lamb. Blakney announced that he would name most of his committee chairmen within a short time.

## Elks to Honor Old-Time Members

Eleven long-time members of the Heppner Elks lodge will be honored at a special old-timers night to be held during lodge meeting tonight (Thursday) Milton Morgan, exalted ruler has announced.

The eleven members will receive special honors and pins denoting their years as members of the local lodge. This is the second annual observance to be held.

Those to receive pins, and whom are especially invited to attend tonight's meeting are Francis Doherty, Lewis Batty, B. E. Ison, 30 year pins; John Bergstrom, Norman Florence, H. R. Weatherford and O. G. Bergstrom, 35 years; H. D. McCurdy, Sr., Bert Mason and Harold Cohn, 40 years; and Curtis C. Rhea, a 50 year member.

## Economist Speaker At Soil Meeting

"Economics of Conservation" will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Emery Castle, economist, Oregon State College, at the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p. m. at the Lexington Grange hall, it was reported at a meeting of District supervisors Tuesday night in the bank building.

Included on the program will be a conservation panel composed of Oscar Peterson, Ione, representing the Grange; Irvin Rauch, Lexington, Farm Bureau; Donald Peterson, Ione, wheat-growers association; Raymond French, Heppner, Cattlegrowers association; Jack Flug, Heppner schools and Jack Bedford, Heppner, banks and finance. Moderator will be Fair Griffin, Pendleton, area conservationist of the Soil Conservation service.

Election of two supervisors to fill the expiring terms of Raymond Lundell, Ione, treasurer, and John Wightman, Heppner, will be held and a conservation film shown.

A December progress report in the district given at the meeting showed 1,040 of soil surveys made to bring the total to 753,482 acres and 21 acres of land leveled on the Marion Palmer ranch, Ione.

Attending the meeting were Newt O'Harra, Lexington, chairman; Lundell, Wightman, Griffin, Donald Peterson, Ione; Ben Cottshalk, Alpine; N. C. Anderson, secretary and Tom Wilson, work unit leader, Heppner.

## Band Parents Name Slate of Officers

The Heppner Band Parents club met recently and elected new officers for the coming year. Chosen president is Mrs. Oliver Creswick; Mrs. Alvin Bunch is the new vice-president and Mrs. Cal Sumner was named secretary-treasurer. The next regular meeting of the organization will be Tuesday, January 10 at 8 p. m. at the high school band room.

### FORMER TEACHER DIES

Mrs. Frank Huffman of Burns passed away January 1 at Mc Minnville. She was formerly Charlotte Woods, a music teacher at Heppner high school.

## Three Injured in Friday Accident

Three Heppner residents were injured, two seriously, when their car went out of control about three miles west of Heppner on highway 74 and overturned.

Most seriously hurt was Barbara Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Warren of Heppner, thrown from the machine when it flipped over in the air. Badly cut around the face and head and bruised was Joann Keithley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keithley. The third passenger was Mrs. Warren who suffered a sprained knee and bruises.

According to reports the car went out of control when the driver attempted to bring it back on the road after slipping onto the right shoulder. The car skidded across the road going off the left side after skidding a considerable distance and overturned in the air before hitting on its wheels on the access road about 10 feet below the highway. Both Barbara and Joann were thrown from the car.

Barbara suffered four fractures of the pelvis and a broken left arm in addition to scalp lacerations and severe shock. She is reported to be much improved today. Joann suffered multiple cuts and lacerations of the face and scalp and numerous bruises and abrasions. She also suffered from shock when taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital by ambulance.

Mrs. Warren said she believed the accident was caused by power steering on the car. Her daughter was used to driving another car which did not have it.

The car, a new Cadillac, suffered only minor body damage as it overturned completely in the air landing on its wheels.

## Ione Townies Call Second Game Against Orndance Squad

The Ione town basketball team will play a return game with the Orndance squad next Monday, Jan. 9 and will be endeavoring to keep its perfect record, manager Bob Hoskins announced this week.

The Ione squad, which hasn't lost a game so far this season, is playing continually better ball, and a good crowd is expected. The game will be played in the Ione gym and game time is 8 p. m.

Probable starting five will include Larry Fryse, Gene Doherty, Wayne Pierce, Butch Eubanks and Robert Peterson.

### TO WORK ON GOLF COURSE

There will be a work party for the Willow Creek Country Club at 10:00 a. m. on Sunday.