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Dump Problems Again Tackled By City Council

The Heppner city dump, a perennial problem of the city fathers, came in for lengthy discussion at the council meeting Monday night with the result that another effort will be made to control blowing and keep refuse from scattering over the countryside.

Herman Green, city garbage collector, reported that refuse was burned nearly every day at the dump, but that it was still impossible to keep papers from blowing out of the grounds. He suggested that a large wire and metal cage be constructed in the middle of the area so that dumping and burning, during high winds, which are frequent, could be done within the cage. He felt, as did city superintendent Vic Groshens, that some device of that nature was about the only way to keep the debris within the grounds.

Mayor Mary Stevens said that she had checked the grounds recently and found papers scattered for a considerable distance by the winds. It was also suggested that the entire grounds be fenced with a much higher fence, but council members pointed out that there was no money in the current budget for such a project.

The whole problem was referred to a committee with the recommendation that it investigate the possibility of constructing a burning cage such as was suggested.

City treasurer La Verne Van Marter read a treasurer's report to the council which showed the city to be in good financial condition. Income has been about as anticipated by the budget and money remains in most funds to meet budgeted expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The group accepted a petition from C. A. and Vivian Kane, Helen Cox and Roy Quackenbush asking that a group of lots adjoining the city limits on the south of Heppner along the Condon highway be annexed to the city. The area constitutes about one and one-half acres. A hearing has been set on the proposal for next month's council meeting.

J. O. Turner appeared before the council to ask if it would consider deeding a small plot of ground in the Heppner Masonic cemetery to the cemetery maintenance district. The city owns the plot which was originally planned for a Potter's field and no burials have been made there since the flood of 1903.

The cemetery district plans to improve the entire area but cannot include that plot unless it owns the land. The council indicated that it would deed the property when a formal petition is prepared.

A building permit was granted to Carl Thorpe for the construction of a 24 by 32 foot garage building on Hager street to cost \$700.

Judge Barratt in Arizona Hospital

Word was received Tuesday that county judge Garnet Barratt entered Memorial hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. Monday evening for treatment for a blood clot in the arm. The report said his condition was satisfactory.

Judge and Mrs. Barratt left over two weeks ago on a vacation trip through California and the southwest. Last year he suffered a similar ailment.

Heppner Chess Men Wins From Pen Team

The Heppner chess team played the Washington state prison team at Walla Walla last Sunday and came home winners by a wide margin. The score was 13 1/2 for Heppner to 4 1/2 points for the prison team.

Members of the Heppner team include La Verne Van Marter, James Popham, John Snyder, M. C. Huggett, Harry Tamblin, C. J. D. Bauman, Wayne Harsin and Case Adams all of Heppner and Joe Winslow of Pendleton.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING CHANGED

The meeting of the American Legion auxiliary scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 was postponed until Tuesday, February 14 at 8:00 p. m. with Mrs. Jack Van Winkle as co-hostess.

Homecoming Unhappy For Chilly Robin

Though it was February, and supposedly spring in Heppner, one migrant found out last week that he (or she) arrived just a trifle too early.

One slightly bewildered and nearly frozen robin spent the early part of last week huddled in the bushes and leaves around the hospital too cold to even fly. It arrived from the south the day the mercury hit 8 below and probably wished it hadn't been in quite such a hurry to get back home.

A GT photographer tried late in the week to get a picture of the unhappy bird, but by then the weather had warmed enough that it could fly far enough at one trip to get out of camera range.

World Prayer Day Observance Set Here February 14

Heppner will join in the nation-wide observance of the World Day of Prayer which is set for Friday, February 17, it was revealed this week.

In urging all residents to take part, Heppner mayor Mrs. Mary Stevens, today issued the following proclamation:

Whereas, it is the conviction of the United Council of Church Women that the everyday problems of every woman everywhere can be solved only with the help of God,

Whereas, World Day of Prayer has been designated on an international, interdenominational, interracial basis to join the people of the world together in furtherance of the doctrine, One Flock, One Shepherd, (John 10:16), Friday, February 17, 1956 has been designated as World Day of Prayer at the Christian church at 2:30 p. m.

As mayor of the city of Heppner I call upon the people of Heppner to attend this service in order that, we too declare God's purpose in human affairs and are mindful of the vast power of prayer.

Mary Stevens, Mayor of Heppner

The observance of World Day of Prayer began in 1887 when Presbyterian women designated a day for prayer for home missions. Since 1941 the general department of United Church Women has produced the service and promoted the observance in the United States. The division of foreign missions of the national Council of Churches has promoted it overseas.

Each year the national World Day of Prayer committee asks a woman or a group of women from one of the countries observing World Day of Prayer to write the service.

The purpose of World Day of Prayer is to unite all Christians in a bond of prayer, to give individuals an opportunity to share in a fellowship of prayer with others around the world, and to witness to their belief that prayer has the power to bring the hearts of men into conformity with God's will.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in 1955 in 20,000 communities in the United States and in 134 countries around the world. This year the theme is "One Flock, one Shepherd" and was written at Cook Christian Training School for Indians in Phoenix, Arizona.

Coon Protests Rail Freight Increase

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Sam Coon protested today against the proposed 7% increase in rail rates, in a letter to Anthony F. Arpaia, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Coon said, "Because farmers and ranchers are having serious economic difficulties, an increase in the rail rates at this time would further burden these producers."

He added, "A percentage increase would mean a real hardship to our area, while the same increase on a short haul at a low rate would not be so serious. A 7% increase on some of the long hauls to and from our state would be particularly disturbing."

"A substantial increase in rail rates at this time would mean a further cut in farmers' net income. It would add still more to the high prices of the supplies and equipment they must buy, at a time when they are getting low prices for what they sell."



MAJOR GENERAL LAMAR TOOZE, prominent Portland attorney and a veteran of both world wars, announced Wednesday that he will be a candidate for the nomination of U. S. Senator on the Republican ticket in the May primaries.

Sig Unander To Speak Here Next Wednesday

Sig Unander, treasurer of Oregon, will speak at a special luncheon Wednesday noon, February 15 at O'Donnell's cafe, it was revealed this week by Don Hatfield, Lexington, chairman of the Morrow county Republican central committee.

Unander is expected to tell of some of the problems facing Republicans in the state, but the exact subject of his talk was not announced.

The public is invited and reservations should be made with either Hatfield or Mrs. L. E. Dick, Heppner.

Hartman Named Heart Fund Head

Appointment of John Hartman of Heppner as Heart Fund chairman for Morrow county has been announced by Henry Andreea of Portland, vice-president of Oregon Pulp and Paper Co., and state chairman for the annual campaign of the Oregon Heart Association.

The campaign will be held during the month of February. "We are hopeful that the people of Morrow county will support the Heart Fund," Andreea stated, "and are confident that Hartman will exert every effort on behalf of the campaign. We are extremely grateful to him for his willingness to assist in this great work."

In accepting the chairmanship Hartman reminded that "there is a dire need for greater scientific knowledge to control the heart and circulatory diseases and this can be developed only through intensive research programs such as those sponsored by the Heart Association."

The newly named chairman said that considerable research at the University of Oregon medical school is financed by the Oregon Heart Association. Other great research projects are being conducted throughout the United States by the American Heart Association, of which the state group is an affiliate.

Detailed plans for the campaign in Morrow county will be announced at a later date, Hartman said.

Varied Program To Be Held at Lex P-TA

The Lexington P-TA will meet February 14 in the school auditorium for the regular meeting.

The program will consist of several numbers by the Lexington quartet. Jack Angel, superintendent of Pioneer Memorial hospital, will give a lecture on the Red Cross of Morrow county. The Lexington Thespians will give two short skits from the play "Hessie of the Hills".

Honoring Founders Day, Mrs. Fay Skagg, State president, will give a talk, including P-TA scholarships.

Hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. Glen Wardwell, Mrs. Theron Adlar, Mrs. Jim Angell and Mrs. Pine Thornburg.

All past presidents of Lexington P-TA and P-TA members from Heppner and Ione are cordially invited to attend.

DANCE CLASS PLANNED

The Squared-Up Bounders, Heppner square dance club, will hold a beginners class Saturday night at 8 p. m. at the Legion hall, it is announced. Anyone interested is invited.

Street Improvement Plan Again Brought Before Council

The possibility that at least a portion of the streets which were considered for improvement last year by the Heppner council, may be curbed and paved was seen in a request by J. O. Turner at Monday night's city council meeting.

Turner told the council that the property owners living on the west side of Gale street between Willow and Center had asked him to investigate whether the council would consider a petition asking for the curbing and paving of at least the west side of that block. He said he had not investigated whether owners on the other side of the street would be interested, but planned to do so.

Last year the council accepted petitions asking that a west side area of about 20 blocks be set up as an improvement district for paving and curbing, but by the time the city had obtained engineer's estimates and surveys, remonstrance petitions had been presented which brought a halt to the plan.

The council indicated that it would accept a petition for the work suggested by Turner as it was interested in getting a street improvement plan started if the people wanted it. It was pointed out that the cost on a small project such as suggested would undoubtedly be a little higher per foot than a larger job, but that all engineering has been done for the entire west side section so that it can be done piece-by-piece if necessary.

Turner said he would present the petition at the next council meeting.

The block which will be petitioned for improvement is one of the worst in town to get muddy and there is no way city crews can keep it cleaned unless it is curbed and paved.

Food Sanitation Problems Discussed At Local Meeting

A meeting with interested church group leaders was held by William B. Culham, district sanitarian, Oregon State Board of Health in the office of the Morrow county health department on February 7. The meeting concerned a discussion of food service for church dinners and public gatherings. Sanitation problems attending the service of food at the fairground pavilion and licensure of groups serving was also discussed.

Many improvements in the kitchen facilities at the pavilion have been made since last year, according to Mr. Culham.

The excellent attendance, and interest shown at the meeting, and improved physical conditions of the plant seem to indicate that there will be considerable improvement in the food service at the fairgrounds in coming years.

Those attending and the groups represented were: Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Mrs. Philip Mahoney, Mrs. Claude Graham and Mrs. Jim Valentine—All Saints Episcopal church, Heppner; Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Maranatha club, Ione; Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Christian church, Heppner; Mrs. Alex Hunt and Rev. Merlin Zier, Hope Lutheran church, Heppner; Rev. Lester Boulden, Mrs. Whitmer Wright and Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter, Methodist, church, Heppner; Mrs. Clifford M. Wagner and Mrs. Elsie Huston, Seventh Day Adventist church, Dorcas Society, Heppner; Mrs. James Popham, Catholic Altar Society, Heppner.

School Principals' Contracts Renewed

Contracts for elementary and high school principals were renewed at the school board meeting Monday, Feb. 6. Teachers' contracts will be reviewed at the March meeting.

The preliminary budget was completed for study by the budget committee.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday Feb. 14 at the court house from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Rufus Piper, Delbert Piper and Miss Francine-Francis spent Sunday in Pendleton, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Piper.

Fair and Rodeo Dates Announced; Ferguson Named Show Manager

Dates for the Morrow county fair and rodeo have been set for August 30 and 31, September 1 and 2. It has been announced following a meeting last week of the county fair board and the fair and rodeo committees. The fair will be held the first three days and the rodeo the last two, Sept. 1 and 2.

The board also appointed Raymond Ferguson of Heppner as show manager. This is a new position created this year. He will be in charge of and responsible to the fair board for the operation of the show. He is a member of the fair committee and will continue to serve in that capacity.

W. E. Hughes of Heppner was re-elected chairman of the county fair board which includes Charles Carlson, Ione and Willard Jones of Irrigon. Re-appointed to three-year terms were John Graves on the fair committee and Jack Van Winkle and William Smethurst on the rodeo committee.

No Carnival This Year

The group approved one major change in the plans for this year's show, deciding not to have a

Conservation Tour Date Set Up to Monday, Feb. 27

Plans were made by the Heppner Soil Conservation district supervisors at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday for a conservation tour on February 27. This tour will take the place of the annual tour which in the past has been held in late May.

The tour is being held early this year so that farmers may have the opportunity to compare soil erosion on fields where little or no conservation practices were applied with those where a complete conservation program is being carried out. It was felt that there are a good many examples at this time of the year that will more clearly illustrate the need for conservation than would be the case in May when crops cover the scars.

The tentative schedule for the tour has scheduled stops in Sand Hollow, Black Horse and Clarks Canyon.

Again this year the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce has invited farmers to be their guests at the noon meal on Feb. 27 with the tour to get under way immediately following the luncheon. It is expected that the tour will start from Heppner, but more complete details will be announced later.

Vets Tax Exemption Deadline April 1

Disabled war veterans and war widows must apply by April 1 for state property tax exemptions, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs warned today.

The exemption for those entitled amounts to \$7,500 of the true cash value of the property, according to Vere A. McCarty, service officer for the state veterans' department. Application is filed with the county assessor. Entitled to the tax exemption on their real or personal property are the following:

1. All veterans of the Indian, Mexican or Spanish-American wars, regardless of disability or amount of income.
2. Veterans of all other wars including the Korean conflict who have disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by the Veterans Administration or a branch of the Armed Forces, regardless of income.
3. Unremarried widows of veterans of any war, regardless of income. Pensioned widows of Civil and Spanish war veterans get an extra \$500 exemption.
4. War veterans with disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by their physician and the county health officer, provided they have not received more than \$2,500 total gross income in the past calendar year.

The exemption applies first to the applicant's homestead—that is, the property he owns and on which he resides. After that, it applies to his personal property. Further information is available from county assessors.

carnival as it has during past years. The board however, does plan to attempt to obtain children's rides for operation during the four days.

The board approved the rodeo committee's budget of \$2,050 for rodeo stock.

It was also announced that part of the old sheep and hog barn will be removed by the county for shop storage and the remainder of the building will be torn down and materials used for repairs on the fair and rodeo grounds.

Other improvements planned include the building of new corals at the rodeo grounds and new wiring in the fair pavilion. Present wiring in the pavilion is inadequate to handle the new utilities and appliances which have been installed in the kitchen.

Courthouse Will Again Fly Flag—When New One Comes

"Shorty" Hudson, caretaker at the courthouse, has been kept quite busy during the past week answering questions as to why the flag has not been seen flying from the post in front of the building. The questions came thick and fast following the death of Governor Patterson when residents expected to see it flying at half-mast.

"Shorty", getting a little tired of answering individual queries, gave the following public explanation:

The county bought a new flag recently. It was quite expensive and was guaranteed, but after only a few days of use the wind ripped it. So, it was returned to the maker for replacement but as yet the new flag has not been received. As a consequence the courthouse must remain flagless for a while yet.



ROBERT D. HOLMES, state senator from Gearhart, announced early this week that he will seek the Democratic nomination for governor in the May primaries.

Christian Churches Sponsor TV Program

The Christian church television association is presenting the second program in its series of five Saturday evening at 6 o'clock over channel 19. The Heppner Church of Christ is a member of this association as well as churches in Northeastern Oregon and southeastern and central Washington.

Other programs are scheduled for March 3 and 31 and April 28.

Ione Sorority Plans Chili Supper Feb. 11

The ESA sorority of Ione will sponsor a chili supper at the Ione Cafeteria Saturday, Feb. 11. It will be served from 5 to 7 p. m., just prior to the Ione-Heppner basketball game.

Chili and salad will be served by the sorority and donations will be the basis of charge. Money will be used to pipe water to the Ione cemetery.

Pie and beverage will also be served, and charged for, by the Ione high school junior class. The supper is being put on under the direction of Mrs. Robert Hoskins, chairman of the ways and means committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson returned from Portland Monday when they have been for the past week.

Dates Announced For Immunization Clinics in County

Immunization clinics for school and preschool children will again be held in all county schools by Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Mrs. Velma Glass of the Morrow county health department, it was announced today.

Clinics will be held at monthly intervals during February, March and April and signed permit slips from the parents must be presented at the time of Immunization by all school children.

The immunizations offered and recommended are as follows:

- Smallpox—Every 5 years, all age groups.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping-Cough Combination—for preschool children, ages 3 months through 5 years. Booster should be given 1 year after the series then every 3 years. First series requires 3 injections a month apart.
- Diphtheria, tetanus combination—children 1st grade through 8th grade. Booster every 3 years.
- Typhoid vaccine—recommended for all ages. First series requires 3 injections a week or more apart. Then a booster every year.

There will be no charge made for the immunization service this year.

Following is the immunization clinic schedule:

- Heppner—February 16th—9:00 a. m.—Preschool; 9:30 a. m.—School. March 13th—9:00 a. m.—Preschool; 9:30 a. m.—School. April 12th—9:00 a. m.—Preschool; 9:30 a. m.—School.
- Lexington—Feb. 21; March 21; April 19th; all at 9:00 a. m.
- Ione—Feb. 21; March 21; April 19; all at 10:30 a. m.
- Irrigon—Feb. 24; March 23; April 23; all at 9:00 a. m.
- Boardman—Feb. 24; March 23; April 23; all at 1:00 p. m.

Safflower Contracts Now Being Signed

Pacific Oilseeds Inc. is again making contracts with Morrow county farmers for the production of Safflower for 1956, it was revealed this week by county agent N. C. Anderson. Most farmers who grew the crop last year are making contracts for production again in 1956, it was said.

To date contracts have been signed for 380 acres and contracts must be signed before March 1 in order that there will be sufficient time for seed to be shipped into the area in quantities needed.

Contracting price for 1956 is a minimum of \$70 with a maximum of \$100 per ton. This is the same contracting price as last year and the price received for the 1955 crop was \$7, per ton.

It is understood that those who grew Safflower in 1955 felt that even with the shortage of moisture, income per acre compared to barley. Production of the crop requires no additional machinery over that used for wheat production.

Those who might be interested in producing the crop for 1956 are urged to get their contracts signed early.

County, Cities Get State License Funds

Issuance of liquor licenses during 1955 resulted in allocation this month of \$607,415.50 to counties, incorporated cities and the general fund of the state. The Oregon liquor control commission reports that warrants totaling \$363,186.90, representing 60 per cent of license fees collected, are being allocated to localities. Of this amount Morrow county received \$357.48; Boardman \$104.78; Heppner \$705.71; Ione \$70.88; and Lexington \$30.82.

Forty per cent of the earned license revenue, or \$242,124.60, plus revenue from out of state licenses and sale of lists, bring the total distribution to the general fund to \$244,228.60.

Distributions are made in accordance with the liquor control act which specifies that 60 per cent of license fees return to the locality in which the licensed outlet is located, and the remainder go to the general fund of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Evens left Monday for Portland on a business trip. They were accompanied by their granddaughter, Judy Gammel. They expect to return today.