

Mud and Water Causing Serious Road, Erosion Problems

Red Cross Drive Opening Planned; Floods Up Quota

Red Cross fund quota for the March drive in Morrow county is \$2,818, it was announced by Dick Brunner, campaign chairman, at a meeting of the local chapter Tuesday night at the Turner-Van Marter and Bryant insurance office.

A kickoff breakfast for volunteer directors, officers and community chairmen was set for Thursday, March 1 at 8 a. m. at O'Donnell's Cafe. Community chairmen are being selected this week.

Of the total quota, \$1,753 or 62.2 percent will be retained in the county and \$1,065 or 37.8 percent sent to national headquarters. Percentages will remain the same regardless of the amount collected.

Among local expenditures budgeted for the coming year are \$325 for the Veteran's hospital in Walla Walla, Wash.; \$500 for the county blood program and \$300 for first aid and water supply.

The local chapter sent Larry Downen to a two-week aquatic school last year before he began swimming lessons for 140 children who learned to swim at the Heppner pool last summer. It was pointed out. A similar program is planned for this coming summer. Among other expenditures last year were the high seas program for service personnel and for the home service program. The Rev. Lester Boulden, home service chairman, reported over 30 cases including telegrams, letters, social histories and health and welfare in 1955. A total of \$1,761.99 was collected last year, short of the \$2,579 goal.

Red Cross fund quotas have been increased this year due to flood disasters on the East and West coasts, it was explained by Brunner and Jack Bailey, chapter president. Both men attended a regional meeting in Walla Walla last week and reported that of 16 million dollars used in the eastern flood relief program only five and one-half percent was used for administrative costs.

Attending the meeting were Brunner, Bailey, Mrs. John Newman, secretary, Mrs. R. B. Rice, Jack Angel, Frank Turner and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

City Starts Cleanup Of Muddy Streets

City crews were working Wednesday on removing some of the traces of the heavy winter which have accumulated on Heppner's streets.

The many snows and heavy runoff of water has loaded the city's streets with a thick layer of mud and light gravel used for sanding during ice condition, and the crew was attacking the gooey problem with fire hoses, the layer being much too heavy for the street flusher to handle.

Main street was cleaned first and though many other streets have a similar mud problem, they cannot be flushed as they do not have curbs or full width paving.

In many places along Main and other streets the mud and gravel was from two to four inches deep.

GRANGE SEES NEED FOR RECOGNITION OF FARMER ORGANIZATION WORK

Discussion during last Sunday's meeting of Willows Grange at Ione, the Grange feels that farm organizations in general, and especially in Morrow county, are not being recognized as really great assets to American life and the American way of living.

It was pointed out that should the farmer go on strike as do other labor organizations, living each unto himself, he would soon be rebuked as a menace to the public. Farmers appreciate recognition of their efforts and labor, of making their homes beautiful and assisting in elevating the standards of living.

The agricultural committee reported a county wide meeting with the county agent to map the program of work for 1956. A project completed was that of clearing Morrow county of Bangs

District American Legion Conference Set For Heppner

All local American Legion and Auxiliary members have been urged to take part in the joint American Legion district 6 conference to be held Sunday, March 4 at the Heppner Legion hall.

Post commander Floyd Sayers announced that the conference will start at 5 p. m. with a group banquet at 6. Conference meetings will follow. State and district officers of both organizations will be present, it was said.

Death Claims Mabel A. Hughes

Mrs. Mabel A. Hughes, 71 years of age, died Wednesday afternoon at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla. She had been a resident here for most of her life until moving to Milton-Freewater some years ago.

Mrs. Hughes was born March 4, 1884 at Heppner, the daughter of John L. and Mary Ellen Ayers. She was married Feb. 5, 1905 to Arthur Percy Hughes, who preceded her in death.

At the time of her death she was president of the Morrow county pioneer association; past president of chapter AP, PEO, the United Council of Churchwomen and Women's Improvement Club all of Milton-Freewater. In 1953 she was honored by Ruth chapter OES of Heppner when she was given her 50 year membership pin. She was active in church work at All Saints Episcopal church here and was district president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church missionary district of Eastern Oregon from 1943 to 1945. She was a member of the Whitman alumni class of 1908.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. at All Saints' Episcopal church with Bishop Lane Barton and the Rev. George R. S. Little officiating. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery. The family has asked that contributions be made to the cancer fund in lieu of flowers.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Luther, Milton-Freewater and a son W. E. Hughes, Heppner; a brother G. E. Ayers, Milton and sister, Mrs. Bertram A. Warren Walla Walla; a nephew Earl Ayers of Milton, and five grandchildren. Two children preceded her in death, a daughter Kathleen and a son Arthur Lee Hughes who died in 1948.

Folsom Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Irrigon School Gets Federal Money

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Sam Coon announced Saturday that \$8,397 has been certified for immediate payment to Morrow County School District No. 10, Irrigon, by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

This money is Federal assistance under Public Law 874 to schools in districts affected by Federal Government activity.

IONE LEGION AUXILIARY TEA

The Ione American Legion auxiliary child welfare tea will be Sunday March 11 at 2:30 p. m. in the Ione Legion hall.



STATE TREASURER, Sig Unander, center was speaker at a special meeting last Wednesday of the Morrow county Republican committee. Shown with Unander are left to right, Collis Moore, Wasco; Mrs. Moore who is running for Republican national committee; woman; Unander; Mrs. Unander and Mrs. Verner Troedson, Ione, vice-chairman of the county Republican committee. (GT Photo)

FEDERAL BUSINESS CENSUS GIVES REPORT ON SERVICES IN COUNTY

Receipts of 29 service establishments enumerated in Morrow County in the 1954 Census of Business amounted to about \$341,000, according to a preliminary report covering service trades, published by the Bureau of Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The combined yearly payroll of the county's service establishments was \$37,000. They reported 32 employees of whom 28 worked full time in the pay period ending nearest November 15. Proprietors actively employed in the operation of unincorporated businesses numbered 37.

Establishments providing personal services numbered 9 and reported receipts of \$124,000. Establishments primarily engaged

in automotive repair, parking and other automotive services numbered 6 and had receipts of \$58,000. Establishments listed as "all other services" in the preliminary report numbered 14 and had receipts of \$159,000.

Heart Attack Takes Otto Ruhl

Funeral services for Otto Ruhl 66 years of age, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Creswick Mortuary chapel with Rev. Charles V. Knox officiating. Mr. Ruhl died suddenly Saturday of a heart attack at his home near Lexington.

Mr. Ruhl was born November 19, 1889 at San Jose, Calif., and came to Lexington to live with Mr. and Mrs. Eph Eskelson at the age of nine years. During his lifetime here he was engaged in ranching or ranch work.

He is survived by his wife, Elva Ruhl, Lexington; two sons, Laurel and Norman, both of Lexington; a half brother, Clarence Guber, Madras; two half sisters, Alice Guber and Lorena Guber both of Portland; two grandsons, Otto E. and Richard of Lexington.

Interment was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Future Farmers Plan Observance

Future Farmers of America members throughout the nation are scheduling special activities to focus public attention on the work of their organization during National FFA Week, February 18-25.

Locally, members of the FFA chapter plan parent-son banquets, and other activities.

Membership in the FFA is made up of farm boys who are students of vocational agriculture in high school. The organization's activities are designed primarily to help develop rural leadership and good citizenship, and to stimulate the boys to better achievement in their study and work toward successful establishment in farming.

The Heppner FFA chapter has 16 members. Officers are: president, Eddie Brosnan; vice-president, Bob Stevens; secretary, Bob Hare; treasurer, Larry Fatch; reporter, Dick Applegate; and sentinel, Mike Monahan. Llewellyn Robbins, vocational agriculture instructor in Heppner high school, serves as advisor of the FFA chapter.

The national Future Farmer organization has more than 383,000 members in the 48 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Membership in Oregon totals approximately 3800.

Future Farmers choose the week of George Washington's birthday each year for the observance of National FFA Week. Although generally recognized as a Revolutionary War general and our first President, Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There, he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop rotations, fertilization, and other soil conservation and improvement methods. It was more than a century after Washington's death before general use was made of many of the sound agricultural practices that he advocated.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Annie Clowry, known to many here as Aunt Annie, February 1 at the home of her brother in Irwin, Iowa. She had suffered a severe stroke some time ago and had never completely recovered. She was 85 years of age.

Heavy Runoff Tuesday Covers Several Roads

Rain and snow, the lack of which is usually the top subject for conservation in Morrow county, this week still holds its number one news position but not because of any shortage of either. The moisture has continued to come and again this week overflowed onto roads, city streets and into basements making many county roads next to impassable and causing serious erosion damage on hundreds of fields.

After getting considerable runoff last week from the melting snow, another snow storm hit the area Thursday night and Friday to deposit from four to six inches of new snow on already soaked lands. Strong warm winds Monday followed by fairly heavy rains through Tuesday caused the heaviest runoff of muddy water experienced so far this winter. Pictures accompanying this story show a few of the results of the heavy wash.

The thawing and rain made many roads in the Heppner area nearly impassable and covered highways in many places with thick layers of heavy, muddy silt washed from adjacent fields. There were numerous reports from all over the county of roads being badly cut up and in some steeper canyons the runoff of mud stopped all traffic.

Gilliam County Hit

The northwest section of the county and Gilliam county suffered considerably more from the storms than did the Heppner area, according to reports received Wednesday. At Cecil it was reported that one and one-half inches of rain fell between 7 p. m. Monday and 9:30 a. m. Tuesday and state police reported that Willow creek, which was high and muddy at Heppner, was spread out over practically all bottom land below its junction with Eight Mile canyon below Cecil. Much of the heavy influx of water was coming from Eight Mile canyon.

The Condon-Arlington highway was closed for a while Tuesday because of high water and washouts and was reported open to only one-way traffic Wednesday. The highway from Condon to Fossil was closed the same day because of high water and slides.

Arlington Has Trouble

Tuesday Arlington residents spent much of the day attempting to keep the waters of the stream running through town from inundating the entire town. According to reports dikes were hastily thrown up above town to protect buildings and keep the water out of the main part of

A series of pictures showing some of the rain and mud damage of the past few days was supposed to accompany this story, but because of the curtailed mail service due to the Washington's birthday holiday the cuts failed to arrive from the engravers. Though they may be a little out of date, they will be printed next week.

town. Several culverts were washed out and for a while the water covered the mainline Union Pacific tracks along highway 30. Some residents in the Shuttler Flats section were forced to leave their homes because of the water which was called the highest ever seen in that section.

At the same time Morrow and Gilliam county was trying to cope with its overdose of water, reports from southeastern Washington told of even worse cases of flooding and road washouts. Snowpack in that area has been heavier than on this side of the Columbia.

Roads Suffering

A check of roads near Heppner revealed that many have been cut badly by water and in many more places they have been covered with a layer of silt up to six and eight inches deep. Some of the worst places have been in Clark's canyon and the McNab-Olex road which has been entirely closed at times. Mud and rocks covered the highway in the vicinity of Morgan and it was reported that the saturated ground was causing some breakup of the Lexington-Hermiston highway.

Soil Loss Heavy
Though not as spectacular as

Conservation Tour Monday to View Erosion Problems

The annual Heppner Soil Conservation tour, usually held in May, has been scheduled for next Monday afternoon, it was announced today.

The tour was originally announced for Monday, Feb. 27, and then was postponed early this week because of road conditions in the area to be covered. Conflicting schedules for the next two or three weeks made it necessary to change back to the original date, Tom Wilson, local conservationist said Wednesday.

Wilson and county agent N. C. Anderson made a trip over the tour route Wednesday morning and found that barring any more extremely heavy storms, the route was passable to cars.

The tour which is sponsored jointly by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, will start with a free luncheon for all participating farmers and chamber members at noon at the Methodist church. Immediately following the lunch, the tour will start from the church.

The route to be taken will cover the Sand Hollow area to the baseline, thence to the Lexington-Echo highway, to Lexington, up Clark's Canyon and into Heppner. It is planned for a two-hour tour.

Heavy Erosion Seen

The tour has been set up this year to give participants an opportunity to examine the effects of this year's heavy rain and snow on fields in the county. Much cutting has been obvious on numerous fields for some time and the rains and thawing early this week has added much to the erosion problems. It was felt by directors of the district that a tour now would show the effects of poor and good conservation practices much better than later when crops are coming up and covering many of the scars.

The luncheon will replace the regular chamber meeting on Monday and all members as well as interested farmers are invited to make the trip.

Charles S. Emry, 96, Passes at Albany

Charles Sumner Emry, 96 years of age, a one-time resident of this area, died February 11 at Albany, Oregon. Final rites were held Feb. 14 with burial in the Albany Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Emry was born June 18, 1859 in Kansas and lived in Oregon for 70 years. He left Morrow county 45 years ago to make his home in Jefferson, in the Willamette valley.

He was married to Sina Bowman in Kansas and they had four daughters who survive him. They are Mrs. Maggie Fuqua, Costa Mesa, Calif.; Mrs. Bert Bleakman, Hermiston; Mrs. Charlie McDaniel, Boardman; Mrs. Tom Ramsdell, Salem. He also leaves 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

School Budget Committee Meets

The budget committee for school district No. 1 consisting of Ray Ferguson, Frank Anderson, Dick Wilkinson, Howard Bryant and Harold Becket met recently with the school board and superintendent to go over the budget for the coming year. Bryant was named chairman and Ferguson secretary.

The budget was approved by the school board for presentation to the rural board. It will be published in full and a public hearing date will be set after the rural board has considered the budget.

Game Commission Field Day Planned

On March 18 the state game commission is planning a field day over the North Fork game management area, it was revealed this week. They plan to plant bitterbrush seedlings.

Clubs from the surrounding area have been invited to attend and anyone interested in making the trip are asked to contact Ken Keeling, Glen Ward or Ralph Taylor as soon as possible.

"Heart Sunday" Drive Planned

Heart Fund Sunday, February 26 has been proclaimed by Mrs. Jack Bailey, chairman of the county Heart Fund drive and it has been announced that on that afternoon local volunteer workers will make a house-to-house canvass for contributions.

The Heart drive has been carried on throughout the county and the nation during February.

Volunteers who will aid in the Sunday afternoon canvass include Mesdames Creston Robinson, Walter Edger, John Hartman, Mike Saling, Douglas Drake, Ned Sweck, Kemp Dick, Don Bennett, William Heath, Riley Munkers, LeRoy Gardner, James Healy, Harlan McCurdy Jr., Richard Meador and Howard Petty-John.

The committee asks that anyone not contacted during the canvass mail any contribution to "Heart", care of your local postmaster.

Morrow Democrats Plan Organization Meeting February 27

Morrow county Democrats are scheduled to meet Monday evening, Feb. 27 at the New O'Hara home in Lexington. Organization and plans for the coming campaign will be the topic of discussion.

The meeting will be informal though it is expected that one or more candidates will be present at the meeting. Refreshments will be served and a report on the Stevenson meeting will be given by the local chairman, Al Lamb.

Jury Panel, Election Boards Are Named

Printed elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette Times, along with the proceedings of the county court, is the full jury panel for 1956 and the court appointments for judges and clerks for election boards for 1956-58.

The jury list contains the names of 500 registered voters of the county.

CUB SCOUT BANQUET

The annual Cub Scout blue and gold banquet will be held Wednesday, February 29 at 6:30 p. m. in the basement of the Christian church.