

Follow-up School Meeting Friday

A follow-up conference on President Eisenhower's White House conference on education will be held Friday evening at 7:30 at the lone school cafeteria, with S. E. Brogotti of Helix, Oregon representative to the Washington meeting, as the main speaker.

The follow-up conferences, which are being held in various areas throughout the state, are planned to bring back to the people the report of what was accomplished at the Washington, D. C., meeting held late last fall. The idea was developed by the President and district meetings were held last summer and early fall to formulate the educational problems which would be taken up at the national White House meeting in Washington. Brogotti will give a report on the results of that meeting.

Following Brogotti's report, which will be given at a general meeting, Bradley Fancher, conference chairman, will divide the meeting into smaller groups for individual discussion of the following problems relating to education and how the answers reported at the Washington meeting can be applied locally. The subjects will include: how can we organize our schools more efficiently and economically? What are our school building needs? How can we get enough good teachers and keep them? How do we finance our school

buildings and operate them? How can we obtain continuous public interest in education?

Leaders in the discussion groups will be Lloyd Howton, Ray Heimbigner, L. E. Dick and Dewey West. Following these discussions, each leader will report their conclusions to the general meeting.

The problems to be discussed at the conference are ones which plague all school districts and which ultimately reflect in school taxes. The meeting is open to the public, all persons interested in schools and tax problems are urged to attend the meeting.

Five Years Seen Till River Towns Will Be Drowned

Residents of Boardman, Arlington and other communities along the Columbia can expect it to be at least five years before their towns and property will be drowned out by the backwater of the John Day dam.

This information was revealed by members of the Corps of Engineers at a meeting of 75 interested persons at Boardman Wednesday night. The meeting, sponsored by the Boardman Commercial Club, was another in a recent series held by the club to determine what effect the building of the dam will have on river-front communities.

Speakers at the meeting were Alvin Ross, coordinator; B. C. Christensen, and M. K. Tysor, real estate division of the Army engineers, all from Walla Walla.

The men told the group that there are several "ifs" connected with any time schedule on the dam. First of all money must be appropriated by congress before anything can be done. If and when the money is voted the dam will be two years in the planning stage, then there will be another three years of preliminary construction before any of the communities would be effected. There is also still the question of whether the dam will be built by the government or in "partnership" with private utilities.

The meeting was organized on a question and answer plan, and many more questions were raised by those present. The time element, however, was the most important in most people's minds. The Boardman Commercial Club has spearheaded a program during recent months aimed at determining what problems river communities will face and how they can be met.

Holy Week Church Services Scheduled

A series of special Holy Week church services will be held in various churches in this area starting next Tuesday evening. It was announced this week.

Special services will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Lexington Christian church with Rev. A. Shirley of lone bringing the message. Wednesday evening services will be held at the Heppner Assembly of God church with Rev. Norman Northrup of Lexington giving the sermon.

Thursday there will be candle-light communion services at the Heppner Methodist church with Rev. Lester Boulden and Rev. Charles Knox in charge.

Special Good Friday and Easter Sunday services are also planned by most Heppner, Lexington and lone churches and these schedules will be given next week.

The public is invited to attend all the special services.

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Heppner Girl Wins Local UN Contest



UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE contest winner Mary Jo Stewart, Heppner high school junior, is being congratulated by R. G. McMurry, local Odd Fellow contest chairman, on being selected to represent this lodge in the district finals to be held Saturday night at Pendleton. Shown with them is Jay Sumner, alternate who was runner-up in the final judging. The final judging for the local contest was held at Monday's chamber of commerce meeting with both students giving their contest speeches before the group. The winner of the Saturday competition from among contestants from Morrow and Umatilla county will be given a three week trip to New York to visit the United Nations. The contest is sponsored by the Odd Fellows lodges and 14 students from Oregon will make the trip. (GT Photo)

Voter Registration Places in County Listed by Clerk

Residents are reminded again that proper registration is necessary to vote in the May primary election, and the county clerk this week issued a list of registrars in the county where citizens may register.

Registrars are: for North and South Heppner and the Hardman areas, the county clerk's office in the courthouse; Lexington, Mrs. Emma Breshers at the post office; lone, Paul Pettyjohn at the General Petroleum plant; Boardman, Walter Hayes store; and Irrigon, at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Howton.

Persons who are properly registered and have voted at least once during the last election year need not re-register, but those who have moved since the last election, or did not vote during that year, must be properly registered if they expect to vote.

New election laws now in effect make it necessary for a voter to be registered in the precinct in which he lives. If a voter has moved and not changed registration he will not be allowed to vote in his former precinct. The new election laws are quite stringent and a violation of them can result in a sizeable fine.

Heppner FFA Named "Master Chapter" At State Meeting

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The Future Farmers of America chapter at Heppner high school has been named one of Oregon's "master chapters" for 1956—the highest honor given to a high school FFA group.

Thirty-three of Oregon's 86 chapters qualified this year on the basis of outstanding activities and accomplishments in FFA work.

Adviser for the local chapter is Llewellyn Robbins.

Announcement of the master chapter ratings was made last week at the twenty-eighth annual FFA convention at Oregon State college. More than 400 boys and their chapter advisers from across Oregon attended the four-day meeting this year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Combes and son of Portland were Heppner visitors over the weekend.

Van Marter Named To Head Elks

La Verne Van Marter Jr. of Heppner has been named new elected ruler of the Heppner Elks lodge. He will take over from Milton Morgan, lone, who has served for the past year. The election was held March 15.

Other officers chosen last week include Alton H. Yarnell, lone, leading knight; William Labhart, loyal knight; John Hartman, lecturing knight; Jack Bailey, secretary; H. D. McCurdy, Jr., treasurer; R. B. Ferguson, trustee; and Lowell Gribble, tiler.

Other lodge officers are appointed and will be announced within a short time by the new elected ruler. Installation of the new officers will be held April 5.

L. E. Dick Named President of Heppner Parent-Teachers

L. E. Dick was elected president of the Heppner P-TA at the organization's annual election held last Wednesday. Other new officers are Mrs. Marvin Smith, vice president; Mrs. Douglas Drake, treasurer and Mrs. John Hanna, Jr., secretary.

Dick replaces Lowell Gribble who has headed the group for the past year.

Plans were made to send delegates to the state P-TA convention next month, and the program included short talks by Vic Groshens, city superintendent, who told of the water system; State patrolman, Bill Labhart who spoke on the work of the state police; Robert Penland, who told of the work and organization of the Heppner fire department; and Jack Van Winkle who explained the Elks eye clinic program. Everett Keithley was program chairman.

RURAL SCHOOL BOARD TO MEET TUESDAY

A special meeting of the rural school board will be held Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p. m. at the court house. The consideration of district budgets will be the main business.

SOCIAL SECURITY MAN DUE

A social security representative will be at the city hall in Heppner from 9 a. m. to noon on Wednesday, March 28.

AN END TO PARKING TICKETS?

"Give-Back-a-Nickel" Parking Plan to Start This Weekend

The Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce's new "please-put-a-nickel-in-the-envelope" parking plan will be put into effect starting this weekend. It was announced today by Phil Blakney, chamber president.

The plan which is patterned after similar ideas used in several other Oregon towns, is to provide local police officers with nickles and bright orange envelopes which will be used in place of parking meter violation citations. It works like this:

When the officer, in making his rounds, finds a car parked by an expired meter, he will put a nickel in the meter from a special fund set up by the Heppner merchants and will place a small bright orange envelope under the windshield swipe instead of the usual parking ticket which normally costs the car owner a fine of \$1.

On the envelope is an explanation of what has been done and a request that the car owner place a nickel in the envelope and leave it at the nearest store where it will go back into the special fund to keep other shoppers from having to pay the \$1 parking fine.

If everybody cooperates, as it is hoped they will, the fund should remain intact and the plan workable. Police plan to watch for habitual violators, however, and after a trial period, persons who continue to "forget" to deposit money in the meters or return the envelopes can expect to receive regular parking citations.

Basin Projects Committee To Meet Here March 28

The Upper Columbia River Basin projects committee will meet Wednesday, March 28 at 8 p. m. at the court house in Heppner. It was announced today by Newt O'Hara, county committee chairman.

The program calls for sub-committee reports to be made by the following chairmen: Bill Barratt, irrigation; Garnet Barratt, flood control; Kenneth Smouse, power; Al Lamb, navigation; Orville Cutsforth, recreation; Garland Swanson, municipal and domestic uses; Oscar Peterson, industrial and mining development; Don Kenny, drainage; and Dr. L. D. Tibbles, pollution control.

Also scheduled is a panel discussion with state representative Allen Tom and Don Lane, executive secretary of the seven-man Project board in charge.

All interested persons are urged to attend the meeting.

The idea has the blessing of the city council.

The same plan has been tried in several towns in the state with rather mixed results, it is reported. Several are still continuing the idea with good results, though one or two communities have discontinued it when their special fund ran out of money because parkers neglected to return the envelopes and nickels.

Red Cross Drive at 30 Percent of Quota

Returns are starting to pick up in the county Red Cross drive, Dick Brunner, county chairman reported today. \$901.60 has been checked in as of March 20.

This figure is only 30 percent of the county goal of \$2818, but returns are expected to come in faster during the last week of the drive, Brunner said.

Workers who have checked in during the past week include: Mrs. Harold Johnston, Mrs. R. B. Rice, Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Mrs. Marvin Smith and Bruce Lindsay, all of Heppner; Mrs. James Lindsay, Morgan; Mrs. Ben Anderson, Eightmile; Mrs. Marcel Jones, Dry Gulch; Mrs. Mary Wright, Ruggs, Mrs. Oleta Wardwell, Blackhorse; Mrs. Ralph Beamer, Balm Fork; The Rhea Creek grange and Willow I. O. O. F. lodge.

The Future Business Leaders club from Heppner high school turned in \$22 from their car wash project last Saturday which makes a total of \$75.75 from the high school group.

Brunner said that there is a Red Cross office at the bank to make it convenient for anyone who has been missed on the regular canvass to make their donation to the drive.

Bud Wagner Injured In La Grande Accident

John (Bud) Wagner of Heppner who is attending Eastern Oregon College at La Grande was painfully injured Monday night in an accident when a train locomotive hit his car 1 1/2 miles East of La Grande.

He suffered a broken nose, face lacerations and shock and Miss Evelyn Miller of La Grande, who was with him, was seriously injured. She is still in the critical list.

The car was completely demolished.



A LOT TO CATCH UP ON—These two sisters, one a former resident of Heppner, had a lot to talk about when they met recently for the first time in 53 years. Mrs. Elizabeth Mead, 92, right, now a resident of Seattle, and her sister, Mrs. Laura Carroll of Osceola, Mo., are shown during their reunion which took place on Mrs. Mead's birthday. Mrs. Mead lived in Heppner from 1903 until 1950 and is the mother of Mrs. Phil Griffin of Heppner and Mrs. Si Walker, formerly of here who now lives in Portland. Mrs. Mead last saw her sister, who is 77, in Osceola in 1902.

Ground Observer Need Seen Here

Master seargent Robert Coleman of Hermiston, Air Force representative for the ground observer corps for Umatilla and Morrow county, and M/Sgt. W. G. Corpe, from the Eastern Oregon Filter Center at Bend were in the county Monday working with Ervin Anderson, local GOC supervisors and others in behalf of more active participation in the Ground Observer work in this area.

The two men stated that they hope to organize an active Ground Observer Corps here and that Sgt. Coleman will speak to the chamber of commerce next Monday and before the Heppner city council at its next meeting April 2.

Two Heppner Students In Pacific Honoraries

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY—Special—Dorothy Dobyns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel K. Dobyns, lone, and Lytle Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash of Heppner were tapped as members of Boxerettes and Intercollegiate Knights respectively. These two organizations are honoraries for freshman and sophomore men and women.

Miss Dobyns is a freshman taking a liberal arts course and is a graduate of lone high school where she was active in many different activities and was girl league president. Miss Dobyns is now a member of Theta Nu Alpha sorority at Pacific.

Jensen is also a freshman majoring in journalism and is a graduate of Heppner high school. He is a member of Phi Beta Tau fraternity and is also a member of the university's paper staff.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The Heppner Civic League will meet at 8 p. m. Monday, March 26 in the kindergarten room at the school. This will be the meeting that was postponed from last week.

Mrs. Mary Van Stevens has had as her guest this week Mrs. Ovidia Dewey, of White Salmon, Wash.

VALUABLE, BUT NOT WORTH \$25.00—

Misunderstanding Puts High Price on Porkys

If the interpretation a Williamette valley man gave a story carried last week in the Gazette Times and picked up by news services were correct, a porcupine's life would be worth a lot of money but his chances as survival would be mighty poor. Every able-bodied hunter in the state would be looking for the prickly animals.

The GT story told that the supervisors of the Heppner Soil Conservation district had put up \$25 from district funds to be used for prizes and bounties in the annual porky contest sponsored

by the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers. Wednesday Ralph Taylor, secretary of the sportsmen's club received the following letter from a man who will remain unidentified:

"Dear Sir: To whom it may concern, I saw a piece in the paper where you were going to pay \$25.00 a piece for porcupines, and was wondering if that goes for anyone who wants to come down there and hunt them? If so, please answer by return mail and let me know, will you?"

Hunters and Anglers president

Ken Keeling said today, "It just ain't so. We want to get rid of the porkys and our contest will include a bounty and valuable prizes that will be announced at a later date, but the bounty will NOT be \$25.00 each."

In connection with the porcupine eradication contest, Keeling revealed that several additional individuals or concerns have put up cash or merchandise to be used as prizes in the contest. Included are Heppner Pine Mills; Eastern Oregon Logging Co., Kinzua; Leo L. Flower, Monument; Heppner Soil Conservation District; Mor-

row County Livestock Growers association; North Fork Timber Co.; and Aiken's Place. The money will be used to buy prizes and to pay a bounty for the porky noses turned in.

The damage to trees that porcupines inflict has caused rising concern among conservation, forestry and sportsmen's groups throughout the state and several organizations are now sponsoring porky contests in an effort to control the bark-eating pests. The Morrow County Hunters and Anglers have sponsored a local contest for several years and hope to enlarge its scope in 1956.

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