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"Let's Finish the Job" Theme of 1957 March of Dimes Campaign



MRS. BARTON CLARK of Ruggs, wife of this year's March of Dimes chairman, who four and one-half years ago was stricken with polio, shows in this series of photos how she has learned to do her housework from a wheel chair. Mrs. Clark gets around in her kitchen and is able to do her own cooking, able to reach all but items in upper kitchen shelves. Mrs. Clark has spent two two-month sessions at the polio rehabilitation center in Portland and is now going to Pendleton once a week to a therapy center.

Fund Drive Gets Under Way Here On Wednesday

Morrow county's 1957 March of Dimes got under way yesterday with an official proclamation by county judge Garnet Barratt setting January as March of Dimes month and calling on all citizens to give generously to "finish the polio-fighting job by helping those for whom the vaccine came too late."

Every household in the county either has or will shortly receive a March of Dimes mailer, Barton Clark, drive chairman, said this week. The mailer is an envelope in which to send contributions to the 1957 campaign. Over 1500 of the mailers will be sent out and volunteer workers have been addressing envelopes and checking addresses for the past two weeks.

"We have tried to include everyone in Morrow county," Clark said, "However it is possible that there will be some omissions and a few people will not receive their mailers." He urged people who receive no mailers to telephone March of Dimes headquarters and they will be sent out immediately. The phone number is Heppner 6-9911.

Proclamation Made
In throwing his official support behind the month-long drive judge Barratt proclaimed:
"Whereas more than 25 children and adults in Morrow county have been stricken with polio in recent years, and



BEDMAKING is one of Mrs. Clark's hardest jobs. Such work is done in two steps as she shows here. First she leaves her wheel chair to make the back half of the bed, then gets back into her chair to finish the job as shown below. Mrs. Clark said, "It takes a lot of grit" to overcome one's difficulties and the "biggest problem is adjusting yourself to the situation." Her son Ned, 16, also had polio just three days after his mother was stricken and taken to St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla where she spent three months. Ned suffered little permanent effect from the disease.



STEP TWO IN BEDMAKING is to get back into her wheel chair and complete the outside of the bed. Mrs. Clark gets lots of help from her family but has made a strong effort to do as much of her own housework as possible. She is now learning to use leg braces and wears them some about the house, but she says that it is too slow getting around with them so to get her housework done she frequently goes back to her wheel chair. Continuing exercise of her paralyzed legs is a major part of Mrs. Clark's therapy and she says it is necessary to keep at it continually.



THIS NEWSPAPER'S NOMINATION for "Morrow County's Polio Mother of the Year", Mrs. Clark and her family, left to right, her daughter, Nonda; her husband and 1957 March of Dimes chairman, Barton Clark; and her son Ned. Beside Mrs. Clark is the bicycle that she uses daily for about 15-minute exercise treatments for her legs. She said the bike is most effective and is now able to pedal it herself where at first she could not even start the pedals. It is for such therapy and rehabilitation as Mrs. Clark has been receiving that a large portion of March of Dimes money is being spent. (GT Photos)

1956 Rainfall at Heppner 11.59 Inches; Below '55

December's precipitation of only .43 inch brought the 1956 rainfall total at Heppner to 11.59 inches, more than two inches under the 10 year average of 14.21 inches and one and one-half inches below the 46 year average at the local weather station of 13.07 inches. The report was released Wednesday by Leonard Gilliam, local observer.

The December moisture was far below that which fell in December 1955 when 2.64 inches was recorded here. The year's total was nearly four and three-quarters inches short of 1955 when 16.26 inches fell.

W. W. Weatherford, who lives near Lena, reported .90 inch of December and 13.42 inches for the year. His December rainfall was the lowest in six years but his 1956 moisture was the third highest in the last six years. 1955 was also a wet year in that area when 16.10 inches fell.

Though last year was a dry year by comparison, farmers in the county grew one of their heaviest crops due to the fact that a great percentage of the year's rainfall came in the first six months of the year. The greatest moisture deficiency has come in the last six months.

Heppner got .08 inch of rain New Year's day to start out the new weather year, and it is reported that a little snow fell in the mountains Monday and Monday night. In most mountain areas, however, there is practically no snow but this is not unusual as the area's heaviest snows usually come in January, February and March.

1957's First Baby Arrives at 1:32 a. m. On January 1

The stork didn't wait very long after the new year arrived to make his first delivery at the Pioneer Memorial hospital—in fact he got here just one hour and 32 minutes after the new year started.

His speed in getting here and his delivery of a 7 pound, 8 ounce baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. William Zinter of Ione meant that the couple have the honor of winning Heppner's 1957 First Baby contest and will receive a big group of prizes offered by local merchants and businesses.

The Zinter's new daughter has been named Cathryn Ann and she will soon join her three brothers at their home near Ione.

Rites Held Friday For Miss Fay Ward

Fay Ward passed away December 25 at the Sandy Sanitarium in Portland. She has been a teacher in the Portland schools for a number of years.

Funeral services were held at the Ross Hollywood chapel December 28 with the Rev. Roy A. Fedje officiating. Burial was Saturday, December 29 at the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Hardman with Rev. George R. S. Little officiating at the graveside rites.

Both of Miss Ward's parents preceded her in death many years ago and she leaves one brother Wilfred of Salem, Ore., and a foster brother Gilbert Becker of Chehalis, Wn., and several cousins.

Miss Ward was a member of several teacher's organizations and of Waukeena chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins visited in Medford during the holidays with their son and family, the Earl Crismans and also with Vida Ferguson Estelle and the Don Jones family, formerly of Heppner.

New Year Celebration Starts Out Early With "Big Bang"

New Year's celebration, at least in one instance, got started a little early Monday night when someone who is still unknown set off a charge of dynamite along the creek beside the city park which rattled windows all over town and brought out a good number of excited citizens.

Police who investigated found that someone had apparently suspended one or two sticks of powder from the new footbridge between Main street and the school and touched the charge off about 9:30 in the evening. There was no damage—just plenty of noise.

Building Continues At High Level Here During 1956

New construction and remodeling work done in Heppner during 1956, though down somewhat from 1955, reflected a banner year in the building and remodeling of homes and businesses, the city recorder's building permit records reveal.

Total permits issued by the city amounted to \$150,675 and added to this figure is \$38,779 in remodeling at the Heppner high school for which a building permit is not required. The actual building total during the year is \$189,454.

Construction in 1955 totaled \$344,725, but of this amount \$257,000 was invested in one project, the new Heppner grade school. In 1954 permits totaled \$119,050.

The city granted 37 permits in 1956 for a total of \$140,775 in new construction and \$19,900 for remodeling and repair. Permits were taken out for eight new residences costing a total of \$66,500, one church at \$30,000, a 16-unit motel estimated to cost \$27,000, a \$5,000 service station and miscellaneous other smaller buildings.

In the number of construction starts 1956 was far ahead of any previous recent year.

Fat Hog Price Hits Fall High

HERMISTON—A new fall high for fat hogs sparked the market at the Hermiston Livestock Commission Co. Friday where 78 consignors placed 422 cattle, 78 hogs, and 86 sheep on the auction block.

Fat hogs, ranging from a high of \$18.90 down to \$17.80 cwt., topped last week's spread of \$17.70-\$16.60 cwt. by about \$2 cwt. Feeder pigs also sold well at from \$19.40 to \$17.10 cwt. Cattle and sheep prices were steady.

Plenty of buyers were on hand to bid in what sale manager Delbert Anson termed a very snappy sale. Needed especially for next Friday's sale will be plenty of fat cows and heifers. The market:

CATTLE—Baby calves, 2 to 13 per head; steer calves, 17.20 to 18.60 cwt.; heifer calves, 13.90 to 15.10 cwt.; veal, 17.90 to 22 cwt.; dairy cows, 14.60 to 16.20 cwt.; stock cows, 91 to 145 per head; utility and commercial cows, 11-10 to 12.00 cwt.; canner-cutter cows, 8.30 to 9.40 cwt.; shells, 4.60 to 8.10 cwt.; and bulls, 12.10 to 13.80 cwt.

HOGS—Weaner pigs, 7.25 to 13 per head; feeder pigs, 17.10 to 19.40 cwt.; fat hogs, 17.80 to 18.90 and sows, 13.50 to 15.10 cwt.

SHEEP—Feeder lambs, 14.20 to 16.20 cwt.; and ewes, 2.25 to 3.90 cwt.

Those earning top prices at the market included Frank Benschel, Hermiston, 18.90 cwt. for eight fat hogs of 1610 pounds; Wheatland Angus ranch, Condon, 22 cwt. for a 270-pound veal; Joe Dougherty, Pilot Rock, 18.40 cwt. for six Angus feeder steers of 3480 pounds; Harold Bryson, Hermiston, 12.60 cwt for an 1190-pound white face cow; Harold Walsh, Arlington, 116 per head for eight stocker heifers; VR Ranch, Helix, 13.80 cwt. for a 1400-pound white face bull; Otto Helberg, Lowden, Wash., 15.10 cwt. for 28 white face heifers of 14,145 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt were in Salem for the Christmas holidays, where they visited with his mother, Mrs. W. Barratt, his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heltzel and Mrs. Barratt's father, J. F. Tieulle of Klamath Falls.



JACK ANGEL who was installed Monday as chamber of commerce president.

New Chamber of Commerce Officers Installed Monday

New officers of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce were installed Monday noon with Jack Angel taking over the president's gavel from Phil Blakney who has headed the organization during the past year.

Assisting Angel will be Jack Bailey, first vice-president and Dick Brunner, second vice-president. Other officers are appointive and will be announced within a short time by the new president.

Installing officer was Frank Turner who traced the history of the chamber from the time it was organized as a Lions club and then in later years converted into a county-wide chamber organization.

Heppner's Fire Loss Climbs During 1956

Heppner's 1956 fire loss was nearly triple that of the previous year, it was revealed this week by fire chief C. A. Ruggles. Total fire and water damage was \$14,062 during the year just ended which compared with a 1955 figure of \$5,404.

The bulk of the fire damage came in one blaze during the summer when the Robert Campbell home was completely destroyed. The loss to the house and contents was set at \$13,000. Only \$2,600 in insurance was paid on the total city fire loss, the chief reported.

The Heppner department answered a total of 13 alarms during the year, two more than during 1955, but the last three months of the year proved unusually quiet for the firemen as the last general alarm was received on October 1. The department was plagued with an unusual number of false fire calls during the past several months, due largely to phone dialing mistakes, but very few resulted in sounding the city's automatic alarm system.

Four Heppner Boys Get Rose Bowl Trip

Although their team didn't win, four ex-Heppner high school students got to see the Rose Bowl game New Year's day as members of the Oregon State college band which made the trip south with the team.

The four are James Hayes, David Cox, Skip Ruhl and Mike Grant all of whom are now students at OSC.

"Hobbies" to be P-TA Program Theme

"What's Your Hobby" will be the program theme at next Wednesday's meeting of the Heppner P-TA, it was announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick, program chairman.

The chairman said that all members and friends are invited to exhibit their hobbies at the meeting and requested that the exhibits be at the school by 1 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 9.

POMONA GRANGE TO MEET SATURDAY AT IRRIGON

Pomona grange will meet at Irrigon grange hall Saturday, January 5 starting at 10:30 a. m. it was announced. There will be a potluck dinner at noon and a program at 2 p. m. Rhea Creek and Lexington granges are practically tied in the attendance contest which will close with this meeting. The kitty in this contest is now \$68.85.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bellenbrock and family Thursday through Sunday of last week were her cousin, Miss Grace Rice of Mt. Vernon, Oregon and her uncle, Conard Bellenbrock.

Portland Man to Headline Livestock Meeting Program

Top speaker on the program for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association annual meeting Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12 will be Ernie Williams, president of the Portland Union Stockyards. He will speak at the banquet Saturday night at the fair pavilion.

Other features of the two-day program will be a panel discussion on Friday afternoon on "Financing land and livestock" by B. C. Telyea, of the Pendleton Federal Land Bank, L. E. Tibbets, agriculture field representative of the First National Bank of Portland, and J. E. Herberger of the Northwest Livestock P. C. A.

Another panel discussion is set for Saturday afternoon on "Market trends and problems." Moderator will be Ernie Williams, and panelists will be St. Williams, auctioneer and livestock sales management specialist; Prosser Clarke of Benson, Bodine and Clarke of Portland; and H. A. Cohn, livestock dealer and feed lot operator. The Friday discussion is to open at 2:30 and the Saturday panel at 2 p. m.

Reports of the various association committees will be heard during the two days and a full program is promised. All the meetings and the banquet is open to the public, it was announced.

Another high point of the program will be a discussion on "current legislation affecting Oregon livestock" which will be given at 11 a. m. Friday by state representative Charles Allen Tom.

All the general session meeting and the social hour at 5 p. m. Saturday will be held at the Elks Lodge and the Saturday night banquet at the fair pavilion.

First National Announces Increased Interest Payments

New higher bank savings deposit interest rates ranging from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent became effective January 1 at the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland, it was announced Wednesday by J. H. Bedford, manager, following a special meeting of the bank's board of directors.

Three year certificates of deposit issued after Jan. 1, 1957 will draw interest at the rate of 3 per cent, payable at the expiration of the three-year period. They will be written for any amount desired by the depositor. All regular First National savings accounts, regardless of size, will begin earning the new 2 1/2 per cent rate Jan. 1, 1957 and over a quarter million customers of all 74 First National banking offices will share increased interest earnings of more than 1,000,000 during the coming year.

In announcing the state-wide increase Bedford said, "The cost of money has gone up throughout the country and we are pleased that this increase will permit us to pass on higher interest returns to our depositors in a fashion fully consistent with bank safety."

Ice Causes Series Of Power Outages During Past Week

Electric services in the Heppner-Ione area was interrupted four times during the past eight days by heavy ice conditions which blew fuses and tripped circuit breakers, according to J. R. Huffman, Pacific Power and Light company local manager.

Ice conditions caused by heavy fog between Hermiston and Ione tripped out the Columbia Basin REA transmission line over which Pacific Power and Light carries power to serve this area, Huffman said. On Dec. 27 there was an outage of 2 hours and 4 minutes; on Dec. 28 an outage of 21 minutes; on Dec. 30 power was off on three different occasions, one time for one hour and 26 minutes, one for 30 minutes and one for 12; and on New Year's day services was interrupted for one hour and 28 minutes.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Morrow county water resources committee Wednesday, January 9 at 8 p. m. at the court house, it was announced today by Newt O'Harra, chairman. There will be election of officers and reports from various committees.

LEX P-TA TO MEET

The Lexington P-TA will hold its January meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 8 p. m. at the school, it was announced today.

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