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County Cattlemen Open Meet Friday

A program of particular interest to not only cattlemen of the county but also the general public will open Friday at 10 o'clock at the Elks temple when the first session of the 1957 annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association gets under way.

Friday sessions will include various committee reports, a report on current legislation affecting livestock and a panel discussion on "Financing Land and Livestock" by B. C. Telyea of the Pendleton N. F. L. A. J. E. Herberger, Northwest Livestock P. C. A., and L. E. Tibbets, agriculture field representative of the First National Bank of Portland.

Saturday sessions will include additional reports from committees in the organization, a special film, election of officers, and a panel discussion on "Market Trends and Problems" by St. Williams, auctioneer and livestock sales management expert; Prosser Clarke of Benson, Clarke and Bodine of Portland; and Harold A. Cohn, dealer and feed lot operator of Heppner. Moderator will be Ervie Williams of Portland.

From 5 p. m. Saturday there will be a social hour held in the ladies lounge of the Elks club sponsored by the Heppner Branch of the First National Bank of Portland and the annual banquet will start at 6:30 at the fair pavilion.

Main speaker at the banquet will be Ervie Williams, president of the Portland Union Stockyards and well known personage in this area. Banquet tickets are now on sale at the First National Bank and the county agent's office. It was announced.

All the meetings are open to the public and officers of the association invite all local residents who can take in at least some of the meetings.

Association officers for the past year are John Graves, president; Bill Barratt, vice-president; Gerald Swaggart, treasurer; and N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Committee chairmen who will make reports during the two-day meeting include Frank Anderson, Don Robinson, Herbert Hynd, Dr. James Norene, W. W. Weatherford, Ralph Beamer, Dick Wilkinson, W. E. Hughes and Raymond French.

All regular meetings will be held in the Elks temple with the banquet set for the fair pavilion.

Soil District Makes Plans for Annual Meeting

A panel on conservation and a talk by Dr. Burton Wood, agricultural economist, Oregon State college, will be featured at the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p. m. at the Lexington Grange hall, district supervisors have announced.

Panel members who met with supervisors at their regular monthly meeting in the bank building Tuesday afternoon are Jack Angel, hospital administrator; Joe Stewart, superintendent of the Heppner schools; L. E. Tibbets, agricultural field representative of the First National Bank; Kenneth Peck, state conservation winner and Alvin Wagenblast, second in the state grassman contest. John Denison, Pendleton, area conservationist, Soil Conservation services, will be moderator.

Also slated for the meeting, which is open to the public, is a film on conservation, election for the expired term of Newt O'Harra, Lexington and refreshments.

A December progress report submitted showed 18 acres of land leveling completed, 2000 feet of stream channel alignment and 1900 feet of permanent irrigation ditch established on the William Barratt ranch and 65 acres of surveys for land leveling on the Howard Cleveland ranch and the Pine City ranch.

First Snow of Year Falls Here This Week, Amount Small

The first snow of 1957 fell in Heppner early Monday morning and again late Tuesday afternoon but it was not heavy enough to measure nor did it last long. Temperatures remained in the high twenties at night and rose to about 40 degrees during the day early this week, but the weather bureau keeps announcing that by Thursday or Friday most of this section of Oregon can expect lower temperatures and the possibility of more snow.

(Editor's note—please notice that the above forecast was made by the weather bureau, not this newspaper. We hold an almost perfect record for having the weather do just exactly the opposite of what we say it will in news stories or editorials, so we disclaim any credit or blame for the above.)

Many New Telephones Added During Year In Morrow Towns

Pacific Telephone during 1956 went over the 490,000 mark in the total of telephones it is serving in the state of Oregon.

As the year drew to a close there were 492,794 telephones in its 85 exchanges. That is a 5.2 per cent increase over the first of the year when the total was 466,554 telephones.

Locally, according to manager D. A. Short, the growth in number of telephones has generally kept pace with that throughout the state. Figures given by Short showing the number of telephone for exchanges in this area (with the year's increase in brackets) are:

Heppner, 724 (17); Pendleton, 6,454 (373); Athena, 491 (14); Echo, 220(16); Hermiston, 2,627 (114); Ione, 199 (11); Lexington, 131 (9); Milton-Freewater, 2,199 (117); Stanfield, 280 (14); Umatilla 754 (loss of 3); Weston, 243 (28).

Latest figures released recently by The American Telephone and Telegraph Company show the United States has 59 million of the world's over 161 million telephones.

In its yearly statistical summary, "The World's Telephones," the company states that the two most talkative areas in the world are Hawaii, with 647 conversations per person, and Alaska with 572.

Federal Bureau To Build Heppner- Spray Highway

The county court was informed this week by the state highway commission that due to the extremely heavy load put on the commission by the big federal highway program, it has turned over the surveying and contracting for the improvement of the Heppner-Spray highway to the Bureau of Public Roads.

The transfer will make no changes in the plan to allocate \$250,000 for the improvement of the highway, but will mean that the work will be done much quicker than if the state were to keep control of the project, county judge Garnet Barratt said Wednesday. The plans call for the contract to be let and the first leg of the work to be done this year.

The court also announced a tentative five-year county road improvement plan which will shortly be submitted to the state highway commission for approval. The work will be done through joint use of federal, state and county road funds.

Two years of the plan will see completion of the paving of the Willow creek road, another one year will be used to pave the five and one-half miles of the McNab-Olex road from McNab to the county line, and the balance of the money for the five years will be scheduled for the paving of the bombing range road.

The court emphasized that the program was only tentative, but because of the federal highway program, the state highway commission now asks all counties to present a five-year road improvement plan. In the past the county planned ahead only two years.

Immunization Clinic Scheduled

An immunization clinic will be held in the offices of the Morrow county health department in Heppner on the third Friday of each month between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m. It was announced this week by Mrs. Velma Glass, county health nurse. The date for the first clinic is January 18.

Immunization for smallpox, diphtheria-whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis will be given. There will be no charge.

Gooseberry Rainfall Heavier Than Heppner

Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry weather observer, reported this week that his records show that 13.46 inches of rain fell in that area during 1956. That is two inches more than was recorded in Heppner for the same period, just the opposite of the usual pattern which normally finds Heppner two or three inches "wetter" than at the Gooseberry station. The figures compare with 14.44 for 1955 at Gooseberry.

Carlson reports that only 2.84 inches has fallen since September 1, 1955 with .92 coming down in December.

CLASS DATE CHANGED

The adult soils class held at Heppner high school has been postponed from Monday to Tuesday night, Jan. 15 due to the donkey basketball game scheduled for the regular meeting date.

HEPPNER STUDENT COUNCIL ADOPTS WORLD CLOTHING WEEK PROGRAM

The student council of Heppner high school has adopted the denim council plan, a project for Nation Association of Student Councils.

Each council participating adopts a project which will benefit the community or the nation. The top 20 awards will consist of \$25 each in United States saving bonds, plus a framed certificate. These awards will be presented to the student councils who have initiated and completed the most outstanding community service drives during the current school year. Runnersup will receive framed, honorable mention certificates.

Laurel Allstott is the chairman of the local drive, which will begin January 21 and continue through the 25th.

The aim of World Clothing week, this year, is to clothe one million children and adults. The distribution is through the Chris-

Spray Girl Suffers Gunshot Wound in Head, Condition Good

A 13 year old Spray girl, Bonnie Hawk was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital Tuesday evening suffering from a gunshot wound above her left eye. The girl is reported in good condition and doctors reported that it is almost miraculous that she is still alive.

Little is known of how the accident occurred other than that she was at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hawk who live in Kahler Basin near Spray. It is thought that probably she was accidentally shot by another child, but details are unknown. The shooting happened about noon, but it was after six p. m. before the girl arrived here.

The bullet, thought to be either .22 or a 32 caliber, entered just above the eye, ranging downward to lodge well down in her neck. No vital vessels or organs were hit, and the girl remembers nothing about the shot. Her doctor said it is not uncommon for a person to have such a loss of memory with a head injury.

The girl's parents were away from home at the time of the shooting.

Series of Coffee Parties To Aid March of Dimes Drive

To speed the day when polio will be wiped out completely as a disease that threatens young and old, March of Dimes volunteers Mrs. Paul Koenig and Mrs. Jack Loyd from Morrow county were invited to be guests of Mrs. Elmo Smith at a First Lady coffee party held in Salem Jan. 8.

March of Dimes coffee chairmen in each of Oregon's counties will reach into towns all over the state to capitalize on the popularity of coffee drinking, for the benefit of the Dimes drive.

Mrs. Koenig, local coffee chairman, has stated that the first coffee party in Morrow county will be held Friday, Jan. 11 which she hopes will be the first in a chain of coffee parties to be held throughout the county during January to assist the March of Dimes. Thirty guests have been invited to the first party and each invited guest is asked to have a coffee in her home with 10 invited guests. All returns will go to the polio fund.

Farm Bureau to Open Membership Drive

Don Heliker, organization director of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, attended the state-wide organizational captain's meeting held Monday, Jan. 7 at Bend. Also attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Rauch, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske, Gene Cutsforth, Herman Blettell, John Wightman and Harold Beach.

For the first time this year the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation will hold a state-wide membership drive and complete membership acquisition early in the year.

The campaign in Morrow county will start on Jan. 14 and will open with a kickoff breakfast at the Don Heliker home. Heliker said that all plans are arranged for the county drive and he expects that by Jan. 17 the county will have reached its quota for the year.

He stressed the importance of having a large and active membership in order to work effectively for the interests of the farmers of the county. Among the important issues to have the attention of the Bureau during the coming year are taxes, marketing of farm products and transportation.



NAVY ENS. DONALD E. BLAKE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Blake of Heppner, was recently graduated from the Navy's pre-flight school at Pensacola, Fla. He is now assigned to the Saufley Field Naval Auxiliary air station, also at Pensacola, for primary flight training.

Board Vacancies Filled by Court

The county court, at its first meeting of the new year last week, announced several appointments to county boards.

Named to the fair board for a three year term was Raymond B. Ferguson of Heppner who replaces Mrs. W. E. Hughes, and Max Jones of Irrigon who fills the unexpired term of Willard Jones, also of Irrigon. Ferguson has been serving as fair manager but was not a member of the board.

George Wiese of Boardman was appointed to the equalization board and Don Kenny of Irrigon was named to a three year term on the county budget board replacing Walter Hayes of Boardman.

Jack Van Winkle of Heppner was appointed to a five year term on the hospital board, and Dr. A. D. McMurdo was reappointed to a two year term as county health officer.

Golf Club to Name New Officers Monday

The first 1957 meeting of the Willow Creek Country Club will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Elks lounge, it was announced this week by Bradley Fancher, club secretary.

The meeting is to discuss plans for the coming year and to elect officers.

Late last fall the group completed work on four holes of the new golf course just west of Heppner with the result that some play was enjoyed by members. The meeting is open to members and interested persons.

EXAMINER COMING

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner at the court house on Tuesday, January 15 between 9:30 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.



NEW CITY OFFICIALS who took over their duties Monday night are Mayor W. C. Collins, center, and councilmen Erling Storro, left and E. E. Gonty, right. Gonty had served one term several years ago and was appointed in December to fill an unexpired term. Both he and Storro were elected to full terms in the November election.



MAYOR BILL COLLINS enjoys the comforts of a new overstuffed mayor's "throne" Monday night, the temporary "gift" of a couple of playful council members. The bright red chair was in place at the mayor's position at the council table when Collins arrived to take over his new duties as head of city government and on it was a big sign saying, "For His Honor the Mayor—for his first night in office ONLY." Though the names of the thoughtful city fathers who provided the chair were not revealed, it looked very much like one on display at Case Furniture Co. (G. T. Photos)

W. C. Collins Takes Over as New Mayor; Councilmen Sworn in

W. C. Collins took over the reins of city government Monday night as Heppner's new mayor and five councilmen were sworn in at the first meeting of the new term.

Collins, owner of the Heppner Cleaners, took over the mayor's duties from W. C. Rosewall who did not run for reelection. He has served as a member of the council for six years.

In a brief speech after accepting the office, Collins told the council that city affairs were running smoothly and that it was his hope that they could continue that way, but warned the council that it faced one major problem in the coming year, the replacement of eight miles of the city's large water main from its upper wells. Engineers are already at work surveying the line and will soon present an estimate of the cost of renovating the inadequate pipeline. The council will face the task of providing the funds for the work, which will probably have to come from a bond issue.

The pipeline, which was laid of concrete pipe many years ago, has been giving the city much trouble in recent years, but the present road construction on Willow creek, under which some of the pipeline is laid, forces immediate action to renew the pipe. The line wanders badly up and down hills and across fields and it is proposed to lay a new steel line along the shoulders of the newly graded Willow creek road. At the present time the city loses over half the water pumped from the wells through the line because of leakage and breakage.

New Council Members

Councilmen who were sworn in at Monday's meeting are Allen Case, Al Lamb, Philip Blakney, and Robert Penland. All were former council members and re-elected. New members are E. E. Gonty, who was elected in the November election, but appointed in December to fill the unexpired term of Robert Grabill who moved away from Heppner; and Erling Storro. This is Storro's first term on the city group, Gonty having served one term previously.

Heppner school attorney Bradley Fancher appeared before the council to request the city's feeling toward possible vacation of a section of Baltimore street east of Willow creek and west of Court street. The street is dedicated but is not used except for pedestrian traffic. It bisects school property. Tentative agree-

ment was given for the closure when proper request is made by the school district. The school plans to use the area for future expansion.

A building permit for a \$7,000 residence was granted to Glen W. Smith which will be built on Morgan street. The council also ordered that a city-owned lot on Morgan street be offered for sale.

Mayor Collins announced the appointment of J. J. Nys as city attorney, Dr. W. H. Wolff as city health officer, and Dean Gilman as police chief. All currently hold those jobs. He also made the following committee appointments:

City services, library, fire department, swim pool, parks and street lights, Robert Penland, Allen Case, E. E. Gonty.

Finance, fees, licenses, office hours, budget, personnel, Philip Blakney, Erling Storro, Allen Case, the superintendent and the city attorney.

Police protection: Allen Case, Robert Penland, Philip Blakney. Sanitation and health: E. E. Gonty, Al Lamb, Erling Storro, the city superintendent and the health officer.

March of Dimes Contributions Gain

The Morrow county March of Dimes drive has collected \$308.36 up to Wednesday it was announced today by Miss Joyce Buschke, drive treasurer.

The amount is almost identical to that collected in the same period last year.

NEW JANITOR HIRED

The Heppner school board Tuesday night approved the employment of James Angell as custodian to replace Harold Erwin. Angell took over his new duties Jan. 2.

The board went over the new teacher salary schedule and approved a tentative one-year leave of absence for one teacher.

BAND PARENTS SET MEET

The Heppner band parents club will meet in the high school band room Monday evening, January 14 at 8 p. m., it has been announced. Main business of the evening will be planning for the annual carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flatt were weekend visitors in Spokane,