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March of Dimes Fund Return Nears 1956 Figure

March of Dimes money continued to roll in this week as more county communities reported in to drive treasurer Miss Joyce Buschke. The total now has reached \$2,108.76 which is within \$50 of last year's figure, Miss Buschke said.

Some reports have been received from every area in the county with the exception of Irri-gon, it was said, and with what is still expected, the drive is almost certain to exceed what collected last year.

A complete breakdown of the amounts received from various communities is not yet available but several have told how they have made their money. Coffee hours have accounted for over \$300 of the total, the treasurer reported. Ione alone, raised \$150.05 from that method. Also in Ione committee members sponsored come-as-you-are parties, movies and branding iron parties as benefits for the polio fund.

So far the community of Ceell holds the record for the highest percapita return. Mrs. E. R. Schaeffer and Mrs. F. M. McClintock, drive chairmen, relied on a coffee hour, potluck dinner and a card party and a barber shop and beauty shop ideas to raise their money. They turned in \$298.

Coffees and numerous other ideas have been used in Heppner and other sections and all the many fund-raising suggestions will be outlined in detail by the local drive heads who have been asked to report their ideas to the state chapter for use in other counties. Morrow has always been one of the top counties in Oregon in the March of Dimes.

County drive chairman is Barton Clark.

Wheat Study Reports, Proposals Planned At Feb. 19-20 Meet

What kind of government program can solve problems facing the wheat industry today?

That's the question put to a 20-man Oregon committee last April and for nearly a year committee members have been struggling through mountains of red tape and wheat surpluses in search of an answer.

Findings and recommendations of the committee on government programs will be presented at the Oregon Wheat Industry conference, February 19 and 20 in Portland. Seventeen other committees have studied other segments of the wheat industry and will also report at the conference.

All conference meetings will be open to the public, with persons interested in the wheat industry welcome to attend and take part in conference discussions. The conference will be held in the Multnomah hotel, with the first meeting set February 19 at 10 a. m.

All parts of the wheat industry, as well as representatives from Oregon State college and various government agencies, were represented on the government programs committee.

During their discussions, committee members struggled with problems such as these:

Have government programs created rather than solved the wheat problem? Are export subsidies necessary to keep wheat exports moving? Should the wheat at low prices, or a program of abundant supplies of wheat at low prices, or a program of creating wheat shortages to force prices up?

Promoting use of wheat for livestock feed was also considered by the committee. Taking a look at the quantity of wheat now shipped into Oregon, the committee investigated the possibility of encouraging an expanded livestock feeding program using wheat produced in the state.

The conference is being sponsored by the Oregon State college school of agriculture, in cooperation with the Oregon Wheat commission, Oregon Wheat league, and representatives of the wheat industry.

Mrs. Lena Twitchell Dies At Los Angeles

Word was received today of the death in Los Angeles, Calif., of Mrs. Lena Twitchell on Wednesday. She is a former resident of Heppner and is a daughter of Ben Buschke.

Services will be held Saturday in Los Angeles.



RICHARD BRUNNER, J. C. Penney Co. manager here, who has been transferred to Baker store.

Heppner J. C. Penney Manager Transferred To Baker Store

Richard Brunner, manager of the Heppner J. C. Penney Company store, will leave late next week to assume management of the company's store in Baker, Oregon. He takes over his new store February 25.

Brunner came here in November 1955 from Aberdeen, Washington. Previously he had worked in Penney stores in the Seattle area. During his stay in Heppner he has been quite active in chamber of commerce work and last year headed the chamber's merchants committee.

New manager for the Heppner store will be Keith Imus, who will come here from the University store in Seattle where he has been assistant manager. He is married and has two children.

Brunner will move his family to Baker as soon as living quarters can be found, he announced.

AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE SUBJECT OF CC TALK

Automobile insurance policies and rates were the subject of a program at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday noon. The talk was given by LaVerne Van Marter, local insurance agent.

He explained the various types of coverage available and told why rates varied in different areas of the state.

District Legion Meet To Be At The Dalles

A meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary members of district Nos. 5 and 6 will be held Sunday, February 17 at The Dalles. Department members of both groups will attend.

The meeting will open with a potluck dinner at 1:00 p. m., followed by the business session.

The members of this post and unit are requested to bring salad or dessert.

HAVE NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. David Myatt of Coquille are the parents of a 6 lb. 8 oz. boy born February 3. He has been named Jonathan David. Mr. and Mrs. William Duran of Heppner and Mrs. Josie Myatt of Coquille are the grandparents.



GOVERNOR ROBERT D. HOLMES signs the official proclamation designating Feb. 10-16 as Advertising Week. Looking on is Don Ostense, president of the Oregon Advertising Club. Governor Holmes stated "We in Oregon are proud to join the nation-wide observance of Advertising Week, honoring the advertising industry for its vital contribution to our prosperity and high standard of living. In our state, as in all states, advertising benefits every one."

Mrs. Mary Hirl Dies At Hermiston Home; Services Set Friday

Mrs. Mary Hirl, a resident of Heppner and Morrow county for many years, died Tuesday at her home in Hermiston. She was 88 years of age.

Mrs. Hirl was born in Carndonah, Ireland and came to Morrow county in 1900 where she lived on a ranch in the Lena area before moving to Heppner. She moved to Hermiston in 1949.

Services will be held Friday at 10 a. m. at Our Lady of Angels church in Hermiston with the Rev. Leopold O'Riordan officiating. Interment will be in the Hermiston cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Phil Hirl, Hermiston; two sons, William Ruddy, Pendleton; and Charlie Hirl, Hermiston; daughters Susie Ruddy Hirl, Pendleton and Mrs. Rose Frances of Heppner; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Heppner Pine Crew Starts Work

Heppner Pine Mills started operations last Thursday night after a winter shutdown of about six weeks. A full two shifts are now at work at the mill and manager Paul Koenig said Wednesday the planer crews will go to work next Monday.

The mill was closed December 23 but the planer continued to operate until January 18. Logging operations were carried on throughout the shutdown until weather conditions closed the woods operation on February 2. It is planned to start logging again about May 1 or sooner if conditions permit.

School Board Sets Budget Hearing

The Heppner school board Tuesday night discussed the district's preliminary budget for the coming year and set the budget committee hearing for 8 p. m. Monday, February 18. Following the committee's approval, the budget will be submitted to the rural school board for consideration and will then be published.

The board discussed its summer maintenance program and made arrangements to reroof the high school building as part of this year's plan. The board also discussed its policy concerning the use of class funds and heard a report on legislative bills.

The board reconsidered its rental policy on the buildings, but declined to make any changes in the present schedule. It gave permission to the kindergarten board to install a wash basin in the kindergarten room.

Contracts were extended to the superintendent and principals for the coming year and teacher's contracts will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Ione Man Killed In Car Accident Near Hermiston

Charles Orville Aldrich, 23 of Ione died at the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston about 1:30 p. m. Friday following an auto accident at Vicker's corners about three miles from Hermiston. The car which he was driving hit a guard rail head on, the rail piercing the car and driver then breaking off. The car landed in an irrigation ditch.

Ralph Piper and Robert Stewart, both of Ione were with Aldrich in the car. Piper had several stitches taken in his face and Stewart suffered bumps and bruises. The accident happened about 10 p. m. as the three were returning to Ione from Hermiston.

Services were held for Charles Orville Aldrich Monday, February 11 at the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Charles Wilkes officiating. Robert Woodroof was vocalist with Bonnie Crum accompanying. Pall bearers were Robert Crowell, James Barnett, Robert DeSpain, Howard Crowell, Roger Kincaid and Eldon Tucker. The Ione American Legion post conducted graveside rites at the Ione cemetery. Burns Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Charles was born December 1, 1933 at Boy River, Minn.

He is survived by his mother, Sarah Monetta Aldrich of Ione, and two brothers, Stuart of Seattle and Clifford of Ione.

He served in the armed forces.

Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption Deadline April

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

The exemption, for those entitled, amounts to \$7000 of the true cash value of the property, according to Vere A. McCarty, manager of the service division of 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 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.

War veterans with disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by their physician and the county health officer also may get the exemption, provided they have not received more than \$2500 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.

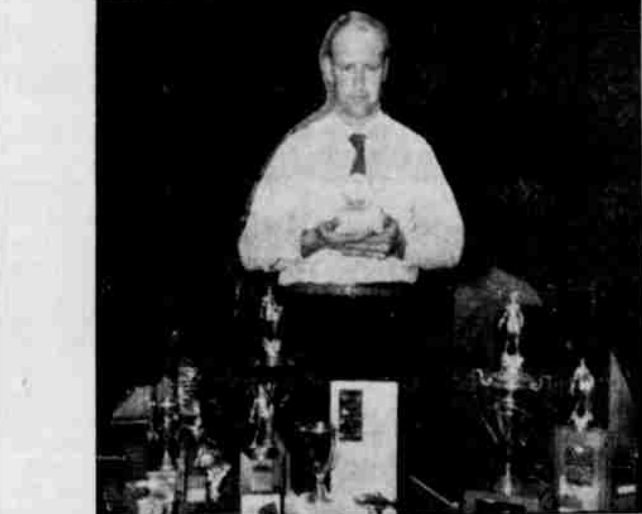
County Savings Bond Sales Show Large Gain in January

A report just received from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco by Jack Bedford, chairman of the Morrow county Savings Bonds committee, shows that sales of Treasury department E and H bonds in the county last month were \$79,909, an increase of more than \$37,000 over January 1956.

"The monthly sales report indicates that Oregon people put a lot of money into Savings Bonds in January", said Bedford. "Their total purchases of E and H Bonds last month were \$4,338,161, up ten per cent compared to January 1956. It was an exceptionally good month in this state."

Lexington Graduate Pledges at U of O

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, (Special) — Thirty-seven men have been pledged by 15 fraternities on the campus during the winter term open rushing here. Pledged during this time by Kappa Sigma fraternity was Donald D. Casteel, brother of Mrs. B. J. Doherty of Heppner.



SPEARFISHING EXPERT, Howard Patton, above, last year was named National Underwater Spearfishing athlete of the year. He is a former Heppner high school graduate who is pictured above with some of the many trophies he has won in recent years. See story below.

FORMER HEPPNER MAN GETS NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS SPEARFISHERMAN

A former Heppner man who now lives in Anaheim, Calif. last year won national recognition for his prowess in the art and sport of skindiving and spearfishing. His collection of trophies, shown in the above picture, gives indication of his abilities in this fast growing sport of warm-water areas.

He is Howard Patton, step-son of Ben Cox and brother of Mrs. Richard Borman of Heppner. He went all through school here, graduating from Heppner high in 1939.

Patton has only been interested in his pet hobby for a little over four years but in that short time has become one of the best-known spearfishermen in Southern California.

According to a detailed story about him appearing recently in a column in his home town paper, he joined the Long Beach tridents, a spearfishing club, in 1953 and by 1955 was a member of a three-man team which captured top prize in the Inter-America Spearfishing tournament held at Guymas, Mexico. The team will defend its

championship next May in an A. A. U. sponsored tourney at Havana, Cuba. The team won the Southern Pacific championship in 1956 and placed second in the Pacific Coast championships held last year. Patton was named champion of the year other individual contestants in their own meets and the only team to defeat them went on to take the national title.

Patton, however, was named three times by all selectors as the national underwater spearfishing athlete of the year in 1956—a real record for someone who has practiced his hobby for such a short time.

He was also awarded the Helms Foundation award last December in Hollywood.

Patton, who is a tool designer as well as a water dog, has cased practically the entire California coastline from Santa Barbara to San Diego as well as Catalina and many other islands. He can relate many interesting tales of sites seen under water as well as unusual experiences.

Two County Girls Win Citizenship Honor Roll Awards

Paula Barak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barak, Lexington, and Janice Driscoll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll, of Heppner, won the distinction of placing on the honor roll for good citizenship at St. Paul's School for Girls in Walla Walla, according to announcement by Miss Redwig Zorb, headmistress.

The citizenship awards are made by vote of the student council each semester. The council, which is made up of representatives of all the classes in the school, is the governing body of the girls' student organization. Student government has been in successful operation at St. Paul's for a number of years.

Scouts Get Awards At Court of Honor

Two local boys received awards Tuesday night at a Boy Scout court of honor held at Condon.

Tom Glass was awarded two merit badges and Jimmy Farra received his second class badge. Both are members of Heppner troop No. 86.

SPRAY MAN DIES HERE

Ralph Reed, a resident of the Spray area, died Monday at the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. Reed was quite well known here but no information is available concerning his death. It is understood that funeral arrangements were made through a John Day funeral home.

Kirk-Robinson Bulls Bring Good Price At California Sale

Mr. and Mrs. Donald O. Robinson of the Kirk and Robinson ranch returned Sunday from Red Bluffs, Calif. where they attended the annual bull sale held in that California city. They took a consignment of four head which brought the second high average in the pooled sale.

Their two sons, Kirk and Kyle, stayed at the home of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Kirk of Hermiston while their parents attended the sale.

HEREFORD SALE SET FEB. 21 AT PENDLETON

A sale of interest to stock raisers of this area will be the annual Oregon Hereford Breeders Association blue tag sale to be held February 21 at Pendleton. The show will be held on Wednesday. A local consignor will be Frank Anderson.

Ione Masons Plan Second Blood Typing Program

The Ione Masonic lodge will again sponsor a free blood typing program it was announced this week by James Barnett and Walter Dobyns, committee members in charge of the work.

The typing will be held at the Ione Masonic hall on Thursday evening, February 28 starting at 7 p. m. and the service will be available without charge to anyone wishing to have their blood typed. Each person will be provided with a card showing his blood type and the list will also serve as a walking blood bank for use in emergency at Pioneer Memorial hospital. A laboratory technician has been obtained to aid the local committee with the typing program.

Last year the lodge offered the same service and response was so great that it was necessary to reschedule the typing and complete the work a second night.

Honor Society Names New Members; Banquet Set Feb. 20

The Honor Society of Heppner high school this week chose 10 new members and announced plans for its annual initiation and banquet to be held Wednesday, February 20.

Chosen as new members were Joann Brosnan, Peggy Applegate, Helen Graham, Phyllis Quackebush, Judie Spaulding, Tom Currin, Jim Morris, and Len Ray Schwarz, all juniors; and Frances Slocum and Marilyn Petty-John, seniors.

The organization will have a formal banquet at 6:30 February 20 and hold a public initiation for the new members at 8 p. m. in the multipurpose room of the grade school. Banquet speaker will be Jack Angel, Pioneer Memorial hospital administrator, and entertainment will be furnished by Gordon Pratt, club sponsor.

It was also announced that the society will hold a cake and coffee sale during the Heppner-Echo game to be played here Feb. 16. Proceeds will go into the banquet fund.

Lexington Grange Hears New Reports On Legislation

The Lexington Grange met Saturday evening following a potluck dinner and heard reports from several committees which have been active during recent weeks. During the session Mrs. Ella Burgoine was installed as Grand chaplain and Mrs. Walter Ruggles as Flora.

Earl Evans of the agriculture committee reported that Morrow county is clean as a result of the brucellosis testing program and Kenneth Smouse announced the Wheat Industry conference to be held in Portland Feb. 19 and 20. O. W. Cutsforth reported on the herd law (or fence law, as it is called in the legislature) and on action which has been taken by other county organizations on pending legislation.

The Grange was given a marble statue of the Three Graces by the O. W. Cutsforths which they obtained in Greece during their round-the-world trip last year. It will be mounted in the hall.

Millie Evans announced the home economics committee would meet at her home Feb. 21.

The program conducted by Mrs. Cutsforth included a history of the flag; a talk by Gar Leyva on information gained at the OSC school on fertilizers and sprays; a living Valentine tableau by Mr. and Mrs. Burton Peck with an accompanying reading by Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast, and a reading, The American Way, by Millie Evans.

The dinner committee included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruggles, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beach.

Valby Lutherans To Have Annual Meeting

The Valby Lutheran church will hold its annual meeting Sunday, February 17 with services at 11:15 a. m., followed by a potluck dinner. Dr. S. L. Swenson, president of the Columbia conference of the Augustana church will be the guest speaker.

All members are urged to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bedford returned today after a business trip to The Dalles and Portland.