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Boardman C of C Backs Morrow Highway Route

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce is still supporting the Blalock Island crossing of the proposed Ellensburg-Pendleton federal highway, as was brought out at the regular luncheon meeting Wednesday of last week. This is in spite of the fact that the Oregon State Highway Commission's chief engineer recently stated that the road should enter Oregon by the Umatilla bridge.

bridge, and that the cost of interchanges for Umatilla, Hermiston and Stanfield would be avoided.

George Weise and Dewey West, president of the chamber, both members of the delegation also spoke in favor of the crossing. Weise told of the need for a route between Highway 30 and the Yakima valley for the sake of traffic that wants to go north by the shortest route. West said that the only good that could be done by routing the traffic across the Umatilla bridge was to guarantee the payoff of the bridge bonds to private investors who had purchased them. He saw no need to become alarmed over the financial needs of the bridge company with increased traffic assured over the coming years. The traffic during the estimated 15-year period before the Blalock Island bridge would be built would provide plenty of time to assist the Umatilla bridge in paying off their debt.

Weise further stated that the head of the Boardman planning board, the mayor and Morrow county judge Oscar Peterson would make overtures to the Washington State Highway Commission to explore fully the plan of adopting the route they originally favored which would lead to Blalock Island, probably by way of Glade Creek canyon from Mabton.

Petitions Ask Completion of Rhea Creek Road

The county court this week received petitions bearing 288 names asking the court to apply for state and federal funds for the paving of approximately 10 miles of the Rhea Creek county road from Ruggs to the end of the present pavement.

The petitions asked that the improvement be placed on the county schedule for road development and that the court apply for state aid road funds and federal aid road funds for the project. The existing section of the Rhea Creek road, from Jordan southeast was paved under that program, as have been several other county roads.

The next section of county road improvement under the state and federal aid program is the McNab-Olex road lying within Morrow county. That project has already received state approval and is scheduled for paving sometime this summer. The work is estimated to cost \$53,000.

The court reported Wednesday that county road crews are presently moving the rock crusher to a site near McNab and that work is now under way to rebuild and rock the five and one-half miles of the road between McNab and the Gilliam county line. From the county line to Olex the road is already paved, and when the job is completed, it will give a full paved route through to Olex and Condon.

C of C Banquet Tickets Go On Sale

Tickets went on sale this week for the chamber of commerce annual banquet to be held at the Heppner Legion hall Monday evening, March 24. The tickets sell for \$2.50 and an excellent dinner is promised.

Guest speaker will be Herbert G. West, executive vice president of the Inland Empire Waterways association, and manager of the Walla Walla port district. He will speak on port districts and developments.

The banquet will start with a social hour at the hall at 6:30 it is open to the public.

Services Saturday For Mrs Mikesell

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Creswick Mortuary for Mary May Mikesell, 77 who passed away March 12 at Pioneer Memorial hospital. Rev Charles Knox will officiate and interment will be at Heppner Masonic cemetery.

She was born May 4, 1880 and was a long time resident of Heppner.

Survivors include one son, Gene of Portland; a daughter, Mrs L E Smith, Azusa, California; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Peterson To Head Hatfield Campaign

Henry Peterson, Ione, this week was named county chairman for the Hatfield for Governor committee. Hatfield is the first state office-seeker to form a Morrow county organization.

Peterson stated that he would name precinct committee members in the near future.



EARLY DAY HEPPNER—The Gazette-Times this week is celebrating its 75th birthday and in taking a step back into history for the occasion, found this old-time photo of Heppner, one of the oldest known. It shows Main street of the town in about 1895 and the camera is looking south from approximately the corner of Main and Center streets. The tall building at the far end of the street on the left is the old Palace Hotel which was destroyed by the big fire of 1918. The tall wooden building just behind the two horses is the old People's Hardware building which also went up in smoke in 1918. One of the city's present oldest buildings, the Heppner Garage, wasn't built when this picture was taken, but it now stands in the location of one of the three buildings in the foreground. Coincidentally, this picture was taken by a Mr Akers, brother of Spencer Akers, who wrote a poetic history of his life which appears elsewhere in today's paper. The original of this photo is the property of F W Mahoney of Heppner.

COUNTY FARMERS UNION ORGANIZED; ALVIN BUNCH NAMED PRESIDENT

A Morrow county local of the Farmers Union was organized recently at a meeting of interested ranchers at the Newt O'Harra home in Lexington. Alvin Bunch, Heppner area wheat rancher was elected president of the new organization; Paul Jones, vice president; and Mrs Paul Brown, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs Herb Rolph, former national vice president and now Oregon State president, was a guest at the meeting and explained the aims and policies of the Farmers Union. There are also a general discussion of current legis-

lation and farm policies.

An effort will be made to send a delegate to the national convention in Denver, March 16 to represent the newly-formed organization.

The second Monday of each month was tentatively set as the meeting date with the next meeting to be held at the Orville Cutsforth home near Lexington.

Refreshments were served to the 15 members present by Mrs O'Harra and Mrs Cutsforth.

Cancer Crusade Chairman Named

Mrs Harlan McCurdy, Jr, county campaign chairman and Mrs Don L Bennett represented Morrow county at a meeting of the Oregon chapter of the American Cancer Society at the Roundup Cafe in Condon last week, where executives of the organization met with volunteer workers from four counties.

James Nibley, insurance executive from Portland, is the 1958 Oregon campaign chairman. With him were Mrs Virginia Kletzer, state commander of the American Cancer Society and Leo D (Jack) Green, field representative.

Twelve women from Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties were present to hear a progress report on cancer research and to take part in a discussion of the growing need for funds in the society.

Nibley, who has been touring the state since March 1 in behalf of the crusade, said his concern over the prevalence of the dread disease prompted him to take the post as state chairman. "In one year," he said, "my insurance firm paid out over \$1,000,000 in medical benefits for cancer alone." He said there are many other health problems facing Americans, but until a way is found to stop the spread of cancer it will be difficult to bring a higher standard of health to the people.

Plans were made for the annual fund raising crusade in April, which is authorized under an act of Congress.

Ione Library Sees Volume Double During Past Year

In observing National Library Week, March 16 to 22, the Ione Public Library has made the following report in order that people will be more acquainted with the library.

"From June 1, 1956 to June 1, 1957, the library was open 156 days, total number of borrows 219; number of volumes, 2,938; number of books loaned, 8,153; an increase of 4,648 over the preceding year. Total receipts \$412.72. The city of Ione gives \$100 a year, Elks lodge, \$50.00; Topic club and interested persons, \$262.72. There were 125 books purchased costing \$265.13 and 103 books donated. The library subscribes for 7 periodicals and 9 are given to the library. The total expenditures was \$386.80.

Those on the library board are, Mrs John Proudfoot, chairman, Mrs Fannie Griffith, vice chairman; Mrs Victor Rietmann, secretary-treasurer, Mrs Verner Troedson and Mrs William Rawlins. Mrs Echo Palmateer is the librarian. The library is open each Monday and Thursday from 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The objectives of National Library Week are to draw attention to work of libraries and build support to meet their needs, to encourage reading habits among young and old, to inspire more people to do reading of books. The slogan for the week is: For a better-read, better informed America.

By Laws approved At Meeting of Willow Creek Country Club

Members of the Willow Creek Country club met last Wednesday evening at the Elks lounge for a business meeting.

The by-laws were read and approved and Larry Downen announced that the men's spring tournament would start soon and for all men to turn in their scores so that their handicaps can be figured.

John Williams explained the new arrangement of the course and the improvements made.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	43	22	.07
Friday	44	27	—
Saturday	44	24	.06
Sunday	46	26	—
Monday	46	23	—
Tuesday	46	24	—
Wednesday	44	21	—

Rainfall for the week .13; for March 19; for the year 4.00 inches.

Orville Cutsforth Files For Representative

Orville Cutsforth, well known Lexington rancher, filed last Friday in Salem for the Republican nomination for the state legislature from the 22nd district which includes Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman counties. He is the only Republican seeking the seat which has been held by Charles Allen Tom Rufus, who is not seeking reelection.

Frank Weatherford, Olex rancher, filed for the position as a Democrat.

Cutsforth has been a resident of Morrow county for 38 years and has operated his ranch since 1930. He was born in 1902 at Woodburn, Ore and came here in 1906. After four years he moved to Alberta, Canada where he stayed for 10 years before returning. He has never been in politics previously and stated that if elected he will work for the best interests of his district.

Cutsforth has been very active in many civic and farm organizations.

He is the past master and present chairman of the legislative committee of both the Morrow County Farm Bureau and the Lexington Grange; was chairman of the production and marketing committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, chairman of the resolutions committee of the Morrow County Cattlemen's Association and a member of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. He is a member of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce and the Elks lodge.

Cutsforth helped organize the Heppner Soil Conservation district and has served as chairman of the board of directors, and he has served on several chamber of commerce committees. He donated seven acres of his land on Herren creek for a public park and has aided materially in the development of the area which has been named Cutsforth Park.

He has traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, the Orient, Holy Land and in Europe.

Cutsforth attended the Dominion Agricultural college in Calgary, Alberta, is married and the father of 10 children.

Service Sunday For Mrs Groshens

Funeral services for Mrs Eloise Bernice Groshens, 53, were held Sunday afternoon at the Heppner Christian church with the Rev Charles Knox officiating. She passed away March 7 at Pioneer Memorial hospital following an illness of several months.

Mrs Groshens was born December 25, 1904 at Heppner, the daughter of Mr and Mrs B G Sigbee. She graduated from the Heppner schools and attended schools of business and photography in Portland and Berkeley, Calif. She was married to Emil L Groshens at Portland Nov 12, 1931 and they made their home on their ranch on Hinton road. She was a member of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge of Heppner.

She is survived by her husband; her mother, Mrs B G Sigbee; and a sister Mrs Elaine George, all of Heppner; a half brother, Claude Sigbee, Yakima, Wash; and a step-sister, Mrs Leontine Novinger of San Bernardino, California.

Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery with Creswick Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Graveside Services Set Friday For Patrick J Brennan

Graveside services for Patrick Joseph Brennan, 54, a former resident of Heppner, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Masonic cemetery with the Rev Patrick J Glaire officiating.

Mr Brennan was born March 5, 1904 in County Roscommon, Ireland and died March 11 at Lakeview where he had made his home for the past four years. He came to Heppner in 1926 but had lived elsewhere for the past 10 years.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs William Cunningham, Heppner; Mrs Mary Feeney, Ireland; and Mrs Alden who lives in England; one brother, John, Ireland. He also leaves several nieces and nephews living in this area, including Mary Bletzell, Kay Cox, Rose Hams, Hardman; Betty McDonald; Bob Cunningham, Salem; and Bill Cunningham, Goldendale, Wash.

HUNTERS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers Tuesday, March 25 at 8 p.m. in the court room at the court house. A discussion will be held on the recently started porcupine, magpie and raven contests.



ORVILLE CUTSFORTH of Lexington who has filed for the Republican nomination for state representative. (GT Photo)

Single Primary Contest To Be On GOP Ballot

An absence of last-minute filings for county offices left the local primary election situation about the same as reported last week, county clerk Bruce Lindsay stated Wednesday. All filings were made well ahead of last Friday's deadline and in only one instance will there be a contest for any county post on the May ballot.

The single contest will be for the assessor's position for which two Republicans filed. They are present assessor Harry Dinges, who is seeking reelection, and Delmer Buschke, also of Heppner.

One Salem filing last Friday that is of particular interest to residents of this area was made by O W Cutsforth, Lexington, who will seek the Republican nomination for state representative from the 22nd district of Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman counties. He will have no opposition in the primary, but will face Frank Weatherford of Olex who filed on the Democratic ticket, in the general election next fall.

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The clerk also reported that as of March 12 there were 1170 Republicans, 88 Democrats and 13 others registered in the county for a total of 2071 voters. A good many additional registrations are expected before the April 16 deadline.

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Spring Style Show To Be Wednesday

Among those modeling in the annual spring style show to be sponsored by the Heppner Civic League Wednesday evening, March 19 at the Elks temple at 8:00 p.m. will be Leslie and Tammy Meador, Karen and Kathy Blake, Harold Grey, Mike Healy, Shirley Gaines, Kevin and Kent Pratt, Janice Martin, Janice Beamer, Phyllis Quackenbush, Carole Groshens, Jim Morris, Eddie Groshens.

Some of the adults modeling will include Mrs Walter Corley, Jr of Ione, Mrs Delmer Buschke and Mrs LaVerne Van Marter.



LEXINGTON CUB SCOUTS were organized recently and these residents are playing a big part in the new program. They are, front row left to right, LaVerne Henderson and Delpha Jones, den mothers; back row, Cecil Jones, scout leader; George Irvin, institutional representative; Rev Norman Northrup, treasurer; Bob Lamont, Boy Scout district representative.