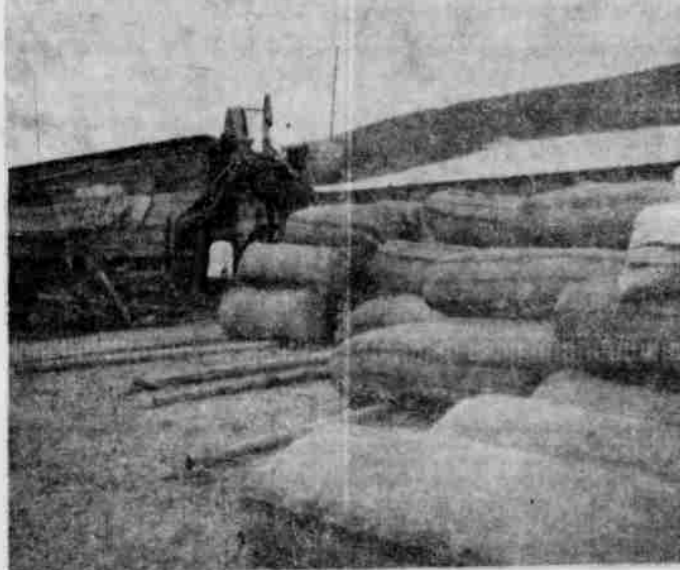


Voters To Settle Lex High School Question



OFF COME THE WINTER WOOLIES—Shearing got under way in earnest last week at the Wilkinson sheep camp on Six Mile canyon near Boardman where nearly 5000 sheep will soon be shorn of their year's growth. Here two of the crew of eight shearers are "undressing" ewes at the rate of one every two to three minutes, or about 800 a day. (GT Photo)



WOOL PILES UP—Bales of wool clip are stacked up alongside the shearing shed at the Wilkinson sheep camp. Each bag contains between 375 and 400 pounds of wool. This stack will be much larger as shearing had only started when this picture was taken. (GT Photo)

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Grange Asks That Port Commission Start Be Decided On November Ballot

The Morrow county Pomona Grange Saturday passed a resolution asking the county court to appoint a committee to circulate petitions which would place the question of whether to form a Morrow County Port Commission before the voters of the county.

Heart Attack Takes E C Dougherty

E C "Cliff" Dougherty, well known Morrow county rancher, died suddenly Tuesday morning at his home in Heppner following a heart attack. He was 58 years of age. He had been somewhat ill during the night and the attack claimed his life about 8 o'clock.

Earl Clifton Doherty was born October 2, 1899 at Seaforth, Minnesota and had lived in Morrow county for about 28 years. He and his son operated a large wheat ranch in the Sand Hollow area. He was a member of the Elks lodge here.

Services were held this afternoon (Thursday) at the Heppner Elks Temple with the Rev Lester Boulden officiating. Burial was in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Surviving are his widow Roberta, a son Jerry, a daughter, Yvonne Lovgren and one grandson, all of Heppner. He also leaves six brothers, John, Wallace and Lester, all of Connell, Wash; Francis and Delmonte of Spokane; and Clair of Rathdrum, Idaho; three sisters, Betty Galbraith, Seattle; Erma Marska, Newport, Washington; and Orvetta Moon of Prosser.

Creswick Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Wheat Growers To Plan Meeting

Executive committeemen of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association will meet Monday evening to make plans for the annual spring meeting of that organization. Tentative plans are to hold the meeting at the Lexington Grange hall on Tuesday evening, May 6.

Floyd Root, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers will be featured speaker of the evening. Mr Root has spent a considerable amount of time on farm programs and legislation during the past few months and it is expected that he will have much more to report which will be of interest to wheat farmers.

Chairmen of the various committees will report on the progress of a local and state nature at the spring meeting.

Heading the committees for the year are: Tad Miller, production and land use; Kenneth Peck, wheat disposal and transportation; Walter Jacobs, federal agricultural programs; Fredrick Martin, taxation legislation; Bernard Doherty, youth activities; Mrs Kenneth Peck, domestic wheat utilization.

Milton Morgan is president and Max Barclay is vice president. Mr Barclay is also chairman of the Conservation Man of the Year committee which has made their selection of a county winner which will be announced soon.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec
Thursday	58	44	.24
Friday	60	34	—
Saturday	62	35	—
Sunday	68	45	—
Monday	73	36	.07
Tuesday	65	43	—
Wednesday	56	43	.11

Rainfall for the week .42; for April .74; for the year 6.14 inches.

need was emphasized a couple of weeks ago by Herbert G West, executive vice-president of Inland Empire Waterways Association when he spoke at the chamber of commerce annual banquet.

Petitions have been prepared and a few are now in circulation calling for a vote of the question. It requests that the entire county be included in the port district.

The grange resolution, which was passed at the Pomona meeting Saturday at Irrigon, requests:

Whereas, it appears that appropriations for the construction of the John Day dam will be made allowing two generators at the dam to be put on the line in October, 1966.

Whereas, all Oregon counties along the Columbia river now have a port commissions excepting Morrow county.

And whereas, it appears that it may be necessary for Morrow county to have a port commission to promote industrial development along the reservoir formed by the dam along Morrow county and to receive the greatest benefit from such development.

Therefore be it resolved, by Morrow County Pomona Grange in session on the 12th day of April at Irrigon, Oregon, that the county court of Morrow county be requested to appoint a

Mrs Edith Miller Dies Wednesday, Services Saturday

Mrs Edith Miller, 58, of Lexington, died Wednesday noon at Pioneer Memorial hospital where she had been a patient for three weeks.

Mrs Miller was born August 17, 1899 at Lexington and had lived in that area all her life. She was a member of the Lexington Christian church, Ruth chapter No 32, OES, Holly Rebekah lodge of Lexington and the Lexington grange.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 19 at 2 o'clock at the Lexington Christian church with the Rev Norman Northrup and the Rev Charles Knox officiating. Interment will be in the Lexington Odd Fellows cemetery.

Surviving are her husband Karl Miller of Lexington; four sisters, Hattie Lee, San Bernardino, Calif; Della Phelps and Mary Luntford, both of Kelso, Washington; and Hazel Budden of Medford; one brother, Lawrence Reaney of Vancouver, Washington.

Creswick Mortuary will be in charge of arrangements.

Sylvanus Wright Dies at The Dalles

Sylvanus Wright, a long time resident of Morrow county, died April 3 at The Dalles General hospital where he had been confined by illness for several days.

Mr Wright was born Aug 10, 1871 in Marion county, Oregon and came to Morrow county at an early age. He was married to Lulu M Munkers Dec 24, 1895 and they lived here until moving to The Dalles in 1939. Mr Wright was with the Forest Service when the Umatilla National Forest boundaries were established and he surveyed a big part of them. He also farmed.

He is survived by his widow, Lulu May of The Dalles; two sons, Lloyd M and Russell L of The Dalles; two daughters, Della Irene Matlock of Hillsboro, and Mrs Mabel Gale of Portland; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Services were held April 5 at The Dalles.

FIRE DAMAGES CAR

A car belonging to Mrs Vivian Haguwood suffered considerable upholstery damage Tuesday night when flames destroyed much of the front seat. It was parked on Main street and Heppner firemen quickly controlled the blaze.

committee consisting of one person from each of the following: Morrow county chamber of commerce, Boardman chamber of commerce, Morrow county Pomona Grange, Morrow county Farm Bureau, Morrow county



MISS ESTHER KIRMIS

County Hires New Extension Agent

Miss Esther Kirmis, Lisbon, North Dakota has been named home economics extension agent in Morrow county, reports N C Anderson, local county agent. She will fill the position vacated by Beverly Bradshaw Doherty, last December.

A rural school teacher for three years following her graduation from the State Normal and Industrial school at Ellendale, North Dakota, Miss Kirmis was secretary with the Ransom county North Dakota ASC office; a position she held for 16 years. During this time she also worked for the local county extension agent and became familiar with extension work. In 1956 she enrolled at North Dakota Agricultural college to work toward a bachelor of science degree in home economics in preparation for extension work.

Last summer she was home agent at large in five southwestern counties of North Dakota. After her graduation in June from North Dakota Agricultural college she will arrive in Heppner to begin her Oregon duties. Her appointment is effective June 16.

Miss Kirmis was born and raised on a farm and was a 4-H member for eight years and a 4-H leader for five years. She has been active in her church on a local and state level and served as church school superintendent for 15 years. She was awarded the Mary E Laycock scholarship by the North Dakota extension units in 1958. This is a scholarship offered annually to a promising home economic student.

In making this announcement, Anderson reports that Miss Kirmis comes well qualified and recommended for the position. This will be the second position in which she has worked with Morrow county. She has worked with her when she was secretary in the Ransom county ASC office.

The new agent's appointment is subject to approval by the State Board of Higher Education.

DOBYNS TO ATTEND EUROPEAN CONVENTION

Mr and Mrs Harold Dobyms will leave April 24 for Europe where he will attend the International Pest Control Congress to be held in Vienna, Austria, May 11 to 17. He also plans to study pest control methods in several European countries.

They will leave New York on the Queen Elizabeth for London and will visit 12 countries before returning to New York June 3. They also plan a visit to the Brussell's Worlds Fair.

Farmers Union, Morrow County Grain Growers, and from each of the localities of Irrigon, Ione, Lexington and Hardman.

The duties of this committee to be is to circulate a petition to put the question on the ballot at the next General Election in November and to conduct an education program before the voters of Morrow county concerning the value and disadvantages of having a port commission. The resolution was signed by Kenneth J Smouse, Nathan Thorpe and Oscar Peterson.

Voters OK Special School Levy; Two Teachers Resign

By a vote of 100 yes, to 17 no, school district No 1 voters approved Monday a special levy of \$25,000 to cover the completion of the remodeling and equipping of the Heppner high school science laboratory, commercial rooms and library. It was considered a good turnout of voters for a special school election.

The board met today noon with architects to go over the final plans for the remodeling which will cost a total of \$50,000. One-half of the needed money was approved last year by voters.

The board has also called for bids, to be opened May 5, for a 48 passenger school bus and a nine-passenger station wagon, and hired Earl Soward to replace Kenneth Green as driver on the Sand Hollow run.

The board has accepted the resignation of two teachers and announced the hiring of three others to fill positions previously vacated. The two resignations were from Norman Peters band instructor, and Mrs Marie Clary, librarian. Both have revealed that they are resigning from teaching.

Clinton Agee has been hired to teach high school boys' physical education and coach basketball, and his wife will fill the position as girls' PE and health teacher and coach. Mrs Inez Erwin has accepted a position as sixth grade teacher.

Local Farmers Union Talks Port Proposal And Farm Problems

The second meeting of the newly organized Morrow county local of the Farmers Union met Tuesday evening at the Orville Cutsforth home near Lexington.

Highlights of the program included a discussion of the possible activities of a proposed Morrow county port commission by county judge Oscar Peterson; a talk on his recent trip to a wheat meeting in Washington D C by Al Lamb who visited the Oregon congressional delegation while there; and a review of the state Farmers Union resolutions by Alvin Bunch, president of the local. He also discussed the recent farm veto.

Newt O'Harra reported on events scheduled for Oregon soil conservation week May 11 to 18 and the group voted to support the work.

The next meeting will be May 12 at the Paul Jones ranch.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The Heppner Civic League will meet Monday evening in the director's room of the Bank of Eastern Oregon at 8 pm. Mrs Harry Bongers will be guest speaker and plans will be made for the rummage sale. All members are urged to attend.

Mr and Mrs Harold Cohn have as their guests her sister, Mrs G D Dennis and daughter, Sally of Oswego, Oregon.

Mrs Roberta Hubbard, left Wednesday to spend a few days in Portland.

May 5 Election To Bring Vote, Committee Told

The question of whether the Lexington high school shall be discontinued or not will be put before the voters of the Lexington district at the annual meeting on Monday, May 5. It was announced at last Friday's meeting of the Lexington Educational Betterment committee at the Lexington grange hall.

During recent weeks a petition had been circulated in the district which asked for a vote on the question, and during the same period another group obtained the signatures of many persons who felt that the school should be continued until a union high school could be formed sometime in the future.

At Friday's meeting of the Education Betterment committee a panel consisting of Mrs Max Barclay, Kenneth Peck Eldon Padberg and Alonzo Henderson, with Harold Beach as moderator, discussed various phases of the question of whether the school should be discontinued immediately and the students transported to other high schools.

Through the panel, and questions asked from the floor, it was pointed out that the aim of the Education Betterment committee is a union high school and that the transporting of the students is merely a stop-gap measure to better educate the present students. Panelists stated that no one knows when a consolidation will become a reality, but the consensus of opinion is that it is a long way off.

Robert Abrams, a member of the county school reorganization board, spoke at the meeting on the activities of the board and pointed out that its duties constitute only the redistricting of the present school districts.

William Labhart gave a short report on the study made on juvenile delinquency for the recent planning conference.

About 60 persons attended the meeting.

In connection with the question of discontinuance of the Lexington high school, it was pointed out today by county school superintendent Jack C Flug, that should the voters approve discontinuance of the school, it could not be effective until July 1, 1959. The reasons for the full year delay are that budgets for the coming year are already in and approved, and also that teacher contracts are already out for the coming year. Were the school to be discontinued next year, the district would be required by law to pay the teachers for the terms of the contracts even if they did not teach.

Matthew T Hughes, Native of Heppner, Dies in Portland

Graveside services were held at the Heppner Masonic cemetery Saturday afternoon for Matthew T Hughes, 77, who died April 10 at his home in Portland. He was a native of Heppner, having been born on the family ranch a short distance north of town on January 4, 1881.

Mr Hughes was a graduate of Heppner high school in 1900 and then attended the University of Oregon for three years. He was a member of the 3rd Oregon National Guard and served as guard at the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905. Mr Hughes returned here to work on his father's ranch for some time, and later operated a stock ranch at Lone rock for 20 years. He retired in 1940 and moved to Portland where he had since made his home.

He was married to Ida Copenhaver in September 1912. She passed away in 1920.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs Murray V Johnson, Boise, Idaho; three brothers, John T Hughes, Salem; W J Hughes, Pendleton; Joseph Hughes, Heppner; three sisters, Mrs Michael Healy, Boardman; Mrs Dan Buffington, Portland; Anna McNamsee, Heppner.

The Rev Charles Knox officiated at the Graveside rites and pallbearers were John Wightman, Earl Evans, John Kenny, Frank Turner, Jerry Brosnan and Jimmy Healy.

Mrs Roger Steiger of Portland is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Archie Ball, at Rugas.

Mrs Frank Hamlin drove to Pasco Tuesday to meet relatives from St Paul, Minnesota.

Mr and Mrs Harlan McCurdy have returned to Heppner after spending the winter in Medford.

Lone Girl Named Fossil Rodeo Queen

Sandra Eubanks, 13 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs John Eubanks of Ione, was selected Saturday as queen of the Fossil Junior Rodeo to be held May 10 and 11.

Blond, blue-eyed Sandra, who is a seventh grader at the Ione school, was selected because of her excellent display of riding ability. She was in competition with 11 other contestants. She is an active participant in junior riding activities and has been a winner in many playday activities of the Wranglers Riding club, of which she is a member. She raises Welch ponies with her father and trains and breaks them.

In addition to her horsemanship, Sandra has had two years of sewing and three years of cooking in 4-H clubs, she plays in the grade school band and was a school cheer leader this year.

The other girls to be chosen as members of Sandra's royal court for the event are Reta Rae Rattray of Condon, Sady Kay Luther and Peggy Couture, both of Fossil; and Judy Culver of Spray.

Wranglers Slate Auction Saturday

Wranglers were busy this week gathering up the last of the many donated items which will be sold at their auction sale Saturday at 1 pm at the fair grounds. The money realized from the sale will be used to complete the club's new playground and rodeo field west of Heppner.

So far donations include a wide variety of items ranging from a dozen fat hens to a horse trailer, and from lawn mowers to oil barrels. Bob Runnion, local auctioneer, will cry the sale.

STRONG APPEAL BEING MADE FOR RED CROSS BLOOD DONOR SIGNUP

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Heppner Wednesday, May 7 and an urgent appeal was made to the chamber of commerce Monday to aid in publicizing the drawing and to obtain sufficient blood donors to meet the quota of 100 pints. The request was made by Mrs Orville Cutsforth, county Red Cross chairman.

The drawing will be held from 11 to 3 o'clock May 7 at the Episcopal church parish house and anyone from 18 to 59 years of age is eligible to be a blood donor. Mrs Cutsforth explained to the

Local State Highway Employees Get Awards For Safe Driving

A number of Heppner and Boardman area state highway department employees recently received safe driver awards for accident free driving in 1957, according to W C Williams, state highway engineer.

Statewide more than one thousand highway department vehicle and equipment operators received awards. Of those honored, 184 received 8-year awards for spotless driving records during the eight years the highway safety program has been in existence.

The 1957 vehicle and equipment safety record was the best in the department's history. Equipment traveled over 23,500,000 miles with only 235 accidents.

Morrow county men who received awards are: J Frank Davidson, 7 years; Dallas M McDaniel, 3 years; Frank L Moon, 2 years; John Nielson, 8 years; Harry B Moses, 2 years; Clarence A Macomber, 8 years; Arthur L Bailey, 8 years.

Nazarene Church Slates Evangelists

Special revival meeting will be held at the Ione church of the Nazarene April 15 through 27, except Saturdays, by Rev and Mrs Orville H Kelvin of Eugene. Services are held at the Ione Grange hall each evening at 7:30.

Mr Kelvin is a forceful minister who began his preaching ministry at the age of 19. For the past 21 years he has devoted his interests to evangelism. Mrs Kelvin is a fine musician and the two present a varied program.

Mr and Mrs LaVerne Van Marter Jr drove to Portland Friday to attend the annual Inaugural ball of the Portland Elks lodge. They returned Sunday.