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MCGG to Retire \$150,000 Debt

The directors of the Morrow County Grain Growers Monday voted to call in all the association's outstanding class A preferred stock and ownership certificates.

The recent action climaxes a series of events that started in late 1952 and early 1953 when the cooperative was in serious financial straits and approximately \$150,000 was invested by the farmers of this area to save the organization. It is this investment that is being retired.

Action necessary to call in the outstanding class A preferred stock was taken at the board's regular meeting held in Heppner Sept. 22. The meeting followed a dinner with employees at which the audit report was read showing a net earnings for the

1957 crop year of \$160,000. In addition to this action the directors expressed their appreciation to the employees for their loyal and efficient service and to the members for their cooperation in helping to work out the earlier difficulties.

Al Lamb, manager of the association, stated the board action clears the way for early and probably rapid calling in of the older patronage reserve certificates. This has been the constant goal of both management and directors, he said, and every step has been directed towards that end. In the manager's report to directors he pointed out that there has been a steady increase in volume of grain handled since 1952. In 1957 the firm received 3,400,000 bushels of grain and expects to handle at least 3,600,000 in 1958.

The organization expanded its operations in 1958 by purchasing the Interior Warehouse Company facilities in Heppner and a year earlier took over Archer-Daniels property and elevators in Ione. The company operates 10 elevators at seven locations in Morrow county and is the second largest country elevator operator in Oregon.

Soroptimists Plan Party to Finance Annual Hayride

The Soroptimist Club of Heppner is again this year planning a public card party, the proceeds of which is used to help finance the annual teenage hayride given for all Heppner teenagers on Halloween.

The party is scheduled for Monday evening, September 29, at 8:00 p. m. at the Episcopal parish house.

Both bridge and pinocle will be played and dessert will be served first.

Mrs. Oliver Creswick and her committee are completing plans for the card party and plans are being started for the hayride, which includes dinner, games and dancing for the Heppner teenagers.

Apple for Teacher Theme of Reception

An apple for the teacher was the theme of the reception, held Tuesday evening at the elementary school multipurpose room, honoring the teachers of the Heppner schools.

Decorations were carried out with apple candle holders on the individual tables and a large tree on the wall behind the serving table, loaded with red apples, each bearing the name of a teacher.

Mrs. William Rawlins was mistress of ceremonies and introduced the following program: vocal solos, Elaine Laird; a pantomime by the Off Beats, Judy Cochell, Sandra, Jones, Judy Brinda, Sheryl Harris and Sharon Keithley; accordion solo, Darlene Turner and group singing led by Arnold Melby, music instructor.

Mrs. Rawlins introduced Joe Stewart, superintendent of schools, who introduced the teachers. As the teachers stood they were presented a large shining apple by a pupil.

The 200 people present unexpectedly helped Roy Kirk celebrate his birthday. Mickey Van Scholack appeared with a blazing birthday cake for him that Mrs. Nels Anderson had baked as a surprise.

At the close of the program the theme was further carried out by the serving of apple pie and coffee.

Mrs. Elmer Schmidt and Mrs. Anderson were chairmen for the reception, assisted by the hospitality committee and the room mothers.

Registered Yet?

Last day to register to vote in the general election will be Saturday, October 5.

On that day the county clerk's office will remain open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. clerk Bruce Lindsay announced.

County Interest Seen in 1959 Soil Bank Plan

More than 15 Morrow county farmers have taken the first step toward participation in the 1959 Soil Bank program, chairman Bernard Doherty of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee announced today.

This is the number of farmers who have called at the county ASC office and requested that rental rates be established for placing part or all of their eligible cropland in the conservation reserve next year. Oregon farmers have until October 3 to make this initial request for a rate determination. After receiving the rates, they have until October 17 to make a formal application for the program if they wish to do so.

Under the conservation reserve program, the farmer voluntarily reduces his acreage of cultivated crops or tame hay under a 3 to 10 year contract as a surplus adjustment measure. In return he receives rental payments on the land taken out of production. During the time the land is in the conservation reserve it cannot be used for cropping or grazing and must be devoted to erosion protective conservation uses. The government shares the cost of carrying out land, water, or wildlife conservation practices on the reserved land.

At present, according to Mr. Doherty, about 21 farmers here in the county have approximately 7300 acres in the conservation reserve under contracts entered into during the 1956-58 period. Total rental payments in the county under these existing contracts amount to about \$65,916 per year.

For the 1959 program, the chairman said, the annual rental rate will be higher for many farms than in the earlier years of the program. The national average payment rate will be \$13.50 per acre for contracts beginning next year compared with the \$10 per acre rate previously in effect.

When the county committee sets a maximum annual payment rate for a farm, chairman Doherty said, it considers productivity, agricultural value and rental rates for similar land in the area. While individual farm rates will vary above and below the county average rate, they may not be greater than 20 percent of the value of the land on the particular farm, without regard to physical improvements or location. The top limit for any farm in this county is \$24.00 per acre.

Mr. Doherty urged all local farmers who are interested in the advantages of the 1959 conservation reserve to visit the county office in Heppner before October 3. The farmer should bring acreage and yield information for his farm for the past 2 years.

Reserve Certificates Now Redeemable

Negotiable certificates issued in payment of 1958 acreage reserve agreements may be used by producers to purchase eligible grain that has been taken over by the Commodity Credit Corporation under the commodity loan and purchase program, the county ASC office has announced.

When a certificate is used to purchase wheat, the wheat will be valued at the current price support rate plus the cost of transportation if the grain is stored outside the area of production. Oats and barley may be purchased at a 5 percent discount under the same terms.

Producer owned grain under loan may also be redeemed with negotiable certificates.

Interested producers may contact the county ASC office to learn where grain is available for redemption.

WEATHER

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	70	45	—
Friday	78	51	—
Saturday	68	40	.03
Sunday	71	48	.02
Monday	62	46	—
Tuesday	58	41	—
Wednesday	59	33	—

Rainfall for the week, .05; for September, .36; for the year, 10.94 inches.



PVT WILLIAM P. "BILLY" MONAHAN of Heppner is home on 10 day leave following completion of basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. where he won Expert rifleman's medal. He will be stationed at Fort Devins, Mass. where he will receive schooling in the security agency division of the Signal Corps.

New "No Parking" Restrictions To Be Enforced

Local law enforcement officials this week reminded motorists that there have been some new "no parking" signs installed between the rodeo field and the high school and that they mean what they say—"No Parking!"

The state highway department placed the signs on the north and west sides of the highway from the fair grounds gate to the high school gym but they have not been strictly enforced for the past couple of weeks to give residents a chance to get used to the restriction. In the future, however, violators will receive tickets.

The parking restriction on the one side of the street was ordered to prevent traffic congestion and keep cars from parking on the sidewalk which was built last year from the school to the grandstand.

Hatfield Slates Visit Here Oct 5

Mark Hatfield, present secretary of state and Republican nominee for governor, will make an appearance in Heppner on Sunday afternoon, October 5. It was announced this week by Henry Peterson, Ione, Hatfield's county chairman.

Hatfield is expected to make a short political talk while here, and members of the Morrow county Republican committee said today that the location of his meeting will be announced next week. He is scheduled to arrive here at 2 o'clock for a short stay.

"Coming Events" to Resume Next Week

The coming events calendar will be resumed with the October 2 issue of the Gazette Times.

Any organization wanting to be listed in the calendar is asked to call the Gazette Times office, 6-9228, so that the time and place of meeting are correct.

Missionaries to Get Gifts From Class

The nursery class at the Assembly of God Sunday school were recognized Sunday morning for winning first place in the September missionary giving. Mrs. Eugene McCorkle is the teacher.

The entire Sunday school is participating in this program. Toys, clothing, notions, and food stuff hang from the branches or pegs of an improvised wooden tree which somewhat resembles a clothes-tree.

The gifts will be packed and mailed at the end of the month to missionaries in Alaska, Korea, and Arizona for their Christmas.

IN AFB HOSPITAL

A/2c Wayne Wilson of Heppner and Pilot Rock returned to Schillings Air Force Base Kansas Sept. 9. He is in the base hospital receiving further treatment for a back injury received in a car accident near Heppner, Aug. 18.



DEDICATED—Senator Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon dedicated the Centennial Van of History at Oregon City as it began its tour of the state in preparation for the state's 1959 centennial celebration. Children peek out of the door after getting a preview of the display. The van is now touring Eastern Oregon and will be in Heppner on Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2. The display is a joint undertaking of the Oregon Centennial Commission, Oregon Historical Society and Oregon Trucking Associations.

Heppner School To Ask Bond Issue For Purchase Of Property

The Heppner school board met in special session September 16 to consider an offer from Mrs. Elaine George to sell her property which is adjacent to the grade school. It authorized P. W. Mahoney, school attorney, to start legal procedure to acquire the property and will ask voters of the district to approve a \$20,000 bond issue to finance the purchase.

The board has been offered six acres, including a 10 room house which would be used as rental property until such time as it is developed into the educational program, outbuildings and deep well for \$16,000. The board had considered purchase of this property at various times in the past, but the purchase price had been much higher.

With the increased enrollment it is necessary that the district be able to expand its school facilities and especially the

playground area. The state approved the building of the new school on the present site with the understanding that the district would incorporate the strip of land it owns on the north side of Hinton creek into the present playground and since that time the elementary school has increased. The school was declared standard on June 10, 1957, but at that time Walter Shold, supervisor of elementary education, indicated that the land available was not quite adequate and that he was giving the satisfactory rating on the site only because good use had been made of the land available and that the Heppner school board and administration would remain alert to other ways that the serviceability of the site might be improved. The George property is the only parcel of land of any size adjacent to the school which could be developed.

Use Explained

If voters approve the purchase of the property, the district would use part of the land to expand the shop and Ag program as the present facilities are inadequate, and the rest of the land would be developed for playground use. The board is faced

Wildlife Projects Encouraged Under Soil Bank Program

Farmers and sportsmen's groups have a tailor-made opportunity to improve hunting and fishing on Oregon farms as part of the 1959 conservation reserve of the Soil Bank, according to Andrew Landforce, extension wildlife management specialist at Oregon State college.

Farmers can get cost-share assistance and annual rental payments through the conservation reserve for shifting land from crop production to protective cover or food plantings for wildlife.

Time is running short, however, to sign up in the program, advises Arnold N. Bodtker, state administrative officer of the Oregon agricultural stabilization and conservation committee. The sign-up phase of the program now underway at county ASC offices closes October 3.

Bodtker lists the following projects for which farmers can get rental payments for the land plus cost-share assistance in establishing the program.

1. Establish protective cover to protect game birds and animals. County ASC offices have lists of approved plantings. Either 5 or 10-year contracts are available for planting trees and shrubs.
2. Plant feeding plots as wildlife habitat to attract and give winter protection to pheasants, quail, rabbits and other game.
3. Provide wetland or water habitat for wildlife—fur animals, waterfowl, and other game.
4. Ponds for fishing or other recreational purposes can be constructed by excavating or building dams or dikes. There is a choice of 5 or 10-year contracts.

Farmers can hunt or fish on their land put into the program and can give permission to other persons as long as a commercial operation is not set up.

Wildlife conservation practices could be especially attractive to farmers who have odd-shaped or hard-to-get-at sections of cropland, Bodtker points out. Details may be obtained from county ASC offices, county extension agents, soil conservation service technicians, or regional Oregon game commission offices.

CHES X-RAY HERE

Free chest X-ray, sponsored by the Morrow County TB and Health Association, will be given Wednesday evening, October 1 from 7 to 8 p. m. at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

POMONA POSTPONED

Morrow county Pomona Grange has been postponed from October 4 until October 25 at Greenfield Grange in Boardman.

Meeting to Air Water Problems

Persons interested in development of county water resources development are urged to attend a discussion meeting to be held Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 at the court house in Heppner.

This will not be an official county committee meeting, but will be held to discuss the various problems and needs. Herbert G. West, executive secretary of the Inland Waterways Association and a representative from the Corps of Engineers will be present, county judge Oscar Peterson stated.

Special Scholarship Goes to Ed Groshens

Ed Groshens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshens and a 1958 graduate of Heppner high school left last week for Oregon State college the recipient of a special scholarship not previously offered in this county.

He received a tuition scholarship for one year from the county court—scholarship few persons knew was available until early this year when its presence in state law books was discovered.

According to the law, each county and each state representative and senator is entitled to award one scholarship each year to a state school.

RHEA CREEK EXTENSION UNIT

The Rhea Creek extension unit will meet at the grange hall Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 10:30 a. m. with a potluck dinner at noon.

Miss Esther Kirmis, home extension agent, will be project leader for Lessons in Color.

All members are urged to be present if possible.

TRIPLE LINK TO MEET

The Triple Link club will meet Monday evening, Sept. 29, at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Don Munkers on Center St. Plans will be made for the hunters food sale to be held next week.

with lack of adequate storage facilities for janitorial supplies, tractors, lawn equipment and at the present time extra bus tires, ladders, spare desks, etc are stored in the boiler room.

By developing the shop and industrial arts and ag program on the George property the present shop facilities would be freed for custodial storage and workroom. Also with the industrial arts and ag work on the George property it would be adjacent to the livestock feeding program which boys are developing on county-owned land adjoining. This would also free one more classroom in the high school building, presently used for the shop program.

Election Slated

The board will ask the voters of the district to approve the purchase of the property and also the spending of \$4,000 this year to begin development of the property. This would be a short term bond levy of \$20,000 and would be paid off in five years. The board received a legal opinion that the only way they could secure money for the purchase before July 1959 would be through a bond issue.

By the end of the current school year, \$66,000 will have been paid on the principal of the new school leaving a balance of \$224,000, or with the proposed bond issue a total of \$244,000. The original bond issue for the grade school was \$290,000.

Voting on the bond issue will be held October 12 from 2 to 8 p. m. in the multipurpose room of the elementary school. A legal notice on the vote appears elsewhere in today's paper.

Harvey McRoberts Dies in Portland

Harvey McRoberts, for many years a resident of Heppner, died September 18 in Portland. He was 73 years of age.

Mr. McRoberts was born in February, 1885 in Hartsville, Missouri but came to Oregon at an early age and lived most of his life in Morrow county. He was married to Stella McDaniel March 8, 1917.

Funeral services were held at the A. J. Rose and Son Funeral Home in Portland September 22 and burial was in the Mt. Scott cemetery in Portland.

Surviving are, one son, John McRoberts, Portland; three daughters, Alice Wagner and Carolyn Dunn, Portland; and Frances Bowlin, Eden, Idaho. He also leaves one sister, Liza Grimes, Hartsville, Mo. and 11 grandchildren.

Ground Observers To Meet Monday

The regular monthly meeting of the Heppner Ground Observer Corps will be held at 2:00 p. m. Monday, Sept. 29, at the home of Mrs. Ray Smith.

M/Sgt. Ralph A. Bragg of Arlington and M/Sgt. James R. Cruikshank of Bend will present the program.

All members and interested persons are asked to attend.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Archie Glenger, Heppner an 8 lb girl born Sept. 19, named Patty Kay. To Mr. and Mrs. James Marvin Richardson, Heppner, a 6 lb 15 oz girl, born Sept. 21, named Mickey Alice.

Patients — Mary Bergstrom, Ione; Steven Asher, Kinzua, dismissed; Kathleen Lynch, Heppner, dismissed; Robert Strong, Prineville; Sylvester Shirley, Heppner, dismissed; Marilyn Pettyjohn, Heppner, dismissed; Wilbert Osborn, Jr., McMinnville, dismissed; Sara Trobaugh, Ione; Adelle Wright, Heppner; Gladys Young, Spray, dismissed; Ruby Medlock, Irrigon; Cheryl Ross, Spray, dismissed; William P. Kilkeny, Echo; Jack Flug, Heppner; Viola Bliss, Pendleton; Patricia Wright, Arlington.

TO HAVE INSTALLATION

Ruth Assembly, Rainbow for Girls will hold a public installation Sunday afternoon, September 22 at 2:00 p. m. at the Masonic temple.

DeMolay boys from Hermiston will be here to do the crowning ceremony.