

Dr. McMurdo Honored

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there would be a substantial pool for recreation, it would provide for boating, fishing and park areas, and it is estimated that the dam would offer 17,000 fishermen days annually as well as 17,000 recreation days per year.

The Corps of Engineers would construct boat launching ramps, picnic areas, tables, rest rooms, provide garbage cans and maintain the areas at expense of the Federal government, Sivley said. Land for the dam and reservoir would be purchased by the government at its cost, and it would provide for relocation of roads and utilities in the reservoir area.

Complete information on the project will be presented at a public hearing, now scheduled to be held in Heppner sometime. They had four sons, but tragedy came to the family when the second son, Archie D. McMurdo Jr., died at the age of two years and nine months after incurring an infection.

Charles Edward McMurdo, a chemist, is their oldest son, living in Portland; Dr. Bernard H. McMurdo, a dentist of Burlington, Calif., is their third son; and Scott H. McMurdo, a biochemist in Corvallis, is the youngest in the family. The McMurdos have no daughters.

In looking back, Dr. McMurdo cannot remember how many babies he brought into the world, but noted that Circuit Judge Williams Wells reminded him the other day that the veteran doctor had delivered him.

"I had forgotten," said the doctor, with a chuckle. The number of babies in the 50 years runs in the hundreds.

For years Dr. McMurdo operated a local hospital as the only doctor here, once buying a place from Bert Sigsbee for the purpose. He was among those who worked diligently for an adequate new hospital that eventually materialized as Pioneer Memorial hospital.

It was planned to build a new hospital immediately after the hotel was constructed here, he said, but depression days came along, and the hospital had to wait. Pioneer Memorial hospital was dedicated in June, 1950.

Horse and buggy was the going mode of transportation when the doctor first came to Heppner. As mentioned before there was only one auto in town, but there were two livery stables. The doctor's first car was a model T Ford, and it took him to farflung calls around the area to care for the ill and injured. Often, in winter time, this meant plowing through mud to the axles.

The 50th anniversary of his week-end.

practice finds the doctor still going strong, conducting his practice on a regular schedule and keeping up with late developments in the field of medicine by attending meetings in the profession.

An active sportsman, the doctor enjoys hunting, trap shooting (in which he is a champion), ice skating and many other pursuits. His agility continues to amaze his friends, although once in a while the doctor shows up with a bump, bruise or broken bone that would tend to show that he has been a little too active. But he takes these temporary setbacks in stride with his characteristic chuckle, and the town buzzes with his latest exploit.

Apparently the doctor comes by his venturesome spirit naturally for his father, Charles Edward McMurdo, was once a captain in the 79th Gordon Highlanders and served in India during the Indian Mutiny and in the siege of Delhi.

With his two brothers, both also graduates of the University of Virginia Medical School, the doctor is now dubbed a "patron" of the school and they honored him and the two brothers, Dr. Percy F. McMurdo of San Francisco and Dr. Hew McMurdo, also of San Francisco, at Medical Alumni Day at the University in June of this year. All three brothers were born in Shadwell, Virginia.

Many changes have come to Heppner and Morrow county in the past 50 years, but the unchanging Dr. McMurdo continues to serve the community and its ill as he has since 1912.

Postal Application Date is Extended

Closing date for the acceptance of applications for clerical positions in the local post office has been extended to Saturday, December 22, according to word received this week by Postmaster James H. Driscoll from the board of U. S. Civil Service examiners in Portland.

The original closing date for applicants was November 26, but because of such short notice, the time was extended. Forms for applying for the postal work may be obtained from Mr. Driscoll or H. C. Wilson at the local post office. It is the desire to establish a roster here from which employees can be hired as the needs of the service require.

Clarence Johnson and Clint Agee joined Loyd Howton and son John, Hermiston, on an elk hunting trip near Elgin over the week-end.

Dam Project Would Cost \$5,250,000, Engineers Report

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in early January. It is important that as many persons as possible come out to be heard on the project, Sivley said.

The engineer said that the site for the dam appears to be very good because of the rock abutments and the rock on the valley floor. It is planned to come out and mark with spray paint the top of the proposed dam on the hills so that the public may be able to visualize where the dam would be located.

Col. Beddow of the district office of the Engineers will be present at the public hearing to give details on the dam. Federal and state agencies will also be present, together with local organizations and individuals. The hearing will be recorded for later review on the long road through authorities and Congress before it could be approved.

Present bridges in town would not be materially affected, Sivley said, although some excavation would have to be done under the Gale and Main street bridges. A total of \$100,000 would be spent on the creek channel below the dam.

Estimates show a benefit-cost ratio of 1 1/2 to 1 on the multipurpose dam and this is considered highly favorable, the engineer said. Life of the irrigation project is set up for 100 years, but it would pay out through the irrigation district in 50 years.

Sivley also stressed that while the flood control benefits would be of principal interest to Heppner residents, it would also help others for the entire length of Willow Creek.

As to the possible time of construction, he estimated it would take up to five years to get underway. A total of \$40,000 has already been spent on preliminary work of surveys.

As to the cost of \$5,250,000, Sivley said, "That's a lot of cost, but we feel it would provide a lot of benefit."

Oliver Creswick, who recently took a survey among farmers on the irrigation feature, presided at the Monday meeting. Judge Oscar Peterson and William Zink, the latter from the Army Engineers, also took part. Martha Doherty opened the meetings with her state championship talk on soil conservation.

Band Parents Bill Meeting Tuesday

Meeting of the Band Parents club will be Tuesday, December 4, in the band room of the high school gym. Bud Peck, president, announces.

Beginners band will play, and a business meeting and discussion will follow. All band parents are urged to attend.

Talks on Turkey

Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Parker and son, Vawter Jr., of Hood River were guests of Mr. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Parker, on Sunday. Vawter Jr., known as Buck, gave an interesting talk and showed pictures of his summer in Turkey at the Christian church in the evening.

Stroke Confines Judge J. O. Hager

J. O. Hager, justice of the peace for southern Morrow county, suffered a mild stroke at his home Saturday night but is in satisfactory condition, his doctor said Tuesday.

He is now resting at home and will be out of his office for an indefinite time. His wife, Mrs. Hager, is home again and up and around after undergoing surgery at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, about three weeks ago.

Jones is Elected To PTA Position; Awards Given

At the Heppner PTA meeting November 14 Marcel Jones was elected vice president to fill out the unexpired term of Everett Struckmeier who resigned because much of his time is spent on his place near Spray.

In other business Mrs. Orval Matheny and Mrs. Harold Erwin were elected to the nominating committee with Mrs. Harlan McCurdy named earlier by the PTA executive committee. The committee recommended that the nominating group be named early so that it might have more time to work.

Mrs. L. E. Dick presented Bill Mahan with the 30.06 rifle and Harold Arbogast, Condon, with the binoculars as winners of the Little-Big Horn contest.

The program consisted of a demonstration of a new method of teaching, called audio-lingual, used by Mr. O'Rourke. He used several of his students to demonstrate as he teaches Spanish in the high school here. Mrs. W. W. Weatherford explained beginning algebra as it could be taught to sixth graders using Mrs. Inez Meador's class.

A German band made up of several high school band members played five numbers, enjoyed by the more than 100 PTA members present.

Mrs. Helen Gordon, Portland, pre-school director of the Jewish Community Center, then spoke to the group on mental retardation, what is being done in Oregon and what can be done. Mrs. Clarence Baker won as "PTA'er of the Month" and will receive for her family tickets to the first home high school basketball game.

Cemetery District To Elect Director

A director of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance district will be elected at the annual election Monday, December 3, between 2 and 7 p. m. Polling place will be at the Heppner city hall.

Retiring director is John Pfeiffer, who is also the only candidate for the succeeding 3-year term. He filed by petition. Hold-over directors are Paul Jones, president, and Mrs. Elaine George, secretary-treasurer.

The young man was an exchange student to Turkey from Hood River under the American Field Service plan.

ASCS Ballots Due December 7 For Election

Farmer's income and plans are often directly affected by the programs administered in Morrow county by the elected farmer members of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, according to David McLeod, office manager. With the annual Committee election set for December 7, a review of the work and responsibilities of the men who will represent them is the concern of every farm operator.

As a matter of fact, there are several new programs to be put into effect this year, and some others in the offering that concern not just the ASC Committee, but every farmer and every citizen in the county.

The programs for wheat and the feed grains, possible new uses of crop land through a land use adjustment program, and the Agricultural Conservation program are examples of those with which the men to be elected will deal.

The scope of the present committee's work during the past year has included in Morrow county the administration of 265 price support loans on 998,319 bushels of wheat, and 184 loans on 414,704 bushels of barley for 352 producers. The committee supervised wheat and feed grain program diversion payments totaling \$715,183.00 for 403 growers who diverted 28,117 acres from grain to conserving uses.

The committee also administered the ACP, which brought total cost share payments of \$49,521.00 to farmer operators who made specific conservation improvements on their land.

Ballots for voting on Community ASC Committees have been mailed to farmers throughout the county. These must be returned to the County ASCS office by December 7. Any farmer who does not receive one by mail should contact the County ASCS office in the Gilliam and Bisbee building, Heppner, or come in and vote in person at the local office.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital this week are: Celia Matteson, Heppner; Ivan Fitzgibbons, Condon; Avis Moore, Mayville; Lucile Weatherford, Heppner; Vernon Christopherson, Olex; Howard Crowell, Ione; Verle Green, Heppner; Mark Halvorsen, Ione; and Gladys Alderman, Heppner.

Those dismissed during this same period were: Jerry Phillips, Kinzua; Marian Jonasson, Heppner; Steven Schell, Kinzua; Linda Nichols, Ione; Edna Struthers, Heppner; Eugene Grabbill, Ione; and Fred Pettyjohn, Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Little, Spray, are the parents of an 8 lb. 4 oz. girl, Laura Machelie.

Leonard Carlsons Honored at Valby

Mr. and Mrs. Lenoard Carlson, residents of the Ione area for many years before moving to Portland five years ago, observed their 45th wedding anniversary at Valby Lutheran church Sunday.

Reception for the couple was held at a luncheon following church services and about 100 were present. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson were married in Portland in 1917 and have two sons and two daughters. Sons are Clifford, who works for an elevator firm in Portland, and Louis, rancher in the Ione area. Daughters are Mrs. J. P. (Joyce) Darst of Salem and Mrs. Bob (Mildred) Hope of Eugene.

The Portland couple came to stay in the Carlson home here while the Ione family used their home in Portland to attend the Oregon Wheat League meeting.

Mrs. Weatherford Ill

Mrs. W. W. (Lucile) Weatherford, Heppner High school teacher, is in the Pioneer Memorial hospital where she was taken Monday for treatment of a liver disorder. Indications are that she will not be able to return to the classroom until after Christmas holiday.

born November 21. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Lexington, are the parents of a 7 lb. 7 oz. daughter, Debbie Larita, born November 24. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Angell, Heppner, are the parents of a 7 lb. 5 oz. son, born November 27. He is named James Kelly.

Mrs. Griffin Hears Of Relative's Death

Death of Gerald Jennings, husband of the niece of Mrs. Jessie Griffin of Heppner, came Monday in Portland. Mrs. Griffin was notified early Tuesday. A middle-aged man, he was stricken with a heart attack Sunday and died the following day.

Mrs. Jennings is the former Leona Ritchie, who was reared in Ione. They have been living in Portland for the past 20 years or more.

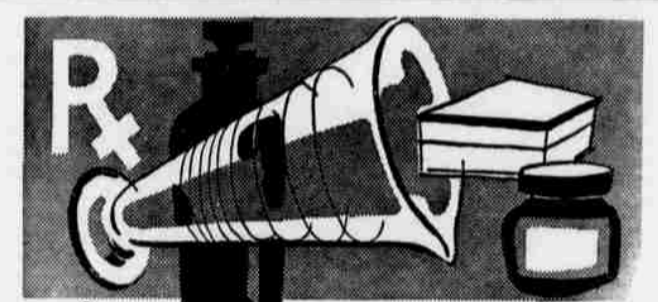
Funeral was at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Portland. Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Michael Gray, a cousin of Mrs. Jennings, expected to attend from Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have one son, who is serving in the army.

Luncheon to Open Bazaar Sale Saturday

A large variety of handmade gifts and foods will be available to bazaar shoppers Saturday, December 1, at the Episcopal Parish hall. Guild members have kept many hands busy through the year preparing gifts with that "hand made" touch for the annual sale event.

Opening the busy afternoon will be a luncheon served to the public starting at 12 noon. Business men and other working people are extended a special invitation. Tea will be served through the afternoon. Fancy needlework items, hand knitted coats and sweaters, aprons, homemade fruit cakes and candies, and surprise table of children's and adult gifts are among the many items awaiting the pre-Christmas shopper.



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