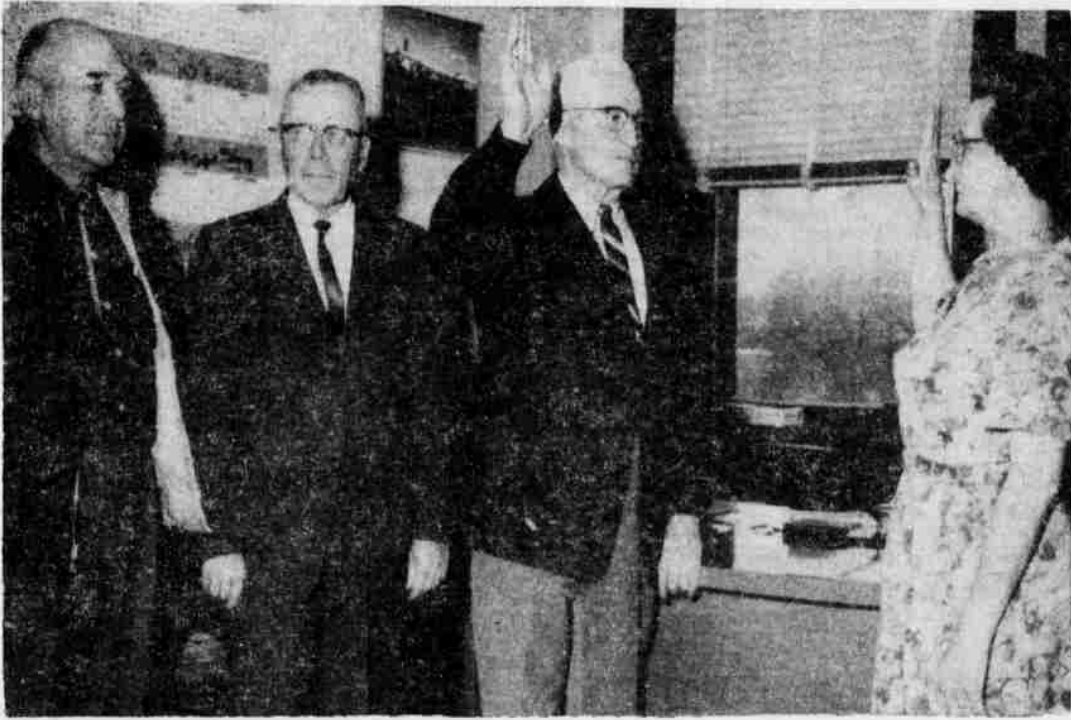


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WALTER HAYES of Boardman is shown taking the oath of office as Morrow county commissioner with Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, administering the oath. Witnessing the ceremony are Commissioner E. O. (Gene) Ferguson (left) and County Judge Oscar Peterson. (G-T Photo)

Morrow to Lose 4-H Club Agent

Morrow county will lose one of its county agents on January 15, 1964, as a result of cuts ordered through the state extension service, it is announced by N. C. Anderson, chairman of the Morrow county extension staff.

To be terminated here will be the services of the agent in 4-H and agriculture, a position that has been held by Joe Hay for the past 4½ years.

This is one of 18 county extension agent positions across the state that is being terminated at this time, according to Gene M. Lear, associate director, Oregon State University extension service. Elimination of these positions results from budget cuts necessitated following the October 15 state tax referendum, which was defeated.

The 4-H and adult programs that were the responsibility of Hay will be carried by Agents Anderson and Esther Kirmis. Miss Kirmis, home extension agent who has shared in the 4-H club work, will have added 4-H program administration, and Anderson will share in both the 4-H and adult agriculture responsibilities.

Since Anderson has had no 4-H responsibilities for the past three years, this will mean some curtailment in other services by the local extension staff. A definite decision of program curtailment will be made soon, Anderson said.

Elimination of the position here will mean that Hay will no longer be associated with the extension service. His plans at this time are not definite, but he is considering some positions which may be open to him in other ventures.

Loss of one of the three county agents comes as an ironic development to the many in the county who protested after the county budget committee cut the local extension budget at the final budget hearing earlier this year.

As a result of protest meetings an organization was formed to raise a fund of \$3400 from



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private subscriptions to assure that all three county agent positions would remain. The fund was raised, and the group felt its work was successfully completed until the budget cut developed at the state level.

Since Hay shall have worked for just over six months of the current budget year, it is probable that money raised for the third agent will be prorated and that for the part of the year that he will not serve may be returned. It was expected that the county court would take sufficient funds from its emergency fund, when the allowed budget was exhausted, to reimburse for the third agent. Whether this will still be done is not known at this time. If it is done, all the money collected on the voluntary drive would be returned to the donors.

A county extension advisory committee is in the process of

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Entry Deadline In Light Contest Set December 21

Those who wish to enter Heppner's annual home and commercial Christmas lighting and decoration contest have just nine more days left to register, Mrs. Avon Melby, chairman of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce, announces.

Deadline for entries is Saturday, December 21, at 5 p.m. and judging will be Sunday, December 22, from 3 to 5 p.m. It is requested that lighting and decorations remain on display through Sunday, December 22, so that all may have a chance to see them.

A total of \$60 in cash is offered to winners of first, second and third in three categories, as follows:

Store windows: First, \$10; second, \$7.50; third, \$5.
Residential outdoor light and displays: First, \$10; second, \$7.50; and third, \$5.

Residential windows (inside decorations and lighting visible from the street): First, \$7.50; second, \$5; and third, \$2.50.

All that an entrant need do to register is to leave the name or telephone to the Gazette-Times prior to the deadline on December 21, together with the location so that judges may find it.

Firemen Practice As Historic House Goes Up In Flame

Flames consumed a historic home in Heppner Sunday but the destruction was accomplished under the supervision of the fire department which was helping to complete the razing of the structure.

Located near Gale on Water street, the house was built by Henry Johnson, then a local carpenter, many years ago. He was living in it at the time of the flood in 1903.

E. W. Moyer owned the place for many years, and John Wood of Enterprise, brother-in-law of Mrs. Lucille Owens, a daughter of Moyer, had started to tear the house down when he called upon the fire department to finish the job.

The house served as a hospital in the 1930's. Its departure from the local scene made a nice warm fire on a cold day.

Fire Chief Charles Ruggles said that seven men of the department were out for the burning and it made a good practice session for them. The roof almost literally "blew up" when cold water poured in underneath it hit the hot flames, the chief said.

Farm Reappraisal To Get Underway

Actual reappraisal work of farms and lands outside of cities in Morrow county will get underway by January 1, Bob Fielder and Bill Johnson, appraisers, said Tuesday.

Johnson will start on lands in the northern part of the county and Fielder will begin work valuing wheat lands, they said. In recent weeks they have been valuing buildings and classifying lands which have been involved in sales during the past few years. These represent about 10% of the property in the county outside of cities, they said.

In appraising the farms, they will use the ratio of 25% to true cash value. The assessments will not go on the property tax roll until the 1965-66 tax year.

The two are the only ones who will be engaged in the work, and they will carry identification cards. Johnson said that new construction in urban areas will also be appraised before the first of the year.

County Appoints Trade Commission

At the request of the Association of Oregon Counties, the Morrow county court has appointed a Trade Commission, composed of three members, whose duty will be to assist in improving interstate sales and exporting of Oregon products.

Named to the county commission are Nels Anderson, county extension agent; Harold Wright of Ruggs; and D. O. Nelson of Lexington. County Judge Oscar Peterson said that Wright was appointed to promote livestock and Nelson to promote wheat.

Such commissions throughout the state will join to assist with a trade mission to Hawaii on February 12 to 16 at the time of the meeting of the National Association of County Officials there. An exhibit of items marketed in Hawaii from the mainland will be shown at that time. Those from Morrow county are livestock and wheat.

The Association of Oregon Counties sponsors the trade commission plan in cooperation with the State of Oregon's Department of Planning and Development.

Mercury Descends To Seven Degrees With 1-Inch Snow

Temperature plummeting down to a minimum of seven degrees above zero Wednesday morning to record the low for the week and for the winter to date, Leonard L. Gilliam, weather observer, reports.

This, however, was just one degree colder than the previous night. Temperature never climbed over the freezing level during the first three days of the week after the downward trend that came over the week-end with 1.08 inches of snow falling late Sunday.

High for the week goes back to last Thursday when 51 degrees was recorded as the maximum.

The snow cover came in just about right for farmers over much of the county, thus protecting planted grain from freezing. However, County Agent Nels Anderson said that in some parts of the county, particularly in some of the Butter Creek area, there was not enough snowfall to give protection.

Icy conditions of roads made a hazardous condition for those who had to be on the highway during the week. Those traveling said that the worst conditions were encountered close to Heppner with the roads clear in the northern part of the county. However, the Willow Creek highway as far as Cecil was slick at one time during the week.

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	51	26	—
Friday	47	27	—
Saturday	47	28	.06
Sunday	35	28	.23
Monday	32	8	1.08" snow
Tuesday	27	7	—
Wednesday	29	12	—

Two Youths Admit School Breakins

Two Heppner High school youths have admitted breaking into Ione High school, Heppner elementary school and Heppner High school, the latter on at least two occasions, Principal Gordon Pratt said Tuesday.

The boys, one a junior and the other a senior, also admitted taking county school vehicles on three occasions during the night for rides.

District Attorney Herman Winter said that the two will have a hearing in juvenile court, over which County Judge Oscar Peterson presides, on charges yet to be filed on complaint of the school district board.

The two are also accused of taking concessions from Heppner High school, valued at not more than \$3, the principal said. Other petty acts of vandalism were committed during the entries, including scattering of paper in the halls at Ione.

Admittance was gained to Heppner High school by taking a key from Principal Pratt's desk while he was out of the office. Keys were also taken out of Principal Hillard Brown's closet in his office at Heppner elementary school.

Identity of the youths was traced after one of the county schools' pickups was noticed being driven in Lexington at an early morning hour recently.

When the two were suspected of the acts they were questioned by Principal Pratt but did not admit participation until one of their mothers was able to persuade her son to tell of his part in the matter. Later the two told full details to the principal and Chief of Police Dean Gilman.

Ailing Calf Elk Finds Sanctuary At Wilkinson's

Glen Ward, state game agent, thought he had been working too hard when he saw what, for all the world appeared to be an elk crossing the road in front of him within a mile or two of town as he drove down the Willow Creek Tuesday evening.

He stopped and got out of his car. Dick Payne came up. "I want you to verify this," he said to Dick. "Is that an elk?"

Dick agreed that it was indeed a calf elk and then told Glen that it had been staying in Dick Wilkinson's corral for at least the past week.

The calf, probably six months old, has an injury around its mouth, perhaps a wound from a hunter's bullet. Payne caught the calf and hauled it to Dr. Jim Norene who examined it and treated it.

Then he took it back to the pasture, gave it grain and is continuing to give it medicine prescribed by Dr. Norene. The jaw is deformed so it can't close its front teeth to graze. They covered it with a tarpaulin to protect it from the cold weather.

With Ward's consent, Payne plans to continue to doctor the calf until it gets better and then will haul it back to the mountains and release it.

Santa Claus Due At Wrangler Party

Santa Claus will be present at a Christmas party of the Wranglers club at 8 p.m., Saturday night, December 14, at the club house.

Election of officers will be held during the business meeting that will precede the festivities.

Other entertainment planned for the evening will include a variety program, exchange of gifts and treats for all.

All Wrangler members and their guests are cordially invited.

Free Movie Saturday; Santa Back

"Return of Rusty," a full-length motion picture, will be shown as a free feature for all kids of the area Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Heppner Elks temple under the joint sponsorship of the Elks and the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Three cartoons, totaling about 30 minutes, will also be shown on the program, making the full show about two hours in length. All the youngsters in the area are invited.

Santa Claus will return to Heppner for the day, too, making his downtown appearances starting at 11 p.m. and continuing through the day. He is expected to have treats for all the kiddies who contact him.

Plans for this Saturday's pre-Christmas special events were made by Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

On the ensuing Saturday, December 21, meters in Heppner will be hooded for the free parking convenience of shoppers. They will not be covered on this coming Saturday, however.

Community Chorus To Practice Sunday

Third practice of the Community Christmas chorus has been announced for Sunday afternoon, December 15, at 4:30 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal church.

Under the direction of Gordon Pratt, the singers will present a public concert of sacred Christmas music in the Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, December 22, at 3 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the chorus is invited to attend the practice on Sunday.

High School Variety Program Set Tuesday

Drama, singing, dances and pantomime are included in Heppner High school's first variety Christmas program that will be presented Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the new school.

The school's drama and music departments are cooperating in staging "Christmas Fantasies," which is presented without charge to the public. Directors include Mrs. Janet Groves, scenes; Gordon Pratt, choir; and Arnold Melby, band.

Narrators will be Mary Johnson and Bill Sherman. Don Masjeske will play the role of Santa Claus.

The high school band will open the program with the number, "Christmas Fantasy," after which a street scene will be depicted with the following cast: Passersby—Sharon Hams, Cheryl Belenbrock, Patty Collins, Lisa Collins, Laurie Barratt, Dean Robinson, Jim Barclay. Chipmunks—Ginny Moore, Pam Co-chell, Judy Jones. The doll—Sheridan Wyman. Toy soldiers—Dick Struckmeier, Gene Heliker, Manikins—Karen McCurdy, Diane Fulleton, Barbara Bloodworth, Jean Siwert.

After the band plays another number, "Carol of the Drums," dragon and cannibals, will be

kept secret. Others in the cast a second Christmas scene, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," will be presented with the cast including Stuart Dick as Pa, Vicki Barratt as Ma, and David Anderson as Grandpa.

The choir will conduct a candle lighting service, singing "What Child is This?" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

A one-act play, "Grandma and Mistletoe," will feature a cast as follows: Pat Van Winkle as Mollie, Leora Van Winkle as Mrs. Rodgers, Anita Groves as Grandma and David Clark as Jim.

Bill Sherman and Judy Smith will dance a Christmas polka, after which a Christmas Island scene will be shown. Some of the characters, including the include Gail Hoskins as Rudolph; Anna Marie Brindle, Linda Brubacher, and Barbara Blake as Santa's helpers; and the chipmunks for their second appearance.

A Goodnight scene will include the entire cast, with choir and band, and the band will conclude with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

More than 75 students will take part in the program. For the first time also this year, black lighting will be used in several of the numbers for a heightened effect.

LEAGUE CHOOSES OFFICERS



NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS was elected Saturday, December 7, by the Oregon Wheat Growers League before adjourning its annual state meeting in Portland. In the center is the new president, Milton Morgan of Ione. Surrounding him are (from left) L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco, outgoing president; Melvin Pace, Enterprise, 1st vice president; Don Woodward, Pendleton, 2nd vice president; and John H. Welbes, Pendleton, executive vice president.

Milt Morgan Elected Growers' President

In the closing session of its 36th annual state meeting in Portland on Saturday, the Oregon Wheat Growers League passed several important resolutions and elected its 1964 officers. L. E. Kaseberg, outgoing president, was chairman of the meeting.

Milton Morgan, Ione, and this year's first vice president, was elected as the organization's president. Melvin Pace of La

Lower Grades Ready to Stage Yule Program

A happy Yuletide spirit will prevail at the elementary grade school program Wednesday night, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. on the stage of the old high school gym. Grades 1 through 4 will combine to entertain parents and friends in a varied musical program around the theme, "Christmas Means So Many Things," under the direction of Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens, vocal instructor.

Opening the program will be a few songs and rhythm band numbers by the kindergarten class, under the supervision of Mrs. Gerald Jonasson, teacher.

First graders will set the holiday scene with a Christmas parade marching before spectators on bleachers in the "Heppner Coliseum," portrayed by second graders. They express their gift wishes, through song, to Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, and in turn present gifts to them.

Third grade students are preparing a choral reading of the story, "The Shoemaker and the Elves," combined with other Christmas songs.

Fourth and fifth grade children will close the evening with special chorus numbers, solos and ensembles of favorite Christmas and sacred music.

Lexington grades 1 through 4, also under direction of Mrs. Groshens, will be seen in a special Christmas program Thursday evening, December 19, in the Lexington auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. Teachers are assisting Mrs. Groshens to help prepare a full evening of singing and speaking numbers, including solos and novelty numbers.

The program presented by band and vocal students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades Tuesday night was well received by a near-capacity audience at the old high school gym.

School Directors Cover Wide Range at Meet

Directors of Morrow County School District R-1 at their regular meeting Monday night covered a range of matters, including the following:

1. Reaffirmed a resolution of the "old" board that the district would not pay tuition to Echo for Morrow county students attending there.

2. Talked again of the puzzling matter of disposing of Pine City school property and tabled the matter again.

3. Passed a motion to open the bids on completion of the Heppner High school music rooms on Monday night, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse, as advertised.

4. Confirmed appointments of the Heppner advisory committee choices of Mrs. Paul Brown and Clarence Baker to fill vacancies on the advisory board.

5. Rescheduled a meeting of the directors with all of the county's advisory boards at Ione on Thursday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m.

6. Considered further the purchase of additional property adjacent to the Irrigon school.

7. Discussed filling vacancies on the budget committee that will occur with expiring terms of two members.

8. Decided to pay advisors of school annuals a flat \$100 for their extra work outside of class

Grande was elected first vice president, Don Woodward, Pendleton, was named to the post of second vice president, and John H. Welbes, also of Pendleton, was re-elected executive vice president.

At an earlier meeting of the League's executive committee, it was determined that 12 members will represent the Oregon body at the annual national convention in Amarillo, Texas, in January. Included will be the new president and his wife, outgoing president Kaseberg; Allen Tom, The Dalles; Robert Jepsen, Ione; Thomas Vaughn, Jr., Pendleton; Walt Jacobs, Ione; Glen Brogotti, Helix; Larry Kaseberg, Wasco, and the three vice presidents.

The wheat producer members voted overwhelmingly to support the sale of wheat "to any foreign country recognized by the United States and willing and able to buy wheat for dollars under normal credit terms." The wording was obviously aimed at excluding Red China, not recognized by the U. S., from any grain sale.

Qualifying its support of the Iron Curtain trade proposal, the league resolution specified that "shipping restrictions be eliminated and that any such requirement relative to wheat be similar to other commodities sold to dollar market countries."

A second resolution submitted by the league's marketing and transportation committee was also adopted by the full membership. This vote backed the Pacific Northwest Grain Association, the Oregon Wheat Commission and several railroads in their efforts to block a proposed rail rate increase on grain commodities.

The resolution condemned a recent Interstate Commerce Commission report which declared the Northwest rate scale in effect since 1960 to be unjust, unfair and unreasonable, and which recommended higher tariffs on regional grain products.

A third major proposal adopted by the farm body was a resolution calling for a voluntary wheat certificate program of federal subsidy legislation. Amendments to the resolution provide for the retention of a feed grain substitution clause in future wheat measures, and the continued enforcement of acreage allotments through 1964. After next year, the League recommended that wheat farmers should not lose or increase wheat history for future allotments as a result of over planting.

The farm group also voted to support the enactment of a sales tax in Oregon.

School Directors Cover Wide Range at Meet

time on the annuals, instead of an hourly rate for the extra work.

9. Heard a presentation on remedial reading program at Ione elementary school and Heppner elementary school by Principals Leonard Herrick and Hillard Brown and discussed possibility of expanding the programs.

As to the matter of paying tuition to the Echo students, the board expressed the feeling that there is no reason that the students cannot come to Morrow county schools if they would choose to do so. The county system runs a bus near their homes on Butter Creek and would drive to them if they decided to come to this county. About eight students are involved. In view of the resolution adopted by the district board on May 26, 1960, denying the payment of tuition to Echo, the present board reaffirmed this decision.

On the Pine City property, it has been determined that the deed reads that the property must be used for school purposes. If it is not so used, heirs of the donors have the right to purchase the property for \$50. The board would like to dispose of the property because expense of maintenance exceeds rental received. Attorney Bob Abrams discussed the problems involved. (Continued on Page 4)