

Joseph John Nys, Lawyer 50 Years, Dies Here Monday

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tive in many civic developments while engaged in his profession. As city attorney he revised the city charter in 1918. His exact length of time in that position is unknown but Recorder Ted Smith has found records which show that he was city attorney on April 4, 1916.

When he first came to Heppner, he was associated for a time with Glenn Wells, former Heppner attorney, before he opened his own office. In addition to his private practice, the Cities of Heppner, Ione and Lexington, Columbia Basin Cooperative, and the Department of Veterans Affairs were among those whom he represented for many years.

Especially interested in projects for the progress and benefit of the community, he served on the school board and on the rural school board at the time of its inception. He was among those instrumental in organization of the Rodeo association.

Mr. Nys was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church, of the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's and of Heppner lodge No. 358, BPOE.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Florence J. Nys of Heppner; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Blake and Mrs. Kathryn McDade, both of Seattle; a brother, Albert Nys of Brooks; five grandchildren, Mollie and Matt Anderson, Manda Bakke, Kathie and Margaret Ann McDade.

Among those coming from a distance to attend the services Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Clarno McLaughlin of Portland; Mrs. Bakke and Mrs. McDade of Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, William E. Hansen and Ralph Curran, all of Pendleton; Mrs. Mable Harrison, Shoshone, Idaho; and Warren Glahn of Gresham.

Semester Tests On School Agenda For Jan. 23, 24

First semester studies will terminate at Heppner High school on January 24, last day of scheduled semester tests, according to Principal Gordon Pratt.

Most teachers will give the finals on Thursday, January 23, and on Friday, January 24. Students are not to be at school except during the testing times on these two days, unless they are studying in the library. If they have tests over consecutive hours, they should not leave the school until completion of the last of the consecutive tests.

The following schedule has been announced for semester tests:

Thursday, January 23, 8:45 to 10:15: American Problems, sophomore Biology I, English I and U. S. History. From 10:30 to 12:00: Senior Math, Algebra I and II, General Math, Advanced Math and Geometry. From 1:00 to 2:30: Bookkeeping, Drama, Ag I, Home Ec I, Spanish I, Home Ec II, and Ag II.

Friday, January 24, 8:45 to 10:15: English II, World Geography, Physics, Ag. III and IV, Journalism, Biology II, Short-hand and Home Ec. III and IV. From 10:30 to 12:00: English III, English IV, World History, Freshman Biology and General Science. From 1:00 to 2:30: Boys Health I, Boys Health II, Chemistry, Physical Science and International Relations.

Typing I and II, Spanish II,



HOWARD BELTON announced Wednesday that he will be a candidate for reelection as state treasurer. Four years ago he accepted an appointment to fill out an unexpired term in this office, and in November, 1960, was elected for a four-year term. "Oregon has been exceedingly kind to me and it is my hope that I can continue to repay the debt I owe by continuing the same diligence, devotion to duty and fairness to all in administration of the office of State Treasurer," he said.

Martin Buchanan To File Candidacy

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He had seen several problems that he thought legislative action could attack. He emphasized one solution. He said he would seek cooperation with the State Motor Vehicles Department to have a picture of every licensed driver appear on his driver's license. He said this would make it much easier for the Liquor Commission to combat the problem of liquor being sold to minors.

Speaking of the economy of this legislative district, Buchanan said, "As a farmer I know that agriculture is the broad base of our economy. I want to do all that I can to strengthen that base. But at the same time I realize that our region must be further industrialized as rapidly as possible to lessen the heavy tax load that agriculture carries."

Buchanan was born at Wasco in Sherman county. He moved to Umatilla county at the age of 1 and has lived here since. He is a graduate of University of Washington and a veteran of World War II. He and Mrs. Buchanan, the former Janet Still of Milton-Freewater, have four children. Patty is a junior and Craig a sophomore at Oregon State University. Bobby, 14 and Jimmy, 12, are in public schools. Buchanan is a wheat and pea grower in the Milton-Freewater country. He is president of the Walla Walla Grain Growers Co-op and the Twin-City Gas and Oil Co-op. He is a life member of the Oregon Wheat Growers league. He has been on the Umatilla county roads advisory committee for many years. He is a former member of the Tum-A-Lum School Board and of the county school district reorganizational board.

He is a member of the Masonic and Elks lodges and the Presbyterian church.

Beginning Business, Business Law, and Speech semester tests will be given on Wednesday, January 22, during the regular class periods.

Any student who is tardy to a test or with an unexcused absence, will be given an F in the course, according to office rules. High school report cards will be issued Thursday, January 30.

Lexington School Closure Placed In Board's Hands

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by the board because they exceeded the \$18,000 available for the job.

Cleveland said that he was advised that changes in the proposed heating system could result in a considerable saving. Another type system that would eliminate much duct work was proposed. The architect is now working on revised plans and will submit a preliminary plan to the board for consideration soon.

Melby Presents Case

Arnold Melby, band director in the Heppner schools, appeared before the board after writing the directors a letter asking that he be advanced a step on the salary schedule because of qualifying work that was completed late last year. The system has a policy that every teacher must earn nine credit hours every five years to advance on the salary schedule. Melby said that extra work assigned him at Ione last year prevented him from taking a course during the school year, and he was unable to take the work during the summer because of the illness of his wife.

He said, however, that he took a course at Hermiston in the fall that required 900 miles of driving and considerable cost.

His plea was that the board should grant the extra step on the schedule to be retroactive to the start of the current school year. Melby now receives \$7889 per year, and the additional step would provide \$325 more.

In addition, Melby said that the board in 1962 adopted a merit pay plan for teachers with qualifications beyond the masters degree that would allow \$150 increases per year for those with 45 hours beyond the masters degree. He said that he received an initial \$150 increase but did not receive the authorized additional \$150 for the current year.

The board in its executive session denied his first request on the grounds that credit hours must be earned before the start of the school year.

Considerable confusion seemed apparent among the direc-

tors on the merit pay point, and Supt. Wayne Brubacher said that he is having difficulty interpreting the rule set by the board in 1962, saying that it is worded in such a manner that it can be interpreted in several ways.

Chairman Morgan said that he would name a committee to study the matter and work out an interpretation of the merit pay plan.

Rental Plan Aid Asked

Bob Rietmann of the Ione advisory board reported to the directors that the textbook rental program at Ione has a deficit of \$1100 and has been borrowing from student body funds. If it were not for the deficit, he said, the student body funds would have a balance of about the same amount—\$1100.

He asked the board for \$750 for the student body funds until the textbook rental plan could catch up. Attorney Bob Abrams, however, said that it would be illegal for the board to take this action on the grounds that it cannot supply the textbooks in the high school, and though it would be loaning to the student body, any action that is illegal directly is also il-

egal when it is done indirectly. The board decided to study the matter further.

House Disposal Talked

The George property came up for discussion again, and it was affirmed that the district should not sell the property, but should consider disposal of the George house. A committee, composed of Andy Van Schojack, Ken Batty, and Howard Cleveland, was appointed by Chairman Morgan to decide what steps might be taken.

Civil Defense Course Set

Supt. Wayne Brubacher asked the board to consider a Civil Defense proposal to offer a 12-class hour course for senior high school students on Civil Defense in order that students might be given an understanding of CD work. Instructors giving the course would be taken from the system for two days training, a Friday and Saturday. They would receive pay from the Federal government for the Saturday work, and on the Friday the district would need to provide substitute teachers for them.

Supt. Brubacher suggested that Heppner might serve as the training center for Morrow coun-

ty, as well as for Arlington and Condon. There would be no expense to the district.

The board approved the plan. Committee Plan Okayed

A plan to form committees composed of advisory members, district superintendent and school board members on buildings and curriculum and education was approved by the board. This was proposed at a meeting of the board with advisory committees recently and is designed to give all an opportunity to become

acquainted with facilities, problems and needs throughout the entire system rather than a particular local area only.

Advisory boards will be asked to appoint their members to these committees.

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