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Local Chapter Of Red Cross Gets New Life

Steps to reorganize and revitalize the Morrow county chapter, American Red Cross, were taken at a meeting in the Bank of Eastern Oregon here Friday night with Narce Caliva of Yakima, Wn., field representative, and Mrs. Ruth Roff of Walla Walla, Wn., of the volunteer staff, present to help.

That there is keen interest in keeping the chapter and making it more active was shown by the fact that 15 local persons responded to the call to attend the meeting. Each of them agreed to serve on a pro tem board of directors until the annual meeting, which is scheduled for some time in June.

Apparently the chapter was operating here without a board of directors, and Caliva emphasized the necessity of having the directors to assist with chapter work and give it the support and

impetus needed. Directors should come from the leadership of every part of the community, Caliva said.

Jerald Rea of Heppner agreed to serve as chapter chairman, replacing Mrs. Ilene Wyman who has headed the chapter for a number of years and who has asked to be relieved from that position.

Mrs. Matt (Joan) Hughes has accepted the responsibility of serving as fund drive chairman and Mrs. Edna Turner has agreed to assist her. Fund drive is imminent, since March of each year is designated as Red Cross month, and the chapter will seek a goal of \$1200 this year.

Those present at the meeting, all of whom agreed to serve at least temporarily on the board of directors, were: Mrs. Paul (Bethel) Heinrichs, Ione, who will also be secretary-treasurer; Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington, blood chairman; Rev. Melvin Dixon, Heppner, home services chairman; Will O'Hara, Heppner, who opened the meeting in the absence of Mrs. Wyman, who was ill and could not be present; Tom Hughes, Heppner, water safety chairman; Bob Abrams, Heppner, disaster chairman; Mrs. H. J. Stroeber, Heppner, public information chairman; Bill Crooke, Heppner, first aid chairman; Mrs. Tom Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Chally, Jim Gordon, Wes Sherman, Rea and Mrs. Turner, all of Heppner.

It was agreed that Mrs. Verner Troedson of Ione and Mrs. Wyman would also be members of the board, and that an effort would be made to enlist other directors from various parts of the county to give a full representation.

Caliva, who came here in response to a request for help to keep the county from losing the chapter, said, "You have some good individuals and have some good programs, but you are weak in organization."

He pointed out the need to have an "informed" board, "one that will speak authoritatively for the Red Cross."

As well as establishing such a board, with meetings scheduled regularly, the chapter needs to adopt by-laws, he said.

The Morrow county chapter is one of five of the 16 chapters in his area that is completely a volunteer organization with no paid help. It is the second from the bottom, among the 16, in financial goals.

Two mandatory services that any Red Cross chapter must offer are a home services program and willingness and ability to act in time of disaster, Caliva said.

Two other necessary activities to maintain a chapter are: 1. Annual fund raising to support the chapter and part of the proceeds of which go to the national organization. 2. A public information program.

Other services which may be offered (and most of which are offered by the Morrow county chapter) are: 1. blood program, 2. water safety services, 3. first aid program, 4. nursing services, 5. youth program.

Caliva pointed out that for every paid member on the Red Cross staff, there are 155 volunteer workers.

O'Hara emphasized the need for Red Cross blood at the hospital and said that it would be a "serious situation" if the chapter were lost to the county and Red Cross blood were no longer available. Others who have been working on various other phases of the program—first aid, water safety, home services—were undoubtedly present at the meeting because of their feelings that these are necessary services, too.

Although the "new board" was not chosen at an annual meeting, which is recognized procedure for Red Cross chapters, it will serve on a temporary basis until the annual meeting in June, when the directors will be confirmed or new ones elected.

With this nucleus to back it, apparently the Red Cross chapter here will not die, as had been feared recently.

First step after this "reorganization" will be to get the fund drive going to raise the needed \$1200, and a better organized Red Cross program can be expected from now on.

Commission Approves Electric Utility Transfer

Bloodmobile to Seek 100-Pint Goal Here

With the hope that 100 pints will be donated by volunteers, the Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Heppner Monday at the Elks' Temple from 1 to 5 p.m.

Telephone committees have been busy to seek those who will be willing to contribute. Appointments may be made by calling Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, blood program chairman, at Lexington; Mrs. Ilene Wyman, at Pioneer Memorial hospital; or the Elks Temple.

It is helpful if appointments are arranged in advance, but it is not essential. Those who find they can come are urged to go at any time between the hours of 1 and 5.

An appeal has been made for blood in the name of Mrs. Stanley (Shirley) Cox who will enter the University of Oregon Medical school hospital Monday for tests. Mrs. Cox is expected to have a major heart surgery and may remain in the hospital at this time for the operation. If so, she will be hospitalized for most of the summer.

A considerable quantity of blood will be needed for her, and the blood donations in her name of any willing to help will be appreciated.

Local donors also have the opportunity of giving blood in the name of the late Mrs. Pearl Devine to help replace what was used for her during her fatal illness.

Canteen will be set up at the Elks Temple for those participating. At last report there was need for more volunteer workers and anyone who may be available to help is asked to call Mrs. Cutsforth.

Two Parties Stage Registration Race; Demos Lead by One

Democrats and Republicans are staging a real "horse race" in Morrow county in pre-election days, although perhaps neither party is really aware of it.

In a count taken as of March 13, Democrats had overcome a previous Republican majority and had an edge of just one voter over the G.O.P.

Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, said that Republicans at that time numbered 1013 and Democrats totaled 1014. Thirty-two were listed as independents.

Since that time, however, several more have registered and the count may be changed with either party ahead.

Deadline for registration is April 14. It could well be that the party which gains the most registrants between now and then will go into the election here with the majority in the county.

Democrats Slate Candidates' Meet

Democratic candidates for county offices and others seeking higher offices who may be able to attend will be guests of the Morrow county Democratic Central committee at a meeting Monday night, March 30, in the old Heppner city library (next to city hall) at 8 p.m.

Al Lamb, chairman of the central committee, said that each candidate will be given five minutes to tell "what he stands for and something about his experiences."

The meeting will help the public get better acquainted with the candidates, he said. The public is invited to the meeting.

Firemen Answer Call

City workmen burning brush along Willow Creek in the north end of Heppner, Tuesday morning, caused a citizen, who saw the smoke, to think that there was an uncontrolled fire. He called the fire department. Firemen responded to the call but found the city workers on the job had things well in hand.

Many Have 'Bug'; Local Epidemic May Be on Wane

A mild epidemic of flu, together with a number of associated virus infections which are not truly influenza, may be on the wane here after reaching a peak at the first of the week.

One doctor said that he estimated perhaps 10% of the population was affected with the sickness. Some 100 cases were officially reported in the Heppner area, but there were many who did not call on doctors for treatment of their mild cases.

Another doctor said that he was treating some cases of "real old-fashioned" flu.

At Pioneer Memorial hospital, a "no-visitor" rule was enforced to prevent the infections from being spread to hospital patients, Will O'Hara, administrator said. He said Wednesday morning that this has proved very successful. None of those in the geriatrics (elderly) section of the hospital has caught the flu, and no other patients have been exposed.

Also, there are very few flu patients in the hospital, O'Hara said.

Spring vacation in the schools came at a fortunate time to prevent a more general contagion. Attendance at schools had started to drop because of illness last week, but all students are out of school this week. While some have been ill from the epidemic and may have their fun curtailed, others may be spared becoming ill because of the fact that school is out.



GARY BALL, student at Heppner Grade school, waits patiently as Nate McBride prepares to drill a hole in a school desk in an attempt to free Gary's finger which is stuck in a hole in the desk. Gary got his finger stuck during class Friday afternoon. The finger emerged unblemished, except for a swelling, after various persons tried for about 30 minutes to free it. McBride used the drill and cutters to free the "pinky." (G-T Photo)

Distressed Digit Freed From Desk In "Rescue" Try

Gary Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ball, found himself in quite a situation last Friday afternoon at Heppner Grade school where he is a student.

No, Gary didn't get caught skipping school or anything quite that drastic. Instead, he got caught, literally, in his desk. During class Gary managed to stick one of his fingers through a tiny hole in the bottom of his desk and that is where the digit stayed for the next fifteen minutes or so while class was in progress.

The teacher was unaware of the situation because Gary appeared at ease when called upon to answer questions during the class. He answered the questions in a normal manner and there was nothing to indicate his plight. But all the time Gary was working to free the finger. It was not until the class was dismissed that the teacher discovered the problem. The rest of the class went to watch "Doc" Severinsen perform while Gary remained stationary.

Clint Agee, instructor at the school and Hillard Brown, principal, were summoned to the scene, where they attempted to free the finger by greasing it. They had no success, however, as the finger was swollen too much by that time to allow it to pass from the hole.

Brown then summoned Dr. Wallace Wolff who looked at the finger and the predicament and said that the problem was one of mechanics more than medicine.

Nate McBride, of McBride's Body Shop, was then called and he came to the school armed with an arsenal of tools to extract the finger. Meanwhile, Gary waited patiently and the finger swelled a bit larger.

McBride arrived and, by using an electric drill and a pair of cutters, enlarged the hole enough to free the finger. The picture above was snapped just before the final moment of victory.

When the finger was at last free, Gary examined it carefully, chuckled, turned a little redder and went off to join his fellow students at the concert. McBride repaired the desk and the case was closed. Except for a swollen finger all was well. The elapsed time from crisis to climax was 30 minutes.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	47	27	—
Friday	48	34	—
Saturday	57	35	.02
Sunday	58	30	—
Monday	62	32	—
Tuesday	62	30	.01
Wednesday	51	22	—

Jonel Hill Signs Order Effecting Power Exchange

An agreement between Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and Pacific Power and Light Company, calling for the exchange of electrical facilities and customers in Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow counties, was given clear sailing here today by State Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill.

The exchange was made under the terms of Oregon's unique utility area allocation law, passed by the 1961 legislature, which provides procedure under which territorial settlements aimed at the elimination of duplicate facilities can be made.

Three REA officials, Joseph Vellone, regulatory specialist from the office of REA Administrator Norman M. Clapp, Washington, D. C.; Rolland W. Mars, REA's chief of western area, telephone operations; and James L. Bowlin, field representative for Mars, all in Salem to discuss REA matters with Hill and his staff, witnessed the signing of the order authorizing the exchange. They expressed a great deal of interest in such legislation.

Vellone said, "This procedure can result in a very desirable untangling of competing facilities and consequent improvement in the maximum utilization of the capital facilities of all systems concerned."

The exchange of territory will allow PP&L and the cooperative to consolidate their territories so as to provide more economical and efficient service, Hill said.

Under the terms of the agreement the cooperative will pay \$1,452,000 for PP&L's distributing properties in Olex and Condon in Gilliam county, in Fossil in Wheeler county, and in Ione, Lexington and Heppner in Morrow county and their neighboring rural areas.

The co-op will acquire about 2,000 PP&L customers. Pacific Power will acquire two sectors of the co-op's present service area bordering the Columbia River in Gilliam and Morrow counties, including a portion of the Boardman bombing range and the adjacent space age industrial park.

About 60 of the co-op's customers in and near Blackcat will now be served by Pacific Power and Light Company.

Chamber Invites Judge Candidates

Candidates for Morrow county judge in this election year have been invited to be guests of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Monday, Mr. Avon Melby, program chairman, states.

Although the Chamber has a rule against political talks, each will be introduced and will be called upon for brief remarks. Candidates for other offices will be invited as guests for ensuing meetings.



STUDENTS at Heppner Grade school listen intently as "Doc" Severinsen entertains them with his famous trumpet. Severinsen played concerts at both the grade school and high school Friday. The famed musician, a member of the "Tonight" show band on NBC-TV, was in Heppner to visit some old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spaulding Jr. (G-T Photo)

Doc Severinsen Big Hit on Visit Here

"Doc" Severinsen, a man familiar to any fan of NBC's "Tonight" show, walked to the front of the audience, said a few words and lifted his trumpet to his lips and began to blow. The music that came from the instrument was sweet enough to make even Gabriel sit up and take notice.

Does this sound like Carnegie Hall? It wasn't. It was at Heppner Grade school Friday afternoon as the famed trumpeter entertained the students and faculty of the school with an off-the-cuff performance. He was introduced by Mrs. Carl Spaulding Jr.

Severinsen, who has been making guest appearances throughout the state at various high schools was in Heppner for a few days to visit his long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding. Mrs. Spaulding's father was Severinsen's band instructor when the musician attended Arlington schools.

Prior to the concert which he gave to the grade school, Severinsen spoke briefly to the grade school band at its practice session. He impressed on the students that there is opportunity in the music world but that it takes work and much practice.

Welfare Services Budget to be Cut In Three Counties

A budget cut of \$25,242 for welfare services in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties during the next fiscal year has met the tentative approval of the respective county commissions, according to Lowell Chally, tri-county administrator.

Chally attributes the proposed reduction to an "excellent economy" in the area, increased benefits to the elderly from Old Age Survivors' Insurance and savings resultant from a consolidation of services of the three counties into one unit as of last June.

Broken down, the tentative budget appears as follows in comparison with the previous fiscal year:

Morrow — 1963-64, \$87,696;

1964-65, \$81,453; proposed reduction, \$6,243.

Wheeler — 1963-64, \$84,750;

1964-65, \$74,274; proposed reduction, \$10,476.

Gilliam — 1963-64, \$35,728;

1964-65, \$27,205; proposed reduction, \$8,523.

Among the programs administered by the local county offices are general assistance, foster care, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, adoptions, aid to the blind, aid to the disabled, medical assistance for the aged, and surplus foods.

Information on any of these services may be obtained at the Heppner, Condon or Fossil welfare offices, Chally said.

The administration of the programs in the three counties was consolidated under one administrator last year with the idea of effecting economies in welfare work.

SPRING arrives

Merchants Invite Shoppers To Season's Opening Event

Suddenly it's spring! The new season officially arrives Saturday, March 21, and Heppner merchants are all set to observe the event with their annual Spring Opening. They will have new goods of the season on display and special bargain buys to celebrate the occasion. Advertisements in this paper tell of some of these values.

There will be free parking throughout the city Saturday with parking meters hooded for the day. The special values offered in most instances are good for two days—Friday and Saturday.

Spreading the good tidings of spring, extra copies of this paper will go to the Spray, Monument and Kinzua areas to invite friends to come to Heppner and shop.

Spring Opening is another in the monthly promotional events sponsored by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce through its merchants committee of which L. E. (Ed) Dick is chairman.

Spring Festival is scheduled to follow in April with some special outdoor features planned at that time when weather should be a little warmer.

Chamber Banquet Set for April 20

Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held in the American Legion hall on the evening of Monday, April 20, Hillard Brown, chairman of the banquet committee, announces.

The American Legion auxiliary will prepare and serve the banquet. Speaker is yet to be named but a contact will be made with The Boeing Company with the hope of getting a speaker from there.

Tickets for the banquet are \$2.25 each, and are now on sale at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, First National Bank, Gonty's Shoe Store and the Gazette-Times.