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City Officials to Retire

With petitions now being filed for city offices, it is apparent that there will be a considerable turnover in Heppner's official family.

Ted Smith, recorder for 10 years, has announced that he will not seek reelection, and LaVerne Van Marter, Jr., treasurer for 18 years, has also indicated that he will not run again.

At the same time, there will be a contest for mayor with Ed Gonty, councilman for a long time, running against incumbent Al Lamb.

This means that Gonty will not seek reelection as councilman, and two other incumbent councilmen, John Pfeiffer and Earl Ayres, have not filed. New candidates running for the council are Bill Collins, who is far from a newcomer to city government, having previously served as mayor, Dave McLeod and Haskell Sharrard. The lone incumbent seeking reelection is Clarence Rosewall. Holdover councilmen are LeRoy Gardner and Carl Spaulding.

Two candidates have filed for the position of recorder, both well known and both able persons, Mrs. Elaine George and Conley Lanham. At this time, none has filed for treasurer.

Despite the fact that it is assured that a competent successor will follow Smith as recorder, it will be hard to get accustomed to someone else in this office for a while. Ted has done an excellent and conscientious job. He has handled city affairs in a quiet but accommodating manner and has met the inevitable little controversies and complaints that come up with equanimity and understanding.

Ted has been responsible for the mechanics of preparing the city budget each year and has done this with scrupulous attention to detail. He has served his office and the public very well, and he will be missed.

Van Marter, after 18 years as treasurer, has become a fixture in this office and probably few had any other thought than that he would be treasurer for as long as he was around. He and the recorder had their jobs well coordinated, and they handled the work smoothly.

One reason for the high turnover of city officers at this election, although it did not figure in Smith's case and some others, is the matter about which we editorialized a couple of weeks ago—the law that limits a businessman's pecuniary interest in the city when he also serves in an official capacity. Some of the officials would rather step out of office than to jeopardize their business associates and risk violation of this unfair law.

It is often said that city officials have a "thankless job." We can't agree that this is literally true. While they do meet all sorts of complaints and get a great deal of criticism with perhaps little commendation, they do hold a certain place of respect and prestige with their neighbors. In a sense, the fact that they do receive complaints is a measure of gratitude for it means that the public has the confidence that they are the ones who are competent to meet and solve their problems.

Our observation, after attendance at virtually every council meeting of the past three years, has been that city affairs run smoothly and competently here with a minimum of dissension and bickering. At no meeting has there been vociferous demands, open strife or strong charges, either between members of the official family or between council and citizens.

It would be good if our citizens came to council meetings just to observe and show interest, but short of this, their indifference in a measure indicates general satisfaction, and this might be interpreted as a negative type of appreciation.

While it is not often said, it must be assumed that the public does appreciate the fact that certain qualified neighbors step up and agree to serve in these official capacities. We just couldn't do without them. They should be encouraged and be given a pat on the back for the jobs they do.

Grandstand Renovation Needed

Recently the Morrow county rodeo board passed a resolution recommending that the fair board renovate the main grandstand at the rodeo grounds. This is something that is badly needed.

The open bleachers at the side of the stands are in bad condition and may be unsafe. The recommendation is that these bleachers be torn down.

In the grandstand itself the seating is most uncomfortable. There is insufficient leg room between rows and access is difficult. Here, too, are some unsafe conditions—loose and broken boards, for instance.

Some have checked the underpinning of the grandstand and find that it is in good condition, which would indicate that it might be possible to remove the seats, save the basic structure and replace the seating with a better and more comfortable arrangement.

Also needed at the stands is an adequate outlet for concessions. At last year's football games, a stand was set up just inside the main entrance, but this blocks the entrance way. This year, the concessions stand is located outside and below the grandstand, an unhandy and inconvenient spot for both the operators and the public.

It would seem that a platform could be erected just outside the grandstand beside the main entrance and a booth installed there for serving the public.

The grandstand gets considerable use at the rodeo, football games, and other events throughout the year. The fact that it is so uncomfortable and inconvenient probably is some deterrent to attendance at the various functions. After a more than three-hour sit at a rodeo performance a person, particularly an elderly person, emerges stiff and sore.

It is to be hoped that the situation will be given thorough study in the ensuing months to see what might be done towards renovation. It would be great if this could be accomplished by the time of the 1965 fair and rodeo.

Judge Attends Committee Meeting

County Judge Oscar Peterson line of state statutes on activities in the field of economic development, a review of what counties are now doing in the field of such development, and a consideration of a possible joint economic development program between the state and counties.

The meeting covered an out-

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE SOBOPHIST club, seeking to do something for community betterment, would like to install a water fountain on Main street and had in mind to construct the base of the fountain out of native Morrow county stone.

The good thought may have hit a snag, though. It seems that it wouldn't be so much of a problem to get the water to the fountain, but it might pose some problem in disposing of the waste water.

The sewers run behind the buildings, apparently, and aren't on the street side. There aren't any storm sewers to hook into. About the only answer would be to let the water run into the street gutter.

At the council meeting Monday night the city dads did some puzzling over it. Chances are that if the gals pursue the matter, they will get the fountain up, all right.

DR. CLIFF WAGNER can cover more ground in a short time than anyone we know. When he gets a few hours off from his busy practice, he makes them count.

He left Sunday morning for the wilds of the Salmon River primitive country in Idaho, going into an almost inaccessible region, and with another fellow, prospected for silver on a mountain side.

Dr. Wagner flew to the general area and hired a boat to take him to the spot they had picked out on Salmon River. Then the two men climbed steep mountainside hunting the ore. The other man, an older fellow, became exhausted and so the doctor went on alone, equipped with dynamite, prospecting hammer and other stuff that weighed about 50 pounds in all.

The boat was supposed to come back for them at 4:30 p.m., and it did, but they didn't make it back to the riverside by that time, and so the boatman left. They had figured that something like this might occur, so they were equipped with sleeping bags and stayed in a little old shelter by the riverside. At one time it had apparently sheltered a burro for some prospector there.

Next morning, Monday the boatsman arrived at 7:30, they all had breakfast, went some 11 miles on the turbulent river to the nearest community, and then the doctor flew back. He was back in Heppner at 10:30, ready to meet and treat patients again. He was at Chamber of Commerce noon luncheon, dapper in a suit and as fresh as if he had lounged around home all week-end.

The boat ride on the river itself is quite an experience. Incidentally, they didn't make any big silver strike on the trip. Next time says the doctor, he is going to make the trip by helicopter to avoid the exhausting climb up the mountain.

FRIDAY'S FOOTBALL game with Wahtonka was one of the most interesting and enjoyable games we have seen in four seasons here. The Heppner boys were really working hard for that one and they won it. Wahtonka put up a stiff battle, too.

It was good, wide open football with a little bit of everything. The way Heppner has im-

proved since the Enterprise game is something to delight local fans.

It takes quite a few boys to make a ball club these days with their offensive and defensive units, and they all played very well Friday night, but some standouts seem to emerge.

Dave Hanna of the Mustangs is probably the best tackle in the league and surely should be chosen for the Shrine East-West game come next summer. He's about as solid a lineman as you'll get in high school.

The one who amazes us, is Greg Pierce, who has suddenly earned a new nickname, "Red Dog." He certainly was fired up as a linebacker for the Mustangs on defense and acted as if he planned to defeat Wahtonka all by himself. As soon as that ball was snapped he was charging into the visitors' backfield, and sometimes he almost got there before it was snapped. Nevertheless, he piled them up good a few times. Greg worked in the G-T shop as a printer's devil for a while but we had no idea this was training him to give grid opponents the satanical treatment!

It is good to contemplate, too, when you watch Tim Driscoll make those nice runs that he is going to be back another year, even if Stuart Dick, the other backfield ace runner, does graduate. Driscoll should turn out to be a real outstanding football player for Heppner.

If the Mustangs keep up against the rest of their opponents as they did against Wahtonka, they're going to compile a dandy year. Let's watch them on Friday night against Grant Union here at homecoming. They should be up for that one in a big way.

WARREN MAECHTLE, formerly of Hermiston, was cleaning up the basement in the Case building the other day when he stumbled over a small wheel protruding up from the dirt floor. The wheel was similar to one that is often attached to a valve and was about six or eight inches in diameter.

Maechtle started digging, and he had to do quite a bit of it before he uncovered the article to which the wheel was attached. It turned out to be an old time printing press, virtually buried in the dirt. It is in real good condition with the paint still good. It has "J. K. Gill CO., Portland, Oregon," printed on one side.

Warren wrestled the heavy press all the way to the G. T. office to show it to us. It doesn't appear big enough to have ever been used in printing newspapers, although in the old days such a style press was used, making one tedious impression at a time.

There was formerly a bank in that building, and the press might have been used in connection with it.

How did it get buried in the dirt in the basement? Could it have been done in the flood of 1903? Warren is going to see what he can find out about it.

IT'S GOOD to see John Pfeiffer out again after his operation in the hospital. He came back smiling, but has been taking it a little easy getting back on the job at Western Auto. Happened

Lone Sewing Club Is Champion Winner In Window Displays

Winners in the 4-H window display contest, held in the county last week in connection with the National 4-H Week, have been announced by the 4-H Leaders' Council.

The Busy Beavers 4-H club of Ione was chosen grand champion winner for its attractive display in an Ione store window.

Blue ribbon winners among clubs entered in Ione were the Busy Needles Knitting club, Needleless Sewing club, and the Ione Livestock club.

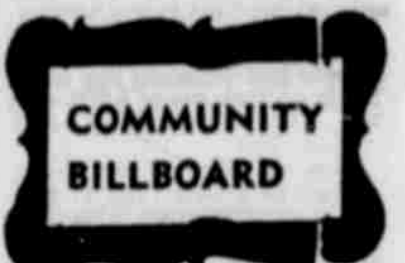
Those who displayed in Heppner stores, and winning blue ribbons, were the Hoof and Horn Livestock club, Rhea Creek Livestock club, Country Cutters Sewing club of Ione, and the Eager Cokerettes club of rural Lexington girls.

Two clubs were awarded red ribbons, the Ruralesettes of Ione and the Sew-A-Long club of Heppner. A white ribbon award went to the Teen Seamers of Ione for their display.

The above are but a few of the clubs in the county, but for various reasons did not compete in window displays.

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to catch him in for a few minutes the other day, but he was going to be a good boy, follow doctor's orders and go back home for rest.



Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH HOMEcoming Friday, October 9. All alumni invited. Football game, Heppner vs. Grant Union, followed by Homecoming dance. 7:30 p.m. Rodeo Grounds.

PUNT, PASS AND KICK Final competition Saturday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m. Rodeo Grounds.

HEPPNER, IONE PTA Ione High School Wednesday, October 14. Mrs. Avery Steinmetz, OSU, guest speaker. Everyone welcome.

CIVIC LEAGUE RUMMAGE SALE Tri Co. Equipment Bldg. Friday, Saturday, Oct. 16, 17.

PUBLIC CARD PARTY Monday, October 19, 8 p.m. American Legion Hall Pinochle—Bridge—Prizes

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Look to Your Conduct, Hunter

It's the same old story this year. While hunters are having excellent success with deer, some of their number are running rampant with vandalism and malicious damage which prey upon ranchers and landowners. Appealing to the newspaper this week are some landowners who have always been kindly disposed to hunters and who have never imposed regulations against them nor posted their places.

One controls quite an acreage and in one place he has put up a locked gate to prevent vehicles from entering in order to prevent spread of knapweed on his ranchlands. The seeds cling to the tires of entering vehicles. He doesn't object to hunters walking in.

So what do they do? Shoot off the padlock and cut the fence. Last year, in the same area, some irresponsible hunters shot out the windows and took off the doors of an unoccupied house in the same area.

Another rancher complained Tuesday of what has become a common incident of hunter vandalism. They used his watering tanks for target practice, and when he went out to check on his cattle, he found they were without water.

Meanwhile, there has been the usual rush on sales of No Hunting and No Trespassing signs.

Anyone who really knows Morrow county ranchers will recognize that they are about as hospitable a bunch of people as you can find. But this constant irritation by a contingent of irresponsible hunters gets to be just too much.

Perhaps it could be assumed that local hunters aren't a party to this type of vandalism, but this might be going too far. A lot of highway signs are shot up in off-season when out-of-county hunters aren't in the area, and so there may be a contingent of irresponsible local hunters, too.

Then there is the type of invader who isn't really a hunter in the true sense and in no manner a sportsman, the one who really knows nothing about our country, who comes over with the attitude that he is "way out in the sticks" and anything goes. He doesn't see anything but wide open spaces and sprays bullets around in his release from city life with more abandon than a machine gunner on a combat mission.

These people just aren't welcome in our country. It's too bad there isn't some way of catching them and giving them a sentence of a year in jail that would include a rigid education on respecting the property of others. Or they might be sentenced to a month's labor building fences and restoring property that was destroyed or damaged.

This county doesn't have animosity for true sportsmen and good hunters. It likes to be very hospitable to them, but it has become a real problem to figure which one is going to conduct himself with responsibility and which has a wanton disregard for others. Certainly no reasonable person can expect landowners to look upon hunter harassment with anything but indignation.

Appeals are made every year, but each season turns up a few more bad apples who blaze a trail of destruction.

Gene Pierce, chairman of Keep Oregon Green here passes on a poem from Irv Luiten, member of the Governor's Red Hat Days committee, which is appropriate. The only trouble is, the conscientious hunter already observes good conduct. The others seem to have deaf ears.

LOOK TO YOUR CONDUCT, HUNTER

If the heft of your gun is so pleasant,
That hunting's your sport supreme;
If you thrill to the rise of a pheasant,
From the brush along the stream;
Then, look to your conduct, Hunter.

For a field to work with dog and gun,
Is never a right, but a privilege won.

If the call of the goose is alluring,
And will rush you off to the blind;
If the sport of the hunt is enduring,
And forever is fresh in your mind;
Then, look to your conduct, Hunter.

For a pond to shoot with dog and gun,
Is never a right, but a privilege won.

If the lure of the woods is inviting,
And you'll never deny its call;
If the track of the deer is exciting,
And you go for your buck each fall;
Then, look to your conduct, Hunter.

For a wood to tramp with your trusty gun,
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